



## SCRFA Member's report on activities to ICRI

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### Reporting period

#### 1. General Information

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| Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):                             | Society for the Conservation of reef Fish Aggregations (SCRFA) |
| Focal Point 1:   | Martin Russell   |
| Focal point 2:   | Yvonne Sadovy  |
| Last meeting attended:   | Mexico 2006 (observer)   |
| How do you circulate ICRI information with your country and/or organization? | News letter, email list  |
| Budget allocated for coral reefs (please mention for year/period):           |  |

#### 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?

- Martin Russell and Yvonne Sadovy

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

- Discussion of IYOR08 project links at SCRFA Board meeting November 2006.

If available, brief description of near future plans:

- Promotion through SCRFA newsletter and in country activities by those areas/countries introducing management of fish spawning aggregations.

##### 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) |
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2. Please list:

- Key activities of the member since last report relating to coral reefs and associated ecosystems
  - Collaboration with WWF-Philippines for MPA development and the first dedicated spawning aggregation site protection in SE Asia at Taytay Bay, northeastern Palawan, Philippines, in 2006.
  - Collaboration with Cebu (Philippines) MPA Mayors' Summit 2006 to develop the "Cordoba Accord for Philippines Marine protected Area management."
  - Conducted an IUCN red listing workshop to complete red list assessments of all grouper species, many of which aggregate to spawn.
  - Organization of a workshop in Suva, Fiji, in collaboration with the Fiji Fisheries Department on coral reef fisheries in Fiji and the south Pacific region – needs for management.
  - SCRFA opinion piece published on SCRFA web site ([www.SCRFA.org](http://www.SCRFA.org)) "Spawning Aggregations and Confidentiality: Balancing Research Products and Conservation Realities"
  - Several articles on spawning aggregations published the recent SPC Live Fish bulletin. ([www.spc.int/coastfish/news/LRF/16/index.htm](http://www.spc.int/coastfish/news/LRF/16/index.htm))
  - A GIS component has been added to the SCRFA spawning site database. This provides an interactive GIS showing the locations of spawning aggregation sites of reef fishes (to within a resolution of 1 degree x 1 degree grids) together with several information layers. Details of aggregation sites can be retrieved by clicking directly on the map, and additional information on some of the better known species of aggregating fishes can be also be accessed. Database can be accessed at: [www.scrfa.org/index.php](http://www.scrfa.org/index.php)
  - Dissemination of outreach materials (pamphlets, booklets, posters) globally in six languages on spawning aggregations and the need for protection.
  - Collaborate in a English/Spanish spawning aggregation information weblog ([www.amp-pr.org/spag/](http://www.amp-pr.org/spag/)). This project is supported by the Caribbean Coral Reef Institute, a NOAA-funded Institute based on the Department of Marine Sciences, University of Puerto Rico.
  
- Identify forthcoming activities that might be of interest to other members in terms of funding; partnership; uptake.
  - Draft publication on an analysis of SCRFA global spawning aggregation database entitled "*Global reef fish spawning aggregation database: reconstructing the past to safeguard the future*". The paper will have recommendations on the conservation and management of reef fish spawning aggregations. Paper expected to be released mid 2007.