

**PERSGA Member's report on activities to ICRI****Presented by Dr. Mohammed M. A. Kotb****2007-2008**

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 will be held at the meeting. The ICRI Secretariat is well aware of your busy schedule, therefore please complete the report to the best of your ability.

**1. General Information**

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	PERSGA
Focal Point 1:	Mohammed Kotb
Focal point 2:	
Last meeting attended:	Mexico 2006
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Through the regular meetings and in PERSGA official web-site
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	Varies according to the budget allowance, 125000 \$ for 2008

For countries only:

<b><i>National Action Plan / Initiative</i></b>	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	YES / NO
Is this plan publicly available? If so, please provide location:	
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	YES / NO
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relevant to coral reefs:	
If yes, please indicate which programs/initiatives:	
<b><i>Marine Protected Areas</i></b>	
How many MPA(s) with coral reefs?	
What is the percentage of coral reef MPA(s) to the (coastal zone / marine area)?	
Please provide the appropriate contact name for MPA data holdings	
Details for contact (email/fax/telephone)	

**2. Member contribution to the ICRI GM:** Your responses to the following questions will contribute to the background material provided for the next ICRI General Meeting in Washington, DC. Due to heavy schedules of ICRI members, we have tried to keep the questions to a minimum and value any response you can provide.

**A. Questions to inform the break-out discussion groups**

### **Session 1: Economic Valuation of coral reef ecosystems**

- a. Do you have examples of economic valuation of coral reefs being applied in practice? (e.g., in consideration of coastal land use, coastal/marine spatial planning, for determining compensation, etc.);
- b. Do you have established methods for assessing these values? If so, please provide further information.

### **Session 2: Designing the ICRI Regional Workshop on Sustainable Tourism (to be held in July 2008 directly following ICRS-11)**

a. With respect to coral reefs, what does sustainable tourism mean to you?  
Maintaining the carrying capacity of the reefs with the tourism activities development. Zonation planning for the reef areas which receive tourism activities with full control over the activities quality and quantity in these areas.

b. What are the key challenges you face to achieving sustainable tourism?  
The rapid tourism development, poor coastal zone planning, and low environmental awareness.

#### **B. Summary of IYOR 2008 Activities**

- Briefly tell us about your activities for IYOR 2008. Information provided will contribute to the discussion during the IYOR 2008 Session on Friday, January 25, 2008.

PERSGA has involved the IYOR in all its activities during the 2008. Mainly the idea of the IYOR will be distributed through few publications and seminars in each activities showing the importance of the reefs and its economical and social important, as well as how everyone can help in protecting and conserving the marine life. The awareness programme will include several activities for school children's; coastal local communities; Media interviews and shows; all the intended activities will be inserted in PERSGA website and its regular newsletter (Al-Sanbouk).

#### **C. Emerging Issues**

- Please identify any emerging issues relevant to coral reef ecosystems that you believe ICRI should consider.

Urgent assistance for the regional organisations to make them able to implement the ready-to-go plans of conservations.

#### **D. ICRI and Other Meetings**

Are your ICRI Focal Points considering attending any of the following meetings in 2008?

- 2008 Ocean Sciences Meeting, Florida, 2-7 March
- CBD COP 9, Bonn, 19-30 May
- UNICPOLOS 9, New York, June 2008
- ICRS 11, Fort Lauderdale, 7-11 July
- IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, 5-16 October
- Ramsar COP 9, South Korea, 29 October - 4 November
- Other (please specify):

Depending on the available budget in its time.