



## [CRISP] Member's report on activities to ICRI

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Reporting period July 2008 – April 2009

*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 ICRI Forum 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

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	CRISP/Pacific regional programme
Focal Point 1:	Eric CLUA (Programme manager)
Focal point 2:	Bernard Salvat (scientific advisor)
Last meeting attended:	Fort Lauderdale – USA – July 2008
How do you circulate ICRI information with your country and/or organization?	Emails and CRISP Website
Budget allocated for coral reefs (please mention for year/period):	20 millions US\$ from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun 2005 to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2009

For countries only:

<b>National Action Plan / Initiative</b>	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	Not adapted
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	Not adapted
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs:	YES
If yes, please indicate which programmes/initiatives:	CRISP

- 2. Member contribution to the ICRI GM:** Your responses to the following questions will assist the Secretariat in assessing contributions towards the major themes of the Mexico-United States action plan. 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.

*NOTE: The Secretariat will compile Members' responses to the below questions into a general presentation to be given during the April GM. The Secretariat will also request specific Members to highlight certain initiatives, should additional information be of interest to the full ICRI membership. Please keep this in mind when filling out this report and place special emphasis on calling attention to new initiatives/programs/projects of your government/organization which will be of interest to the ICRI Members.*

- a. Please provide any lessons you have learned from your experiences of developing partnerships with the private sector that might be relevant to ICRI members?

The CRISP programme has been supporting the Postlarval Capture and Culture\* (PCC) for several years from the perspective of improving techniques on the field to increase the efficiency of captures. The programme has just entered in a second phase which addresses the issue of setting up economically viable operations based on the involvement of the private sector. The programme is co-funding joint-ventures between PCC companies and respectively aquarium product traders and high standard hotels or restaurants. These contracts are based on three potential use of the postlarvae which are:

- Supply of postlarvae of high value species for the International aquarium trade;
- Supply of PCC-based ecotourism integrated products for high standard hotels;
- Supply of high value products (raised postlarvae of manta shrimps) for gourmet restaurants.

(See attached short case study on Bora-Bora Eco Fish company activities)

- b. Are you aware of programmes or policies by your country/organization for implementing integrated ecosystem management from watershed to reef slope?

The CRISP has a specific component which addresses the issue of watershed management in link with coral reef management, based on activities in Vanuatu and Fiji. Two projects are currently implemented: the GERSA project and the GECO project:

- The GERSA Project focuses on the development of appropriate methodologies which enable to assess risks affecting coastal areas and coastal reef zones, by combining a spatial analysis of vulnerabilities and risks through remote sensing with a hydrologic analysis of watersheds and a socio-economic and customary analysis of social and cultural constraints.
- The general objectives of the GECO are to consolidate, validate, evaluate and apply GERSA scientific results on the field in order to reduce the impact of land erosion and ecological degradation on coral reefs through effective watershed and coastal management. The GECO will therefore provide the *applied research approach* expected in the CRISP ICM project, in tight relationship with the GERSA methodological developments. The project also aims at strengthening national skills and capacity in focal countries and territories.

(See attached document for more detailed informations)

- c. Are there any monitoring or research activities you are either involved in or aware of aimed at improving understanding of adaptive management of coral reefs and related ecosystems that may be of interest to ICRI members?

The CRISP just launched in March 2009 a project of economic analysis conducted in Vanuatu, aiming to prove the economical efficiency of Marine Managed Areas (MMAs) for the sustainable management of coral reefs and the contribution of MMAs to livelihood.

(See attached the executive summary of the TORs of the study)

- d. Please indicate the effects of the Live Reef Food Fish Trade on your government/organization. Are you aware of any programs/policies in place to address these impacts?

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (to which the Coordinating Unit of the CRISP programme belongs since April 2008) has edited and dispatched a 12 mn movie (French and English version) for calling the attention of Pacific decision-makers regarding the risks of overfishing generated by LRFT. This movie is called: "Live Reef Fish Trade: the Boom and

Bust syndrome". The CRISP programme (if the ICRI secretariat agrees) proposes to bring and offer to ICRI members 200 DVDs during the next ICRI meeting.

- e. What other new initiatives/programs/projects/progress, in particular since January 2008, has been made by your government/organization relative to Marine Protected Areas, Ramsar site designations containing coral reefs, integrated coastal zone management measures, policy changes influenced by economic valuation of coral reef ecosystem services, etc., which you believe would be of general interest to other ICRI Members?

Now available at [www.crisponline.net](http://www.crisponline.net) :

- CRISP mid-term review in english (150 pp)
- Proceedings of the CRISP-SPREP-IUCN workshop (Suva – Fiji – May 2008) on Economics of MPAs
- + tens of other documents

Available upon order at [crisp@spc.int](mailto:crisp@spc.int):

- Reefbase Pacific DVD – version 2

***For any of the above questions, please provide links to further information. As appropriate, the Secretariat will compile such information to make it accessible to all Members on the ICRI Forum.***

### **ICRI and Other Meetings**

Are your ICRI Focal Points considering attending any of the following meetings in 2009?

- IMCC, Washington DC: YES
- World Ocean Congress, Manado, Indonesia: NO