

Resolution on ITMEMS 4

*Adopted during the ICRI General Meeting (GM)
20-24 April 2009, Phuket (Thailand)*

The International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposia (ITMEMS) is a core activity of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) and has been convened by ICRI Secretariats in 1998, 2003 and 2006 with the involvement and participation of ICRI members.

ITMEMS strengthens the capacities of coastal and marine managers and their partners to conserve and promote the sustainable use of coral reefs and related ecosystems. It is specifically designed to achieve focused consideration of management issues and provide a forum for practical management, peer group interaction, professional development and consideration of the lessons of experience in management of coral reefs and related ecosystems.

As with previous ITMEMS, it is expected that the costs of organization and dissemination of the outcomes of ITMEMS-4 will be met largely through registration costs of participants and that costs of attendance and registration will be shared through a range of donor and program funding agencies, as appropriate.

There is a confirmed interest in holding an ITMEMS4, as both practitioners and managers have found previous ITMEMS to be important and effective for peer group information sharing, problem-solving and professional development.

The General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative:

Reaffirms ITMEMS as a core activity of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI),

Establishes an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the organization of ITMEMS-4 including *inter alia* content and themes, possible host and venue location, timing of the symposium, range of participants, budget and financing (See Annex 1),

Requests participation in the Ad Hoc Committee to consist of the immediate past and present ICRI Secretariat, ICRAN Coordinating Unit, and two ICRI Members.

Annex 1 – Terms of Reference for ITMEMS-4 Ad Hoc Committee

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As agreed at the April 2009 ICRI General Meeting, an **ITMEMS 4 Ad Hoc Committee** was formed. The outcomes of this group's activities (detailed below) will be finalized at the next ICRI GM. This Committee will be composed of the following members:

- Chair: ICRAN Coordinating Unit (Kristian Teleki)
- Representative from the Mexico-USA ICRI Secretariat
- Representative from the upcoming ICRI Secretariat
- Two members from the ICRI Membership
- A representative of the ITMEMS 4 host location.

The Ad Hoc Committee is tasked with the following activities:

- Identify potential locations and dates for convening ITMEMS 4.
- Identify main activities which require funding and provide an indicative budget for ITMEMS 4.
- Provide and propose an outline of the ITMEMS 4 programme with potential themes and content.
- Liaise with IMPAC organizing committee to identify gaps and synergies between these two meetings.