



Member's report on activities to ICRI

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1. General Information

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA)
Focal Point 1:	Regional Coordinating Unit for East Asian Seas
Focal point 2:	
Last meeting attended:	The Third International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium, Cozumel, Mexico, 16-20 October 2006
How do you circulate ICRI information with your country and/or organization?	Through the National Focal Points of COBSEA
Budget allocated for coral reefs (please mention for year/period):	2006 – 2007

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef actions plan?	YES / NO
Date of publication:	
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative?	YES / NO
Relevance to regional program / initiative:	
How and where to obtain more information:	
Monitoring	
Is there a national monitoring programme for your country?	
Date of the last assessment?	
How and where to obtain more information:	
Marine Protected Areas	
How many MPA(s) with coral reefs?	
What is the percentage of coral reef MPA(s) to the (coastal zone / marine area)?	
Number of sites (with coral reefs) under the World Heritage Convention?	
Number of wetland sites (with coral reefs) under the Ramsar Convention?	
Number of Biosphere Reserves (with coral reefs) under UNESCO's MAB Programme?	

2. Report

A. Specific requests / questions for the next ICRI General Meeting

International Year of the Reef (IYOR) 2008

Do you have a committee/focal point for IYOR 2008? No.

If yes, contact information:

If available, brief description of what has been done so far:

If available, brief description of near future plans:

Relevance to mangrove ecosystems - Please give details of activities pertaining to mangroves, particularly where mangroves are associated with coral reefs.

GIS maps of mangrove forests on Phu Quoc islands of Viet Nam as part of the project *The Application of Remote Sensing and GIS for Mapping of Inland and Coastal Habitats in Phu Quoc Island and the Surrounding Waters*.

B. Summary of activities and pertinent points

1. Brief summary of major coral reef activities/projects:

Activity / Project Title	Location	Amount	duration	major activities	for more info (web site / email)
1.Green Fins Programme	Thailand & Philippines	20,000.00	2006-2007	Expansion, awareness raising and networking.	www.greenfins-thailand.org www.greenfinsphilippines.com
2.Green Fins workshop & launching	Phuket, Thailand involving all the COBSEA member countries	35,000.00	29-30 May 2007	Review the implementation, expand to other countries in the region and enhance networking	www.cobsea.org www.roap.unep.org
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2. Please list:

- Key activities of the member since last report relating to coral reefs and associated ecosystems

Completed

i. Application of Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques for Mapping of Coastal Ecosystems and the Establishment of GIS-Database for Coral Management in the Coastal Waters of Phu Quoc Island, Vietnam. The project involves map making to perfect the detected algorithms on coral reef, sea-grass bed, mangrove and Melaleuca forests, building GIS maps of their distribution and capacity building programme for Cambodian personnel in mapping and establishment of database.

ii. Implementation of activities to strengthen capacity of local communities in coral reef conservation in Vinh Hai and Thanh Hai communes, Ninh Thuan Province, Vietnam

entailing awareness building on coral protection, enhancing capacity of volunteer teams on effective patrolling and support for alternative livelihood to the local communities.

iii. A review of previous projects on coral reef management that had been carried out in the recent past five years was carried out. It was aimed at determining their strengths, weaknesses and how they can become self-sustaining when there is no more assistance. The review involved a desktop study, analysis, evaluations and culminated in the COBSEA Regional Workshop on Coordinating Coral Reef Monitoring and Management in the Seas of East Asia, in May 2006 in Pattaya, Thailand.

iv. Development of the publication "Case Studies on Coral Reef Monitoring and Management Projects, 2004-2005.

On-going

i. The Green Fins programme to expand the network of environmentally-friendly dive operators that is being implemented in Thailand and Philippines.

ii. The Green Fins Workshop and Launch on 29-30 May 2007. In relation to the workshop a slogans contest opened to residents of the 10 COBSEA member countries and a field trip for selected students and journalists to build awareness about the Green Fins programme.

iii. Development of a metadatabase of coral reef projects beginning with COBSEA implemented projects with the cooperation of the UNEP/GEF South China Sea project.

- Identify points of relevance to other ICRI members, or the secretariat (eg points of particular concern; questions to ask of ICRI; information requested; assistance sought; lessons learned
- Identify forthcoming activities that might be of interest to other members in terms of funding; partnership; uptake.