



## ICRAN report on activities to ICRI

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### 1. General Information

Are you an ICRI Member?	Yes
Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	Operational Network
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How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Through the ICRAN network, UNEP and the UNEP Regional Seas Programme, ITMEMS Network, AdHoc Committee on Coral Disease, AdHoc Committee on Enforcement and Investigation
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	In excess of \$650,000 in 2009

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

#### **Communities and Coral Reefs: Managing for Resilience in the face of Climate Change**

ICRAN has been working to promote a project concept entitled 'Communities and Coral Reefs: Managing for Resilience in the face of Climate Change' which recognises the opportunities provided by effectively managed coral reefs in supporting the environment and dependent human communities to absorb shocks, regenerate and reorganise so as to maintain key functions, economic prosperity, social wellbeing and political stability. The project seeks to strengthen the capacities of vulnerable coastal communities to respond to the challenges of climate change through the effective management of tropical marine ecosystems with 4 core objectives:

1. To develop the capacities of national and local stakeholders to predict and cope with climate change and other exogenous factors.
2. To inform and influence responsive policy, legislative and institutional frameworks to support socio-ecological adaptation to climate change.
3. To promote sustainable livelihoods consistent with sustainable use and conservation objectives.
4. To translate cutting edge science and research into village actions for climate adaptation.

As a first step to inform and guide development of a larger applied initiative and partnership, ICRAN, UNEP-WCMC and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) will host a **scoping workshop in Samoa 26-27<sup>th</sup> January 2010**. The workshop objectives are to understand better the key information needs of policy makers, managers and

communities and to share the experiences of technical and non technical practitioners working with communities to build adaptive capacities within existing frameworks.

The challenge for the workshop group is to identify key aspects relevant for the tropical marine environment that respond to the expected economic, social and ecological impacts of climate change on coral reefs while leading to informed and systematic ecosystem-based management and adaptation strategies that improve resilience, and enable communities to better cope with the impacts of climate change at the local level. Participants will also identify the prospects for application; map linkages with ongoing initiatives; and define next steps and commitments to support application.

The ICRI membership will be well represented at the workshop (ICRAN, IUCN, CI, TNC, SPREP, UNEP-WCMC, GBRMPA), and ICRAN is keen to ensure broader engagement with ICRI in the post-workshop process. For further details, please contact [nicola.barnard@unep-wcmc.org](mailto:nicola.barnard@unep-wcmc.org) or [penny.stock@unep-wcmc.org](mailto:penny.stock@unep-wcmc.org).

### **ICRI Coral Reef CSI**

ICRAN continues to facilitate the ICRI Coral Reef Crime Scene Investigation Programme on behalf of ICRI and in collaboration with the ad hoc committee on enforcement and investigation. Four national and regional workshops have been conducted during this reporting period in the South Pacific (Moorea), South Eastern Caribbean (Tobago), Belize, and East Africa.

For more information please refer to the *ad hoc* Committee report and presentation, or contact [tyoung@icran.org](mailto:tyoung@icran.org).

### **ITMEMS4**

ICRAN, on behalf of ICRI is coordinating the *ITMEMS4 Ad hoc Committee*, tasked with defining an appropriate logistical and substantive programme for ITMEMS4. As with previous symposia, ITMEMS4 will be designed to focus on the grassroots needs and priorities of local marine and coastal managers and practitioners working on the front line of conservation and management of coral reefs and related ecosystems. Furthermore, the evolving trend of local leadership in advancing innovative projects in marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (and building on lessons learned from past ITMEMS) will guide innovative programme development.

For further information, please note the ad hoc committee report and presentation or contact [nbarnard@icran.org](mailto:nbarnard@icran.org) or [pstock@icran.org](mailto:pstock@icran.org).

### **Support to other Operational Networks**

ICRAN facilitated the engagement of Reef Check in a collaborative ICRAN/Buccoo Reef Trust project in the Southeastern Caribbean in May 2009, to conduct a Reef Check EcoDiver Training of Trainers workshop with local dive operators, non-profit organizations and government agencies, and to facilitate the design of a monitoring programme for the island of Tobago.

Through this project, ICRAN has also sought to strengthen the Southeastern Caribbean node of the GCRMN, and to facilitate greater representation of this region in global status reports and manuals, through for example, the coordination of case studies from this region for the Effective Catchment Management and Coral Reef Conservation: Best Practice Case Studies report, by the ICRAN/BRT Project Coordinator. For further information please visit [www.icran.org/action-brt.html](http://www.icran.org/action-brt.html)

### **Reefs at Risk Revisited**

ICRAN continues to support WRI and other core partners in the global Reefs at Risk Revisited Analysis. For further information please see WRI member report.

**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.

*NOTE: The Secretariat will compile Members' responses to the below questions into a general presentation to be given during the GM. The Secretariat will also request specific Members to highlight certain initiatives, should additional information be of interest to the full ICRI membership.*

- a. **Fisheries session:** Please provide any lessons you have learned from your experiences in managing fisheries and any projects/programs you are involved in.
- What was The Problem or the Challenge? – including information on the location, the perceived problem and the effects on the coastal resources
  - What was done? Both ecological and sociological interventions
  - How successful was it? E.g. has fisheries improved; positive effects on coral reefs; better reef resources exportation?
  - Lessons learned and recommendations; Key messages to convey to other people
  - References
  - Author/s Contact

**N/A**

- b. The ICRI secretariat is planning on revisiting/updating the ICRI “call to action” ([http://www.icriforum.org/library/call\\_action.pdf](http://www.icriforum.org/library/call_action.pdf)) and ICRI “framework to action” ([http://www.icriforum.org/library/framework\\_action.pdf](http://www.icriforum.org/library/framework_action.pdf)). Please provide any guidelines you think would be useful.

The revision of the call to action and the framework for action is critical to ensure that Operational Networks remain focused on priority issues for ICRI. ICRAN would be happy to support the ICRI Secretariat in this challenge should it be appropriate.

- c. During the meeting, a full day will focus on the Caribbean region. If you have any question about the region, ongoing projects in the region, please let us know.

ICRAN and Buccoo Reef Trust are collaborating on a regional project ‘Coastal and Marine Management and Education in the South Eastern Caribbean (CaMMESEC)’ that seeks to improve the Southeastern Caribbean’s marine environment, through enhanced access to research and education expertise, the exchange of sustainable practices for tropical islands, and the networking and mentoring support to marine and coastal managers in the region.

A regional symposium is planned for Q2 2010 as part of this project to gather MPA and coastal resource managers from across the Caribbean region for the exchange of best practices, lessons learned and innovative training sessions (e.g. communications and outreach) relating to the challenges of managing MPAs. The project will end 30 June 2010.

- d. 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.

**N/A**

- e. 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?

ICRAN, through the CaMMESEC project has supported a regional UNEP Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop in collaboration with the UNEP-Caribbean Environment Programme and the OECS Projected Areas and Associated Livelihoods Project (OPAAL). Participants came from Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, Jamaica, St Vincent and the Grenadines, St Lucia, St Maarten and Trinidad and Tobago. Training topics covered characteristics of the Caribbean marine environment and the research/monitoring tools that could be used to assess the state of the environment; techniques and tools associated with MPA planning and management; and effective participatory planning and communication. As with previous UNEP ToT courses, a grant is provided to each of the training participants for follow up activities in their respective countries and MPAs to apply elements of the training programme. The ICRAN BRT project provided funding to Anguilla, St Lucia, St Maarten and St Vincent and the Grenadines to carry out their respective activities which for example include: enhancing coral reef monitoring capacities; teacher training for greater student involvement in MPA management; Sea Turtle education and conservation programme.

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

**N/A**

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

- 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora  
Doha, Qatar, from 13 to 25 March 2010

**NO**

- 5th Global Oceans Conference: Ensuring Survival, Preserving Life, and Improving Governance:
- o Policy, Science, and Technical Symposium (May 3-4, 2010)
  - o Policy Conference (May 6-7, 2010)

**YES**

- 10th Meeting of the conference of the Parties to the convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10), October 18-29, 2010, Nagoya, Japan

- Other (please specify):

Sustainable Oceans Summit hosted by the World Ocean Council, Belfast 15-17 June 2010 ([www.oceancouncil.org](http://www.oceancouncil.org))