



Proposal for the MPA Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by MPA Ad Hoc Committee and ICRI Secretariat

Background

1. The MPA Ad Hoc Committee was established at the Maputo CPC meeting in 2001. It aimed to address the issue of MPAs within the context of ICRI.
2. The committee was involved in the planning and chairing of the MPA sessions for ITMEMS2, and has also contributed to other global fora, for example, the CBD's review of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas; planning for the World Parks Congress; and developing guidance on "Establishing No Anchoring Areas to Protect Coral Reefs".
3. Activity of this group has declined recently, and resulted in a decision by ICRI members at the last General Meeting in Palau 2005 to suspend the work of the Committee until this current General Meeting in Cozumel.
4. The current Secretariat Plan of Action includes contribution to WSSD 2012 targets on developing MPA networks relevant to tropical and subtropical coral reef ecosystems. It was the intention that this work was to be undertaken in collaboration with the ICRI MPA Ad Hoc Committee.
5. The 1st International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC 1) was held on October 2005 as the first conference to discuss the issue of MPAs specifically. It aimed to review the status of MPA networking toward the WSSD 2012 goal. There were some considerable outcomes from IMPAC 1, however ICRI have yet to respond to these outcomes.
6. It is proposed that ICRI conducts a review on such outcomes together with ICRI members' status of activities pertaining to MPA global target and presents a statement on MPAs networking at the forthcoming relevant processes (e.g., CBD COP-9, RAMSAR COP-10, IUCN WCC 2008).
7. The MPA Ad Hoc Committee shall facilitate the work on the review and drafting of the statement. The Terms of Reference of the MPA Ad Hoc Committee is proposed at [Annex 1](#).

Action Requested

The General meeting members are requested to:

8. decide on the continuation of the MPA Ad Hoc Committee;
9. discuss and approve the Terms of Reference;
10. provide feedbacks to the committee by completing the attached questionnaire ([Annex 2](#)).

Annex 1

Proposed Terms of Reference for the MPA Ad Hoc Committee

1. The ICRI MPA Ad Hoc Committee shall facilitate ICRI's work on addressing the WSSD 2012 target on developing MPA networks by:
 - a. reviewing all past MPA related ICRI decisions and ITMEMS recommendations;
 - b. reviewing outcomes of the 1st International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC 1);
 - c. reviewing ICRI members' related activities and respective goals pertaining to MPA global target;
 - d. drafting ICRI statement pertaining to MPA global target.
2. The review and draft statement will be provided at next ICRI general meeting and be finalized upon discussion and adoption. The committee shall be disbanded upon completion of current work.
3. The MPA Ad Hoc Committee consists of:
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Annex 2

Questionnaire on status of implementation of the activities in support of WSSD 2012 target on developing representative networks of MPAs

MPA Ad Hoc committee invite ICRI members to provide feedback by completing the questionnaire below. ICRI members those who cannot attend the meeting are also invited to send completed questionnaires to [XXX](#). The results will be compiled, analysed and be submitted to the next General Meeting.

Q1. Please describe the current ongoing activities that your country/ organization is implementing in support of, or that can contribute to, the WSSD 2012 target on developing MPA networks relevant to coral reefs and related ecosystems.

Q2. Please describe the future target goals that your country/ organization is setting in support of, or that can contribute to, the WSSD 2012 target on developing MPA networks relevant to coral reefs and related ecosystems.

Q3. Please select which suggested global targets on developing MPA networks by 2012 is most achievable (realistic) in terms of coral reefs and related ecosystems on a global perspectives.

- Include strictly protected MPAs to at least 20-30% of each habitat (5th World Parks Congress Recommendation 5.22.1-a)
- Cover at least 10% of each of the world's oceans and coasts (WWF "Are we on track", 2003; SBSTTA Decision VII/30 Annex II, 2005)
- Higher target (describe proposed target: _____)
- Lower target (describe proposed target: _____)

Q4. What do you feel are the things that ICRI as the leading international initiative on conserving coral reefs and related ecosystems and/or its members can or should do to assist in achieving this global target?

Name: _____ Country/ Organization: _____