



Member Report

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INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF INITIATIVE (ICRI)

27th General Meeting

16-19 July 2012 – Cairns, Australia

Member’s report on activities to ICRI

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1. General Information (note that this information will be posted on the ICRI website in your member page: <http://www.icriforum.org/about-icri/members-networks>)

Are you an ICRI Member?	Yes
Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	United Nations Environment Programme – Caribbean Environment Programme (UNEP-CEP)
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For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan or similar? If so please provide URL:	
If you are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs, please indicate which ones:	

2. Updates on your activities (new initiatives/programs/projects of your government /organization which will be of interest to the ICRI Members). Examples include MPA declarations, World Heritage sites status, economic valuation of reefs, policy changes in relation to coral reefs etc.

a) MPAs strengthening, capacity building and networking through the Caribbean MPA Management and Forum (CaMPAM) and in support of the Caribbean Challenge declaration:

UNEP-CEP has been implementing a project with financial support from the Italian Government, to assist 8 Caribbean island countries to respond to their commitment to protect 20% of their coastline by the year 2020 in the form of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). The 3yr project to be completed by the end of 2012, has resulted so far in:

- More than 280 MPA managers and stakeholders trained across the 8 countries with trained managers responsible for more than 100,000 square kilometres of protected areas
- More than 50,000 square kilometres of protected areas with marine and coastal components designated since the start of the project

- 15 protected area management plans in the process of preparation, completed or enhanced
- Incorporated MPA practitioners of all countries into an Internet-based forum for promoting communication and information exchange
- Training courses in each of the islands on sustainable financing mechanisms for MPAs
- Two new countries (Grenada and The Bahamas) have signed and ratified the SPAW Protocol of the Cartagena Convention

In order to promote the Initiative and share best-practices broadly a booth with materials was showcased at Rio +20 in Brazil, 17-23 June 2012 in collaboration with GLISPA. The case study of Grenada is the highlight of the display utilising video¹ along with the MPA Director of Grenada.

- b) The listing of Protected Areas (PAs) under the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) Protocol is on-going by the Contracting Parties.** Several MPAs from SPAW Parties have been proposed for listing as per the established guidelines and criteria, and final adoption of the list is expected by SPAW Conference of the Parties (COP) in October 2012. A regional cooperation programme will be established to support those MPAs under the SPAW list.
- c) Towards a regional strategy for control of the lionfish invasion in the Caribbean.** A "Lionfish Collecting and Handling" Workshop was organized by Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) and the SPAW Regional Activity Centre (SPAW-RAC), 15-18 May 2012 in the Bahamas (Cape Eleuthera Institute, Eleuthera Island). This Workshop was the second of a series of three that will be held in the region and are funded partly by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant. The Bahamas workshop was attended by participants from a dozen Caribbean countries including the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, Barbados, Guadeloupe and Colombia.

The threat to marine resources by the lionfish invasion was highlighted at the recent Caribbean Fisheries Management Forum in Nassau, Bahamas, 26-28 March 2012.

The Regional Lionfish Committee has recently submitted a new project entitled "Elaboration of a Regional Response Plan for the Invasive Lionfish Control in the Wider Caribbean" to the Caribbean Coastal Communities Small Grants Program (CCCSGP). This project will be led by the National Commission of Protected Areas-México (CONANP) in partnership with the SPAW-RAC. The proposal include the convening of a writing workshop to develop a regional (Caribbean-wide) response plan or strategy, which will allow regional understanding of the problem, while generating the synergies needed to establish cooperation technical, scientific and legal among the affected countries.

- d) Management and Conservation of Reef Biodiversity and Reef Fisheries Pilot Project - as part of the full size project *GEF/UNDP/UNESCO – IOCARIBE : Sustainable Management of the Shared Living Marine Resources of the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem (CLME) and Adjacent Regions*** –under final stages of implementation to promote good governance and better practices for sustainable use of reef fisheries resources, in three large ecosystems:

Pedro Bank, Jamaica

Seaflower Biosphere Reserve, San Andres Archipelago, Colombia

Montecristi National Park in Dominican Republic and transboundary area with Haiti

¹ Rio +20 MPA Awareness Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDTV_PweVFY

Regional Exchange Experiences Workshop on Conservation, Fisheries Management Practices and MPA Implementation Strategies in the Caribbean, San Andres Island, Colombia, April 23-25, 2012.

The workshop 1) facilitated the exchange of lessons and information on MPA planning and management; and 2) promoted the collaboration among reef fisheries and conservation managers in the Caribbean. The topics of governance, enforcement and surveillance across borders and how to address the management of transboundary marine resources were also addressed.

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.

a. Management effectiveness

Are you engaged in an assessment of management effectiveness in your marine areas? NO

If so, the ICRI Secretariat invites members to provide a 5-minute presentation on a case study relative to assessing the management effectiveness of an MPA during the management effectiveness workshop that will be held on the Tuesday (17 July). The 5 minute presentation will provide an overview of:

- What kind of assessment was undertaken
- How the results of this assessment are being used.

The presentation can be illustrated with a PowerPoint presentation or not; if a PowerPoint is used than it should not exceed 5 slides.

Please indicate whether you would like to provide a presentation as described above:

NO

Is there any other aspect of management effectiveness you would like to share with ICRI members?

[\[Insert text here\]](#)

b. Community stewardship

Are there any activities or initiatives involving community engagement in coastal marine management that you are involved with?

SEE 2a above

4. Is there any other topic you would like to raise during the meeting?

YES NO

If yes, please indicate which topic and the reason why you would like to raise it:

[\[Insert text here\]](#)

5. Please list publications, reports you have been released since the last meeting.

Title (incl. author and date)	Type of publication (Paper, report etc.)

6. Please indicate upcoming coral reef-related meetings you will attend

- International Coral Reef Symposium, 9-13 July, Cairns, Australia NO
- IUCN World Conservation Congress, 6-15 September 2012, Jeju NO
- *Are you planning to organise a side event? Please indicate:*
[\[Insert text here\]](#)
- 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on Biological Diversity (COP-11), 8-19 October 2012, Hyderabad, India NO

Other: