

**Member's report on activities to ICRI****Presented by Japan****Reporting period April 2009 – 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):	Country
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Last meeting attended:	Monaco GM
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Circulate the results within MoE and to other relevant Ministries; Disseminate to relevant bodies, e.g., Japanese Coral Reef Society, as necessary
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	Biodiversity Policy Division (MoE)'s budget related to coral reefs: about 76 million yen (April 2009- March 2010)

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	YES
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	YES (only in Japanese)
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	YES
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs:	YES
If yes, please indicate which programmes/initiatives:	ICRI East Asia Regional Initiative on MPA Networks 2008-2010; PEMSEA

2. **Updates on your activities** (new initiatives/programs/projects of your government /organization which will be of interest to the ICRI Members)
- The National Action Plan for Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation was developed and finalized in March 2010.

- The National Marine Biodiversity Conservation Strategy is currently being developed and due to be finalized in March 2011.
- The national definition of Marine Protected Area (MPA) is currently being considered within relevant government ministries and due to be defined in March 2010.

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.
- 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?
- Ogasawara Islands, including marine areas with extensive coral reefs, was formally nominated as a candidate World Natural Heritage Site in January 2010.
- 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;
- g. Please indicate upcoming coral reef-related meetings you will attend?
- CTI MPA management effective workshop (TBD)
 - ITMEMS4 (TBD)
 - 26th ICRI General Meeting (TBD)