

Decision on Socio-economic Monitoring

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Background:

1. The GCRMN socioeconomic monitoring group have produced the 'Socioeconomic Manual for Coral Reef Management' (2000) by Leah Bunce et al. and SocMons ('Socio-economic Monitoring Guidelines for Coastal Managers ..') for the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and the Western Indian Ocean, with local language versions completed;
2. A socioeconomic database for data and information has been established on ReefBase, in parallel with ecological monitoring;
3. Thus all the necessary materials for substantial parallel monitoring of ecological and socioeconomic aspects of coral reefs are in place for effective support of coral reef management and conservation;
4. However, the extent of socioeconomic monitoring is far less than for ecological monitoring and there are very few data lodged on the ReefBase socioeconomic database.

Decision Requested from ICRI

ICRI Partners are requested to:

1. Provide advice on where socioeconomic monitoring of coral reefs has been conducted to the SocMon office and/or ReefBase.
2. Indicate where socioeconomic monitoring may be implemented, preferably in parallel with ecological monitoring; and
3. Include socioeconomic monitoring in parallel with existing ecological monitoring in all appropriate projects and activities on coral reefs.