



[Philippines] Member's report on activities to ICRI

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Reporting period

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 report will be made available on the ICRIForum prior to the meeting, and a question and answer session held at the meeting. The ICRI secretariat is well aware of your busy schedule, thus don't hesitate to submit incomplete report.

1. General Information

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	Philippines
Focal Point 1:	Director Florendo Barangan
Focal point 2:	Dr. Rizalita Rosalejos-Edpalina
Last meeting attended:	None
How do you circulate ICRI information with your country and/or organization?	Information databases
Budget allocated for coral reefs (please mention for year/period):	

For countries only:

<i>National Action Plan / Initiative</i>	
Do you have a National Coral Reef actions plan?	YES (some priority area coral reef conservation areas)
Date of publication:	National Wetland Action Plan for the South China Sea-(draft in progress) Framework for a Network of Marine Protected Areas in the Sulu-sulawesi Marine Ecoregion-2004 Conservation Plan for the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion-2003
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative?	YES
Relevance to regional program / initiative:	Very relevant
How and where to obtain more information:	Coordination with other national government agencies, academe, NGOs and private organizations and individuals
<i>Monitoring</i>	
Is there a national monitoring programme for your country?	Coral Reef Information Network of the Philippines (PhilReefs) Biodiversity Monitoring System (BMS) – for some priority areas
Date of the last assessment?	PhilReefs-2004
How and where to obtain more information:	national government agencies, academe, NGOs and private organizations and individuals

Marine Protected Areas	
How many MPA(s) with coral reefs?	32 sites proclaimed under RA 7586 otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)
What is the percentage of coral reef MPA(s) to the (coastal zone / marine area)?	1, 490, 662.5718 has.-NIPAS proclaimed MPAs 226, 000 km ² -coastal waters
Number of sites (with coral reefs) under the World Heritage Convention?	Tubbataha Reefs World Heritage Site
Number of wetland sites (with coral reefs) under the Ramsar Convention?	2 sites (Olango Is. Wildlife Sanctuary and Tubbataha Reefs National Marine Park)
Number of Biosphere Reserves (with coral reefs) under UNESCO's MAB Programme?	2 sites (entire Palawan and Puerto Galera)

2. Report

A. Specific requests / questions for the next ICRI General Meeting

International Year of the Reef (IYOR) 2008

Do you have a committee/focal point for IYOR 2008?

If yes, contact information: None yet, but Philippines thru the create a Committee for the planning and preparations for IYOR 2008.

If available, brief description of what has been done so far:

If available, brief description of near future plans:

Relevance to mangrove ecosystems - Please give details of activities pertaining to mangroves, particularly where mangroves are associated with coral reefs.

B. Summary of activities and pertinent points

1. Brief summary of major coral reef activities/projects:

Activity / Project Title	Location	Amount	duration	major activities	for more info (web site / email)
1. Verde Island Passage Marine Corridor (Exec. Order 578)	Batangas, Romblon, Mindoro Oriental, Mindoro Occidental and Marinduque		2006	Formulation of the Management Plan for the Verde Island Passage Marine Corridor	
2. Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion	The Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape is an area of approximately 900,000 square kilometers (about 347,492 square miles) that includes the Sulu and Sulawesi Seas, in the national waters of three independent nations of the Southeast Asian				

	Region: Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines				
3.South China Sea Project-UNEP/GEF					
4.Integrated Coastal Resources Management Project (ICRMP)					
5.Coastal Resources Management Project (CRMP)					
6. Participatory Coastal Resource Appraisal (PCRA)					

2. Please list:

- Key activities of the member since last report relating to coral reefs and associated ecosystems
- Identify points of relevance to other ICRI members, or the secretariat (eg points of particular concern; questions to ask of ICRI; information requested; assistance sought; lessons learned
- Identify forthcoming activities that might be of interest to other members in terms of funding; partnership; uptake.