



Member’s report on activities to ICRI

Presented by NEPA/Jamaica

Reporting period January 2010 – November 2010

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 reports will be made available on the ICRIForum prior to the meeting. The ICRI secretariat is well aware of your busy schedule, thus don’t hesitate to submit an incomplete report.

- 1. General Information** (note that this information will be post on the ICRIForum in your member page: <http://www.icriforum.org/about-icri/members-networks>)

Are you an ICRI Member?	YES
Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	Jamaica / National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA)
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Last meeting attended:	Monaco – January 2010
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Email, public education events, the Jamaica Coral Reef Monitoring Network (JCRMN)
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	2010-2011 - US\$ 4,800.00

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	YES – draft under review
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	NO
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	YES – NEPA actively monitors reefs island wide in conjunction with JCRMN. Information is used to inform status of the reefs reports and management decisions.
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs:	YES
If yes, please indicate which programmes/initiatives:	NCA Node of GCRMN, Reef Check, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Caribbean Marine Atlas Project,

- 2. Updates on your activities (new initiatives/programs/projects of your government /organization which will be of interest to the ICRI Members)**
- Invasive Alien Species Project – marine invasive laboratory has been established and a train the trainer workshop conducted on the capture, handling, preparation and documentation of data on the lionfish.
 - Currently developing a bleaching response plan of which the establishment of a bleach-watch programme is a key component. This will be initiated by training stakeholders, resource users inclusive of tourism interests to identify and report bleaching events.
 - CaRIWet – The Caribbean region has successfully petitioned the Ramsar Convention to sanction a Regional Initiative on wetlands which is being spearheaded by Jamaica and Cuba. This initiative is designed to foster a more collaborative working relationship between all the Parties to the Convention within the region and to enhance the protection and wise use of all wetlands including coral reefs.

- 3. Contribution to the ICRI GM:** Your responses to the following questions will assist the Secretariat in assessing contributions towards the major themes of the current ICRI action plan and objectives of the general meeting. Due to the heavy schedules of ICRI members, we have tried to keep the questions to a minimum and value any response you can provide.

- a. Session on accidental releases of pollutants

Please provide any lessons you have learned from your experiences in managing accidental pollutions and any projects/programs you are involved in. Do you have report or documents related to this topic?

- b. During the meeting, a full day will focus on the Pacific region. If you have any question about the region, ongoing projects in the region... please let us know.
1. What management interventions have been put in place in response to the 2010 bleaching event?
- c. What other new initiatives/programs/projects/progress, in particular since January 2010, has been made by your government/organization relative to i) Marine Protected Areas, Ramsar, World Heritage sites, and Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) sites designation containing coral reefs; ii) Policy changes; iii) Economic valuation of coral reef ecosystem services, etc., which you believe would be of general interest to other ICRI Members?
- Currently finalizing Policy on Overwater Rooms/Structures for public consultations.
 - Economic valuation for protected areas project – a model has been developed based on work conducted in the Black River lower morass (Ramsar site), Montego Bay Marine Park and the Dolphin Head forest reserve
 - Natural resources valuation project – the output of this project is to incorporate the model developed from the protected areas project into EIAs.
 - The Jamaica system of protected areas document based in part on our national ecological gap assessment report is expected to be finalized within the coming months and will function as the mechanism for future designations.
 - The fisheries division has embarked on a series of designations of fish sanctuaries and is in the process of instituting management mechanisms for them across the country.
 - The Urban Development Corporation is actively seeking to have several biosphere reserves declared across the country.

- d. We would also like to know if some of the recommendations or resolutions adopted during the last ICRI meeting (<http://icriforum.org/icrigm24>) have been taken forward by your country or organization.
- e. Is there any topic you would like to raise during the meeting?
- f. Please list publications, reports you have been released since April 2009;
- Coral Reefs of Jamaica: Reef Status and Trends: 2009
- g. Please indicate upcoming coral reef-related meetings you will attend?
- Representatives from Jamaica are attending COP 10 (October 18-29, 2010)
 - Jamaica is the Caribbean regional representative to the Ramsar Standing Committee and will attend all meetings leading up to COP in 2012.