



## Member's report on activities to ICRI

Presented by France

Reporting period

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 report will be made available on the ICRIForum prior to the meeting, and a question and answer session held at the meeting. The ICRI secretariat is well aware of your busy schedule, thus don't hesitate to submit incomplete report.

### 1. General Information

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	FRANCE
Focal Point 1:	SALVAT Bernard
Focal point 2:	COLIN Pascal – THIRY Emmanuel
Last meeting attended:	Washington
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	French Coral reef Initiative IFRECOR Newsletter, meetings, website...
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	3 million US\$ per year without salaries

For countries only:

<b>National Action Plan / Initiative</b>	
Do you have a National Coral Reef actions plan?	YES
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	<a href="http://www.ecologie.gouv.fr">http://www.ecologie.gouv.fr</a> <a href="http://www.outre-mer.gouv.fr">http://www.outre-mer.gouv.fr</a>
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	YES IFRECOR since 2000
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs:	SPREP, CPC, COI, CARSPAW
If yes, please indicate which programmes/initiatives:	CRISP Coral Initiative Pacific 12 million euros (2006-2009)
<b>Marine Protected Areas</b>	
How many MPA(s) with coral reefs?	31
What is the percentage of coral reef MPA(s) to the (coastal zone / marine area)?	5 %
Please provide the appropriate contact name for MPA data holdings	<a href="http://www.ecologie.gouv.fr">http://www.ecologie.gouv.fr</a> <a href="http://www.outre-mer.gouv.fr">http://www.outre-mer.gouv.fr</a>
Details for contact (email/fax/telephone)	

**2. Member contribution to the ICRI GM:** Your responses to the following questions will contribute to ongoing ICRI activities. Due to heavy schedules of ICRI members, we have tried to keep the questions to a minimum and value any response you can provide.

### **Economic Valuation of coral reef ecosystems:**

- a. Do you have examples of where economic valuation of coral reefs is being applied in practice? (e.g. in consideration of coastal land use, coastal/marine spatial planning, for determining compensation);

Economic valuation of coral reefs areas and resources are on the present objective of the second phase of the National Coral Reef Programme of the French Coral Reef Initiative (IFRECOR). Overseas territories being studied on a first step are Martinique, New-Caledonia and French Polynesia.

- b. Do you have established methods for assessing these values? If so, please provide further information.

### **Sustainable Tourism:**

- a. With respect to coral reefs, what does sustainable tourism mean to you?
  
- b. What are the key challenges you face to achieving sustainable tourism?

#### **A. Summary of IYOR 2008 Activities:**

- Please tell us, briefly, about your activities for IYOR.
  
- Briefly tell us about your activities for IYOR 2008. Information provided will contribute to the discussion during the IYOR 2008 Session on Friday, January 25, 2008.
  
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Numerous exhibit and conferences in Paris, well known aquarium in France (Océanopolis Brest 2008 –end 2009 , Porte Dorée in Paris) 3 July-20 September) and many French cities. Same in each of the 8 french overseas territories with coral reefs : Martinique, Guadeloupe, Réunion, Mayotte, Nouvelle-Calédonie, Wallis et Futuna, Polynésie française.

Edition of a 12 posters exhibit on ICRI, IFRECOR, IYOR and the 8 French overseas territories coral reefs – and- of a cartoon (50 pages), scientific and education on coral reefs system and problems.

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#### **B. Emerging Issues**

- Please identify any emerging issues that you feel should be taken up by ICRI.

More implication at the political level (countries) related to mangroves and coral reefs

General report on coral reefs considerations included in the Agenda of international convention s, NGO and GO councils meetings with results.

Try to promote the launching of regional programmes with partners instead of a programme decided and launch by a partner looking after that for cooperation by others.

### C. ICRI and Other Meetings

Are your ICRI Focal Points considering attending any of the following meetings in 2008?

- IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, October YES
- Ramsar COP 9, South Korea, October/November YES

International conference "European Union and islands" (strategy for climate change and biodiversity fall) with EU and UICN Réunion 8-11 July 2008 Other

Other (please specify):

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#### 1. IFRECOR

The French Coral Reef Initiative under the auspices of the Ministry for Ecology, Energy and Sustainable Management and Development and the Ministry for Overseas Territories launched its second national programme 2006-2010 focusing on a) knowledge and monitoring on coral reefs (participation to GCRMN and Reef Check) b) socio economic valuation of coral reefs c) climatic change and coral reefs d) increase public awareness and education e) re-enforcement of coral reef protected areas f) status on mangroves and uses. Last IFRECOR Council met was in Guadeloupe 21-24 April 2008. IFRECOR activities are undertaken by local committees in Martinique, Guadeloupe, Réunion, Mayotte, Iles Éparses, Nouvelle-Calédonie, Wallis et Futuna, Polynésie française. Information on IFRECOR activities are reported on web sites : <[www.ecologie.gouv.fr](http://www.ecologie.gouv.fr)> or <[www.outre-mer.gouv.fr](http://www.outre-mer.gouv.fr)> ( A newsletter is edited twice a year, next to be published January 2008

#### 2. FFEM :

**Fond Français pour l'Environnement Mondial, French Global Environment Facility.** The FFEM is involved in many coral reef programmes over the 3 oceans with contributions to governments, inter-governmental or regional organisations or local NGOs such as WWF or Conservation International : Eastern Caribbean, Meso America (Guatemala, Honduras), Indian ocean insular countries, Mozambique, Tanzania, Thailand (Andaman islands), South Pacific CRISP programme. All these programmes (3 to 5 years long) include coral reefs management and the protection of biodiversity.

#### 3. CRISP

A special report concerns the development of the CRISP programme (Initiative française pour les récifs dans le Pacifique)

#### 4. World Heritage Convention, UNESCO and New Caledonian reefs and lagoons.

At the end of January 2007, the proposal to protect reefs and lagoons in New Caledonia under the WHC has been sent by France to UNESCO. This proposal has been prepared by New Caledonian authorities who have environmental competences. The proposal concerns 6 zones covering 50 % of the total coral reef and associated ecosystems of New-Caledonia. IUCN and UNESCO expertise are going on. A decision is awaited on July 2008 (Quebec meeting)

#### 5. COREMO : The COREMO III base for monitoring data, issued from La Réunion and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), was finalized and sent to the World Fish Center

(WFC) and GCRMN. COREMO will be operational in a few months from the WFC. France to organize training workshop in the Indian Ocean (cooperation with IOC) and the Pacific (cooperation with CRISP).

6. **Status of French Coral reefs and Monitoring results.**

A 200 pages volume has been edited April 2008 on the status of French Coral Reefs in the 8 French Overseas territories with results of monitoring programmes (some on 3 decades). A synthesis of national French overseas coral reefs status is in French, English and Spanish in the volume. English summaries along with English captions of figures, tables and graphs are provided in each article The volume is available at the Fort Lauderdale ICRS meeting July 2008 and at the 2008 ICRI GA FLORIDA meeting

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