



Member's report on activities related to ICRI

Reporting period October 2013 – September 2014

1. Updates on your activities.

Project 1

Cornerstone(s) implemented through the project	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrated Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building <input type="checkbox"/> Science & Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Assessment (Review)
Project Title	Control del Pez León y conservación de la vida marina en el Caribe Sur Costarricense, "Lionfish Control and marine life conservation in the Southern Caribbean of Costa Rica"
Location	Southern Caribbean of Costa Rica
Dates	2013-2014
Main Organizer(s)	Association of south Caribbean artisanal fishermen
Main Stakeholder(s)	GEF/SGP Programa Pequeñas Donaciones/Small Grants Program Ministry of environment and energy/ Trichechus Foundation
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	Reduce the population of lionfish individuals using capture techniques and local knowledge of fishermen, maintaining the integrity of coral reef ecosystems. Encouraging local lionfish intake both within the population and tourist shops for it to be sold as exotic dish, also sensitize the local community (people and businesses) about the threat of lionfish and as increased intake contributes to controlling population.
Outcome (Expected outcome)	Reduce the population of lionfish and impacts on marine ecosystems, by increasing the removal by our partners / as and the local intake as exotic dish.
Lessons learned	Strategic alliances and respecting local customs and knowledge of coastal residents, is an excellent way to achieve a common goal. Reduce the population of the exotic invasive fish species lion. Institutional support is essential to execute this project, but the birth of the proposal by the fishermen ensures the success and sustainability.
Related websites (English preferred)	https://www.facebook.com/AsociacionDePescadoresDelCaribeSur?fref=ts http://fundaciontrichechus.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=104:pez-leon&catid=96&Itemid=435 http://www.crhoy.com/proyectan-sumergir-200-nasas-en-dos-anos-para-capturar-al-pez-leon-en-el-caribe/

2. Contribution to the ICRI Plan of Action and GM.

a. Engaging other sectors

In January 2010, in recognition of the seriousness of the lionfish invasion and its impact on coral reefs and local communities, the 24th General Conference of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) agreed to establish an Ad Hoc Committee develop a strategic plan for the control of lionfish in the Wider Caribbean. The strategy outlined in this document is one of the measures taken by the committee called Regional Lionfish Committee (RLC).

Costa Rica, via Viceministry of Water and Mares, succeeds in cooperation with the Committee to turn facilitate collaboration among governments, businesses that depend on coral reefs, civil society and research centers, to provide mechanisms to coordinate their efforts across political and geographic boundaries.

For this reason in the first Workshop for the Development of the "National Strategy for the Control of Lionfish in the Caribbean of Costa Rica" is focused on working through intersectoral groups where officials of the National System of Conservation Areas involved, the biology school of Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR) headquarters Caribbean UCR, Universidad Estatal a Distancia, the National Training Institute, the National University, Costa Rican Institute of fisheries and aquaculture, the Costa Rican Tourism Institute, the Association of fishermen of the Southern Caribbean PPD, Tide program, the regional leadership of the Ministry of public Education, the College of Limon, the Ombudsman, Trichechus Foundation, tourist services, Talamanca Caribbean biological Corridor and Caribbean tourism observatory.

These working groups define local needs to control lionfish and strategies, actions and actors on the following topics are identified:

1. Collaboration
2. Research and Monitoring
3. Regulatory Framework
4. Control
5. Education and communication

The purpose of the Strategy is to facilitate collaboration by providing a framework for:

- i) To promote the implementation of actions on the ground, through regular exchange of experiences, protocols and tools;
- ii) To help reduce costs and avoid duplication of efforts through the development of regional programs with pooled resources;
- iii) Assign responsibilities to the various actors and sectors;
- iv) To guide researchers and donors by identifying projects with the highest priority;
- v) Ensure that activities are consistent and complementary at all levels and across all sectors.

Costa Rica currently has a national commission to control the lion fish, which coordinates the actions based on the National Workshop, with the different actors of academic sector, tourism sector, private sector, state institutions, coastal communities, fishermen, etc. Achieving implement very successful projects with the recognition of the Presidency of the Republic.

b. Reef zoning for multiple use

N/A

Location where a zoning plan has been implemented	
Year when the zoning plan was implemented	
Is the zoning plan accepted by the local community?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the zoning plan cause conflicts among stakeholders?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did the zoning plan resolve conflicts among stakeholders?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has there been effective enforcement for stakeholders to follow the zoning plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Overall, how would you rate the success of the zoning plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Very successful <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat successful <input type="checkbox"/> Not so successful <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuccessful

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3. Publications.

Title (incl. author and date)	Website URL if available	Type of publication (Paper, report, etc.)

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