



Vietnam Member's report on activities to ICRI

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1. General Information

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	Vietnam
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Focal point 2:	Ms. Nguyen Giang Thu Ministry of Fisheries 20-Nguyen Cong Hoan, Ha Noi, Vietnam
Last meeting attended:	ICRI Meeting in Paris, France 2002
How do you circulate ICRI information with your country and/or organization?	Through websites and public meetings
Budget allocated for coral reefs (please mention for year/period):	No budget allocated specifically for coral reefs in Vietnam. Project based budget provided by Central and provincial Government, and International Donors

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef actions plan?	YES (Has been developed under UNEP/GEF/SCS project)
Date of publication:	In process of approval by Vietnamese government
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative?	NO
Relevance to regional program / initiative:	NO
How and where to obtain more information:	Through the website: www.unepscs.org or nvanlong@dng.vnn.vn
Monitoring	
Is there a national monitoring programme for your country?	NO (We have monitored coral reefs at some major sites in coastal waters of Vietnam within the framework of different projects, but irregularly)
Date of the last assessment?	2004, Status of Coral Reefs of Vietnam, 10 th International Coral Reef Symposium
How and where to obtain more information:	Nguyen Van Long Institute of Oceanography 01-Cau Da, Nha Trang, Vietnam Email: nvanlong@dng.vnn.vn
Marine Protected Areas	
How many MPA(s) with coral reefs?	- 4 existing MPAs (Nha Trang, Cu Lao Cham, Con Dao and Phu Quoc). - 11 proposed MPAs with coral reefs have been submitted to Vietnamese Prime Minister for approval - All existing MPAs and proposed MPAs in network managed by Fisheries Sector (100% in the case of no mentioning coastal Reserves/Park focusing mangroves managed by Forestry Sector)
What is the percentage of coral reef MPA(s) to the (coastal zone / marine area)?	Not available
Number of sites (with coral reefs) under the World Heritage Convention?	1 (Ha Long Bay World Heritage)
Number of wetland sites (with coral reefs) under the	NO

Ramsar Convention?	
Number of Biosphere Reserves (with coral reefs) under UNESCO's MAB Programme?	1 (Kien Giang Biophere Reserves)

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? NO

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

- Protecting area of mangroves inside of the MPAs.
- Replanting to increase cover and area of mangroves inside of the MPAs.

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. Sustainable Livelihoods in and around Marine Protected Areas	Whole Vietnam	DKK 27.6 million, including DKK 26 million from DANIDA and DKK 1.6 million from Vietnam	2005 - 2010	The project will be: - developed an effective management system for the MPA network at national level - Developed capacity for sound MPA management at national, provincial and site levels achieved through training and institutional development supported by a national MPA Training and Advisory Centre - Involving local communities in MPA management through the development of an integrated management system in selected demonstration MPA sites - Protected and returned marine habitats within selected demonstration MPA sites and their natural resources to a sustainably producing level - improved socio-economic security for inhabitants living in and around selected demonstration MPA sites based on	Mr. Nguyen Giang Thu Vice Director of Project on Supporting for MPAs in Vietnam Ministry of Fisheries 10-Nguyen Cong Hoan, Ha Noi, Vietnam Email : giangthu@mofi.gov.vn

				<p>sound natural resources management and more diversified income generation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engaged Viet Nam fully in the international effort to establish a global network of MPAs and exchange experiences of reducing the vulnerability of local communities 	
2. Coral Reef Component – UNEP/GEF/SCS project	Whole Vietnam	95,000 USD	2002 - 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established metadata and GIS database of major sites of coral reefs in Vietnam - Developed National Action Plan for Management of Coral Reefs in Vietnam to 2015 	<p>www.unepscs.org or Mr. Nguyen Van Long National Focal Point of Coral Reefs, UNEP/GEF/SCS project Institute of Oceanography 01-Cau Da, Nha Trang, Vietnam Email: nvanlong@dng.vnn.vn</p>
3. Demonstration Site for Coral Reefs and Seagrass Beds, UNEP/GEF/SCS Project	Phu Quoc Islands, Kien Giang Province	734,090 USD, including 365,000 USD from GEF and 360,090 USD co-funding from Vietnam	2005 - 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing and establishing a cooperating mechanism among provincial sectors and between Vietnam and Cambodia in management of coral reefs and seagrass beds in coastal waters of Kien Giang province - Executing studies and monitoring activities in order to collect data and information for planning and management purposes - Enhancing public awareness and improving management capacity for policy-makers, managers and local communities in resource conservation and environmental protection - Improving environmental management in the islands (reforestation, waste management) to minimize negative impacts on coastal ecosystems - Having some important sub-sites managed as pilots in 	<p>www.unepscs.org or Mr. Nguyen Xuan Niem Site Manager of Phu Quoc Demonstration site for Coral Reefs and Seagrass Beds Email: nxniem@yahoo.com</p>

