

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

Presented by [CRISP/Pacific]

Reporting period May-December 2009

1. General Information

Are you an ICRI Member?	Yes
Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	CRISP/Pacific
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Last meeting attended:	Thailand
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Through trimestrial meetings
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	20 MUS\$ for a 5 year period
For countries only:	
National Action Plan / Initiative	
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	www.crisponline.net

2. Updates on your activities (new initiatives/programs/projects of your government /organization which will be of interest to the ICRI Members)

The main new activities since May 2009 are the following:

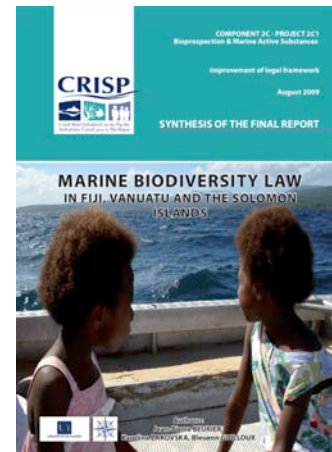
- The development of a **Postlarval Capture and Culture (PCC) industry** in the Pacific aiming at exporting ecofriendly product to China, Europe and North America. A prospective mission was conducted in china in May 2009. Providers of aquarium products based on larvae rearing are emerging in FSM, French Polynesia, Marshall, Kiribati. A regional hub is set in Hawaii for exportation purpose.
- The implementation of several **studies on reef economics**, in particular a Cost Benefit Analysis conducted in North Efate (Vanuatu) on a set of 4 Marine Managed Areas. Plus de contribution of CRISP to the ICRI WG lead by WRI on Reef economics.
- A study was launched in New Caledonia for assessing the connectivity with Australia for **large sharks** (mainly tiger sharks), in order to better know about their biology and need for protection, given the critical role they are playing in reef ecosystems.

The programme has released several new reports that can be downloaded at:
<http://www.crisponline.net/> (see here below some examples)

A scientific review was conducted on the effects of **ocean acidification** was done by Prof. Bernard Salvat (EPHE) and Dr Denis Allemand (Monaco Scientific Center)



The final report of “**Biodiversity laws in Fiji, Solomon and Vanuatu**” was issued in French and English, addressing the improvement of the legal frameworks in these countries for insuring the benefit sharing of the discovery of Marine Active Substances.



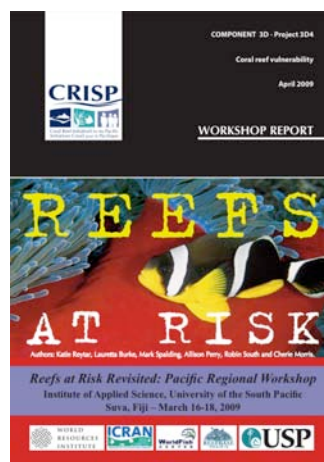
A technical report was issued about the **monitoring techniques** to be implemented in Marine Managed Areas;



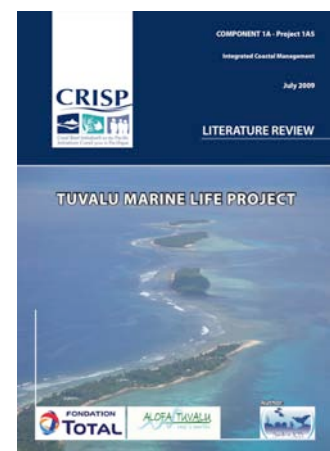
CSI – A technical report was issued about the contribution of CRISP to a workshop was organized in French Polynesia for the training of a dozen of technical officers.



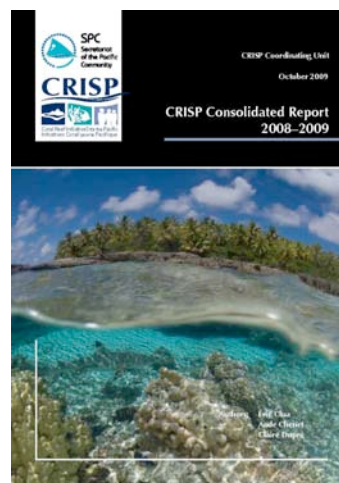
A report was issued about the CRISP contribution to the R@R workshop that was organized in fiji in March 2009



A bibliography study was conducted to assess the **biodiversity of Tuvalu**, including the gaps to be filled up through Rapid Assessment Program



For further information, please download the CRISP consolidated report for 2008 and 2009 activities at: <http://www.crisponline.net/>



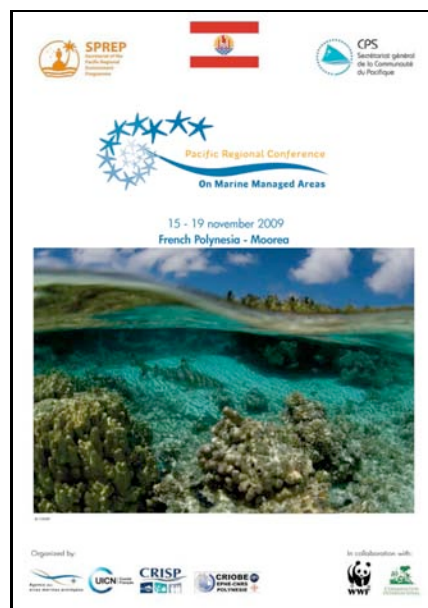
3. **Contribution to the ICRI GM:** Your responses to the following questions will assist the Secretariat in assessing contributions towards the major themes of the current ICRI action plan and objectives of the general meeting. Due to the heavy schedules of ICRI members, we have tried to keep the questions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

- a. **Fisheries session:** Please provide any lessons you have learned from your experiences in managing fisheries and any projects/programs you are involved in.
- A workshop organized by SPC and SCRFA was conducted under a CRISP funding in Fiji in (5-7th of October 2009) focusing on the management of spawning aggregations of coral reef fishes. It gathered about 20 fisheries officers from 11 Pacific countries.
- b. During the meeting, we are planning on having a presentation on the “**Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB)**”. Could you please list your coral reef sites listed under the MAB programme.

CRISP is indirectly supporting the MAB site of Fakarava in French Polynesia

- c. What other new initiatives/programs/projects/progress, in particular since April 2009, has been made by your government/organization relative to Marine Protected Areas, Ramsar site designations containing coral reefs, policy changes, economic valuation of coral reef ecosystem services, etc., which you believe would be of general interest to other ICRI Members?

- The CRISP co-organized with IUCN and the French Agency for MPAs a regional conference on Marine Areas held in Moorea (15-19th of November), that gathered about 100 people for one week, focusing on: governance, MMA monitoring, data management and high sea pockets issues in the Pacific.



- d. Please list publications, reports you have been released since April 2009

For downloading new reports, please go to: <http://www.crisponline.net/>

ICRI and Other Meetings - Are you considering attending any of the following meetings in 2009?

- The CRISP final meeting will be held in Noumea from 22nd to 25th of November 2010, including a specific workshop on reef economics.