

**Member's report on activities to ICRI**

Presented by JAPAN

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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** (note that this information will be post on the ICRIForum in your member page: <http://www.icriforum.org/about-icri/members-networks>)

Are you an ICRI Member?	Yes
Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	Country
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Last meeting attended:	Samoa, November 2010
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Share the information within MoE and with other relevant ministries, local governments, and relevant bodies (e.g., Japanese Coral Reef Society) in a meeting or other modes of communication.
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	MoE's budget for the National Coral Reef Conservation Action Plan and ICRI regional workshop is about 75 million yen (April 2010 - March 2011). Part of the budget for National Park management is also used for coral reef related activities.

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	YES
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	YES http://www.env.go.jp/nature/biodic/coralreefs/apc/keikaku.pdf (in Japanese) Printed brochures are available both in Japanese and English at MoE offices

Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	Yes
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 to implement the regional strategy on MPA networks.

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

- *Follow-up meetings to evaluate the progress and facilitate the implementation of the National Coral Reef Conservation Action Plan are organized annually, involving relevant ministries, local governments, and academic society. The Action Plan is due to be revised every five years.*
- *Tested the effectiveness of vinegar-injection in controlling crown-of-thorns starfish*
- *Definition of MPA and the direction to promote it were approved by the Headquarters for Ocean Policy*

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.

a. Rio+20

To support efforts to share ideas and plans for coral reefs/marine initiatives at Rio+20 and nurture opportunities for collaboration, we would like to invite you to share your proposed events and ideas:

- Are you/your organization attending Rio+20?
Yes
- Are you proposing an event or other initiative? (please share any ideas and/or details)
Yes, but not on coral reefs
- Are you looking to collaborate with others?
Currently no

We would also appreciate ideas that you may have around how we can work together to ensure we have attention on coral reefs.

- *Side event to raise awareness on the importance of coral reef conservation*
- *ICRI pin badges to be worn by the delegates from ICRI member country/organization*

b. What other new initiatives/programs/projects/progress, in particular since November 2010, has been made by your government/organization relative to i) Marine Protected Areas, Ramsar, World Heritage sites, and Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) sites designation containing coral reefs; ii) Policy changes; iii) Economic valuation of coral reef ecosystem services, etc., which you believe would be of general interest to other ICRI Members?

- *Ogasawara Islands were inscribed on the World Heritage list in June 2011.*
- *“Marine Park Zone” within the Iriomote-Ishigaki National Park is being enlarged.*

- c. Please list publications, reports you have been released since the last meeting.
 - *Status of coral Reefs in East Asian Seas Region: 2010*
- d. Please indicate upcoming coral reef-related meetings you will attend?
 - IUCN World Conservation Congress, 6-15 September 2012, Jeju. Are you planning to organize an event?
 - *Proposed a forum “Marine Protected Areas, Fisheries and Marine-based Ecotourism in Asia”*
 - *8th ICRI East Asia Regional Workshop is planned before or after the WCC (tbc)*