



## **Member's report on activities to ICRI**

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### **Summary of Activities**

1. ICRI Committee on Coral Reef Enforcement & Investigation formed in early November 2005. Membership consists of representatives from eleven ICRI nations, with total members numbering eighteen. From this, a small core development group with expertise in coral reef resource management, wildlife enforcement, wildlife forensics, ecotoxicology, ecological risk assessment, and homicide investigation has worked to develop the draft products listed below. (October 2005 through January 2006).
2. Held wide-ranging discussions regarding translation of internationally-accepted guidelines for homicide investigation into a draft protocol for investigation of short-term anthropogenic impacts on coral reefs. The resulting Coral Reef CSI protocols are in the advanced stage of development and will be tested during the pilot field training workshop (December 2005 through October 2006).
3. Solicited and received funding to conduct pilot training involving the developed guidelines: \$15,000 USD from NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program; \$10,000 USD from NOAA's International Programs; additional support in terms of both in-kind match and materials was received from the US Fish & Wildlife Service. (December 2005 through October 2006).
4. Developed a pilot training program on conducting coral reef enforcement and natural resource investigations, which can be adapted for use in any major coral reef region. Developed specialized gear and tools for this application (March 2006 – September 2006).
5. Organized and ran four sessions at the International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium (ITMEMS) in Cozumel, Mexico on Coral Reef Enforcement & Investigation where the working and product development of the ICRI Committee was presented and discussed, with many of the guidance issues and formats that we have developed being adapted and put forward through ITMEMS as recommendations (March 2006 - October 2006).
6. Organized and currently running a five-day pilot field training workshop as part of the International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium (ITMEMS) in Cozumel, Mexico; to train coral reef resource managers, environmental assessment specialists, forensic investigators and litigators on conducting coral reef enforcement and natural resource investigations. (October 2006).

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

- We will take the results from both ITMEMS and the field training workshop and use them to continue development of a international toolkit for resource managers. Plan to produce the toolkit in 2007 in both English and Spanish pending funding.
- We plan to start holding regional training workshops in 2007 through mid 2009 to train regional resource management and enforcement specialists in the Coral Reef CSI Protocols. Workshops will involve CSI Instructors plus Regional Instructors working with 12 – 18 invited participants from multiple countries within the defined region. Goal is to produce a cadre of trained specialists in coral reef CSI investigation that can serve as a local pool of expertise and form a response team of collaborative multi-agency/multi-country investigations for that region. Workshops will be planned for many of the following regions (pending funding):

Eastern Caribbean	Australia
Southern Caribbean	Indonesia
South America	Philippines
Central America (Costa Rica, Honduras or Guatamala, 2007)	Southeast Asia (Malaysia, Singapore or Thailand, 2007)
Florida (ICRS 2008)	South Asia (India, Maldives or Sri Lanka)
Central Pacific	East Africa (Kenya or Seychelles)
Western Pacific	Red Sea (2009)
South Pacific	