



## Member's report on activities to ICRI

Presented by JAPAN

Reporting period April 2009 – 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):	Country
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Last meeting attended:	Phuket, 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):	MoE's budget for a national coral reef ecosystem conservation action plan and ICRI regional workshop is about 76 million yen (April 2009- March 2010)

For countries only:

<b>National Action Plan / Initiative</b>	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	Now developing (finalize in 2010)
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	-
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	Under Consideration.
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs:	Yes
If yes, please indicate which programmes/initiatives:	ICRI East Asia regional workshop's process to develop regional strategy on MPA networks and coral reefs and related ecosystems.

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

- 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](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.
- 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.

*It would be helpful if we will have information about progress of MPAs/MPA networks in Caribbean region.*

- 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.

*None.*

- 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?

*National park based on Natural Parks Law is one of main systems of MPA in Japan and the law was revised in June 2009.*

*Points of Revision of the Law related to Marine and Coastal Conservation are;*

- Expansion of scope of MPA (include above sea level and related land area)
- Tourism use of MPA would be controlled if necessary.

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

***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)→There will be possibility, but not sure yet.
- ✓ 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): 6<sup>th</sup> ICRI East Asia regional workshop, June 2010, Phuket, Thailand