



Member Report

ICRI GM 27 - MR/UK

INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF INITIATIVE (ICRI)
27th General Meeting
16 -19 June 2012 – Cairns, Australia

Member’s report on activities to ICRI

Presented by Jane Hawkridge

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):	UK
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Last meeting attended:	

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan or similar? If so please provide URL:	No
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.

South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands MPA

In February 2012 the Government of the UK Overseas Territory of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands declared a sustainable-use Marine Protected Areas (MPA) covering an area of over one million square kilometres, including over 20,000 square kilometres of no-fishing zones.

The sustainable-use MPA combines a range of no-fishing zones with areas where commercial fishing will continue to be allowed subject to some of the strictest regulations in the world. Bottom trawling is prohibited for the whole area and bottom long-line fishing is restricted to depths greater than 700 metres. These measures will provide protection for the sensitive biologically diverse seabed and support the protection of the fish stocks. Further scientific work is underway to identify whether additional protection measures should be incorporated into the MPA designation in the future.

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

The UK Government hopes to submit the following sites to the European Commission this year, all of which will either wholly or partly be designated for reef habitat:

Studland to Portland pSAC (lies off the south coast of England)
 Pisces Reef Complex pSAC (situated in the western Irish Sea)
 Wight Barfleur Reef pSAC (situated in the English Channel)
 Skerries and Causeway pSAC (situated on the north coast of Northern Ireland)
 The Maidens pSAC (situated north east of Larne, Northern Ireland)
 Hatton Bank pSAC (offshore waters adjacent to Scotland)
 Anton Dohrn Seamount pSAC (offshore waters adjacent to Scotland)
 East Rockall Bank pSAC (offshore waters adjacent to Scotland)
 Pobie Bank Reef pSAC (offshore waters adjacent to Scotland)
 Solan Bank Reef pSAC (offshore waters adjacent to Scotland)

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?

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

b. Community stewardship

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

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

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

YES NO

