



Member’s report on activities to ICRI

Presented by NEPA/JAMAICA

Reporting period January - July 2012

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):	Jamaica / National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA)
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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:	YES – draft under review
If you are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs, please indicate which ones:	NCA Node of GCRMN, Reef Check, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Caribbean Marine Atlas Project,

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.

[Draft National Policy and Guidelines on Over-water Structures](#)

[Declaration of nine new fish sanctuaries](#)

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? 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:

YES NO

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

Nil

b. Community stewardship

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

Activities geared towards strengthening Jamaica’s resilience and adaptation to climate change will be undertaken.

Sea Turtle Monitoring Programme

There are plans to implement a volunteer Sea Turtle Monitoring programme in an effort to monitor nesting activities and reconfirm the beaches being used for nesting activities island-wide. During the 2011 nesting season monitoring of four beaches were conducted by NGOs and private citizens; this is in addition to the index beaches currently being monitored by the National Environment and Planning Agency.

Coral Bleach Watch Programme

During 2011, a community Coral Bleach Watch Programme was launched with training provided to key players in the scientific and tourism community in an effort to obtain feedback on the proposed programme. In 2012 the programme will be established in at least two locations.

Action Plan for Corals and Reefs

Implementation of the Action plan by monitoring coral reefs sites island-wide. This will be conducted in conjunction with the volunteers from the Jamaica Coral Reef Monitoring Network (JCRMN).

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.)
NEPA, 2010	Report

Coral Reefs of Jamaica, Reef Status and Trends: 2009	
NEPA, 2011 Coral Reefs of Jamaica, Reef Status and Trends: 2010	Report
NEPA, 2012 Coral Reefs of Jamaica, An Evaluation of Ecosystem Health: 2011	Report

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

International Coral Reef Symposium, 9-13 July, Cairns, Australia

IUCN World Conservation Congress, 6-15 September 2012, Jeju

[A representative will be attending](#)

→ *Are you planning to organise a side event? Please indicate:*

11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on Biological Diversity (COP-11), 8-19 October 2012, Hyderabad, India [A representative will be attending](#)

Other: