



Member's report on activities to ICRI

Presented by NEPA/Jamaica

Reporting period July 2008 – December 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

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:	July 12-13, 2008, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
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):	09-10 – US\$ 21,000.00

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	Old draft which is currently being reviewed.
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	NO
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	YES – JCRMN actively monitors reefs island wide in conjunction with NEPA. 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)
- New regulations governing actions and activities within the Palisadoes Port Royal Protected Area (PPRPA) and the Portland Bight Protected Area (PBPA) are being developed. The regulations for the PBPA is more advanced.
 - Invasive Alien Species Project – one project is geared towards mitigating the spread of the Lionfish.
- 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
- b. The ICRI secretariat is planning on revisiting/updating the ICRI “call to action” (http://www.icriforum.org/library/call_action.pdf) and ICRI “framework to action” (http://www.icriforum.org/library/framework_action.pdf). Please provide any guidelines you think would be useful.
- 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.
- As we are in the process of reviewing our coral reef action plan we would like to know
 - the best practices for coral reef management that exists in the region
 - implementation of bleaching response
 - implementation of action plans
 - guidelines for coastal ecosystem restoration
 - new rapid assessment techniques
 - economic valuation of coastal resources per unit area
 - sources of funding for government entities
- 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.
- Jamaica has no MAB sites

- 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?
- The Government through the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has declared nine (9) new fish sanctuaries bringing the number designated to eleven (11). This was done in an effort to protect the near-shore fish stock as the country's fishery is severely overfished. Baseline surveys are planned for the areas as no data exist for several areas. This is also in an effort to standardize the data collection method and facilitate easy comparison across sites and reporting.
 - An updated Fisheries Act is also being promulgated. It is still in draft but it outlines new provisions for the management of fisheries, aquaculture and related activity in Jamaica.
- f. Please list publications, reports you have been released since April 2009
- Coral Reefs of Jamaica: Reef Status and Trends: 2008

For any of the above questions, please provide links to further information. As appropriate, the Secretariat will compile such information to make it accessible to all Members on the ICRI Forum.

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
- 5th Global Oceans Conference: Ensuring Survival, Preserving Life, and Improving Governance:
 - Policy, Science, and Technical Symposium (May 3-4, 2010)
 - Policy Conference (May 6-7, 2010)
- 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):
 - Representatives from Jamaica will be attending CoP15 (March 13-15, 2010) and COP 10 (October 18-29, 2010)