



Member's report on activities to ICRI

Presented by Tanzania

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 ICRIForum 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):	Tanzania
Focal Point 1:	
Focal point 2:	
Last meeting attended:	ICRI – Fort Lauderdale July 2008
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Using e-mail to National Coral Reef Task Force Members, Workshops and Seminars
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	None. Efforts are underway to formalise the National Coral Reef Task Force – in the Tanzania Government system. It will then receive government money.

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	NO – the need has been realised and efforts are underway to establish a National Coral Reef Management plan
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	YES
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs:	YES
If yes, please indicate which programmes/initiatives:	GEF-Coral Reef Targeted Research and Capacity Building Program (www.gef-coral.org), GCRMN, Nairobi Convention

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?

Private sector is more vocal and focused, hence can act as pressure group in countries where resources management by Government institution is lagging behind or inadequate – e.g. control of dynamite fishery in Tanzania.

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

No. most programmes or policies are sector-based. There are ideas about integration, but it has not reached practice stages. Most coral reef managers now acknowledge the fact that land based agriculture and other activities need to be considered as factors in coral reef management. Lack of qualitative and quantitative data has slowed the inclusion of such facts into coastal management policies and actions

- 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?

Community-based coral reef monitoring is conducted in seven out of fourteen coastal mainland districts. SCUBA-based coral reef monitoring programs is carried out by the Institute of Marine Sciences, Zanzibar. I have been involved in both monitoring programs. Furthermore, I have been involved in Crown-of-thorns-starfish removal programs, beach cleaning, as well as awareness workshops and seminars targeting local fishers, village leaders and the general public.

Examples could include any efforts through workshops, environmental education programs, beach and underwater clean ups, etc. with coastal/local communities to promote understanding and recognition of the environmental services coral reefs provide.

- 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?

We don't have such a program in Tanzania

- 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?

Tanzania has stepped up its fight against the use of destructive fishing practices such as dynamite and dragnets.