



ICRI Committee on Coral Reef Enforcement & Investigation Member's report on activities to ICRI

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Reporting period

Please note that the purpose of this report is to help you share information about your activities within the ICRI community to allow discussion at the next ICRI General Meeting. The report will be made available on the ICRIForum prior to the meeting, and a question and answer session will be held at the meeting. The ICRI Secretariat is well aware of your busy schedule, therefore please complete the report to the best of your ability.

1. General Information

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	Enforcement & Investigation
Focal Point 1:	
Focal point 2:	
Last meeting attended:	Tokyo
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Email
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	\$220,000 USD + (Source: Mostly US Dept of State)

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	YES / NO
Is this plan publicly available? If so, please provide location:	
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	YES / NO
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relevant to coral reefs:	
If yes, please indicate which programs/initiatives:	
Marine Protected Areas	
How many MPA(s) with coral reefs?	
What is the percentage of coral reef MPA(s) to the (coastal zone / marine area)?	
Please provide the appropriate contact name for MPA data holdings	
Details for contact (email/fax/telephone)	

2. Member contribution to the ICRI GM: Your responses to the following questions will contribute to the background material provided for the next ICRI General Meeting in Washington, DC. Due to heavy schedules of ICRI members, we have tried to keep the questions to a minimum and value any response you can provide.

A. Questions to inform the break-out discussion groups

Session 1: Economic Valuation of coral reef ecosystems

- a. Do you have examples of economic valuation of coral reefs being applied in practice? (e.g., in consideration of coastal land use, coastal/marine spatial planning, for determining compensation, etc.);

We provide examples of documentation of impact versus restoration costs or to assess penalty in the Coral Reef CSI Field Training Manual.

- b. Do you have established methods for assessing these values? If so, please provide further information.

In part this depends upon whether one is considering valuation as compensation for impact damage or as a mechanism of increasing public support for conservation. For the material below I'm presenting information from the impact damage perspective.

For the Coral Reef CSI Field Trainings, we advocate a combination of pre-assessment. Evidence collection and Rapid Ecological Assessment (REA) used as the basis to be applied against any country's established penalty or restoration cost guidelines, rules or laws.

In addition, while many impact recoveries are in fact negotiated with the Responsible Party or through the court system; a well-designed restoration/valuation program would base its claim on all costs associated with:

- Damage Assessment costs
- Damage Control costs
- Primary Damage Restoration costs
- Secondary Damage Restoration costs
- Interim Losses costs
- Monitoring Program costs
- Administrative costs

Finally, when evaluating a range of possible restoration projects, focus should be on :

- Costs of the alternative actions. This must be a consideration for achieving economic efficiency.
- The likelihood of success.
- The extent to which the implementation of the alternative avoids causing additional damages to natural resources.
- The extent to which the alternative may benefit more than one natural resource or resource services.

(Modified after NOAA, 1997).

Session 2: Designing the ICRI Regional Workshop on Sustainable Tourism (to be held in July 2008 directly following ICRS-11)

- a. With respect to coral reefs, what does sustainable tourism mean to you?

No major impacts over time (either cumulatively or synergistically) to ecological function and ecological services provided by coral reefs.

- b. What are the key challenges you face to achieving sustainable tourism?

Lack of real caps on numbers of customers, size of operations and activities per site or area.

B. Summary of IYOR 2008 Activities

- Briefly tell us about your activities for IYOR 2008. Information provided will contribute to the discussion during the IYOR 2008 Session on Friday, January 25, 2008.

Will publish the Coral Reef CSI Field Training Manual and accompanying products by April, 2008. We are planning to run (or are in discussions to run) 4 -5 day Coral Reef CSI Field Training Workshops for coral reef managers, enforcement officers, agency litigators, biologists and NGOs in the Dominican Republic (April; for DR, Costa Rica, Honduras and certain other Central American countries), Jamaica (June, tentative), Southeast Asia (Sept; Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and certain other Southeast Asia countries), Eastern Caribbean (Oct or Nov, Tentative). Also discussing possible workshops in late '08 or '09 for Abrolhos, Brazil; the Bahamas; South Asia (Maldives, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh) and East Africa dependent upon funding and local interest/support. We have also confirmed a South Pacific workshop for sometime in the first half of '09.

C. Emerging Issues

- Please identify any emerging issues relevant to coral reef ecosystems that you believe ICRI should consider.

D. ICRI and Other Meetings

Are your ICRI Focal Points considering attending any of the following meetings in 2008?

- 2008 Ocean Sciences Meeting, Florida, 2-7 March
- CBD COP 9, Bonn, 19-30 May
- UNICPOLOS 9, New York, June 2008
- ICRS 11, Fort Lauderdale, 7-11 July : **Yes**
- IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, 5-16 October: **Maybe**
- Ramsar COP 9, South Korea, 29 October - 4 November
- Other (please specify):

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