				<p>favourable ways with involvement of park authorities, local fishermen, tourist sector operators and other as appropriate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executing pilot activities in financial sustainability at 2 sub-demo sites 	
5. Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Conservation and sustainable use in the Con Dao islands region	Con Dao islands, Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province	1,823,300 USD, including 1,520,350 USD from GEF, DANIDA, Conservation Trust Fund (CTF), WWF and 302,950 USD from Vietnam	2006-2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthening local capacity for marine and coastal biodiversity conservation - Improving the integration of conservation and environmental management into development planning - Establishing a sustainable financing mechanism for biodiversity conservation 	<p>www.condaopark.com.vn or Mr. Le Xuan Ai Project Director Email: vgqcdao@hcm.vnn.vn</p>
6. Assessment of coral reef fish resources at some proposed MPAs and recommendation for sustainable uses of resources in coastal waters of Vietnam	Whole Vietnam	2,5 billion VND (about 156,250 USD) from Vietnamese government	2005-2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of existing data and information on natural and environmental conditions, coral reef fish resources and status of reef-related fisheries in Vietnam - Assessment of some major oceanographic parameters at some proposed key MPAs in Vietnam - Assessment of status and exploitation potential of coral reef fish resources at some proposed key MPAs in Vietnam - Assessment of status of exploitation and uses of coral reef fish resources at some proposed key MPAs in Vietnam - Establishment of GIS database of coral reef fish resources in Vietnam - Establishment of demonstration sites for sustainable management at Co To Islands, Quang Ninh Province - Recommendations for sustainable uses of coral reef fish resources in 	<p>Prof. Do Van Khuong Project Director Director of Institute of Marine Products Email: dokhuong@h.vnn.vn</p>

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6. Monitoring of coral reefs	Ninh Thuan province	14,375 USD from Ninh Thuan provincial government, Vietnam	2006-2010	- Training local volunteers for monitoring methodology of coral reefs - Annual monitoring at 10 permanent location of coral reefs in Ninh Hai waters, Ninh Thuan Province with involvement of local communities	Mr. Nguyen Van Long Project Leader Email: nvanlong@dng.vnn.vn
7. Hon Mun Marine Protected Area Pilot Project for Vietnam	Nha Trang Bay, Khanh Hoa Province	2,173,121 USD, including 1,906,965 USD from GEF, DANIDA, IUCN and 266,156 USD from Vietnam	2001-2005	- Supporting participatory planning and management - Developing alternative income generation - Capacity building for local authorities in management of MPA - Establishing a financial sustainability system - Monitoring and evaluation	Mr. Truong Kinh Director of Nha Trang Bay MPA Authority Email: kinh@nhatrangbaympa.vnn.vn
8. Rehabilitation of coral reefs	Binh Dinh Province	12,500 USD from Vietnamese government	2002-2004	- Rehabilitation of damaged reefs with involvement of local communities at Hon Ngang, Quy Nhon Bay, Binh Dinh Province	Dr. Vo Si Tuan Leading of sub-project Email: vo@un.org
9. Mapping of coral reefs and associated habitats	Ninh Thuan Province	15,000 USD from UNEP	2003-2004	- Mapping of coral reefs and associated habitats using remote sensing images and arial photograph - Establishing GIS database for management	Dr. Vo Si Tuan Leading of project Email: vo@un.org

2. Please list:

- Key activities of the member since last report relating to coral reefs and associated ecosystems
- During 2004 – 2006: Finalisation of National Action Plan, development of proposal and procedure for establishment of Phu Quoc MPA, publication of book on Coral Reefs of Vietnam, Coral Reef Monitoring at 5 key sites, additional surveys on biodiversity and resources for management of coral reefs in Da Nang City, Kien Giang Province, assessment of massive mortality of corals in Con Dao islands
- 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
- As planned, the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) of the South China Sea will be finalised in 2007, including regional actions for coral reef management. Is there any possibility to integrate ICRI actions in implementing this SAP.
- Identify forthcoming activities that might be of interest to other members in terms of funding; partnership; uptake.
- Conducting management activities at the key MPAs in the list of 15 MPAs approved by Vietnamese government.
- Supporting for the key MPAs in establishment and development of alternative income generation (AIG).
- Conservation and rehabilitation of coral reefs and reef-associated organism in some key sites in central coastal waters of Vietnam.

- Conducting a national program on artificial reefs.
- Monitoring at some key MPAs.
- Assessment of ecological inter-connections of coral reefs in the coastal waters of Vietnam as a tool of prioritisation of MPAs in Vietnam