Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group for the Fourth International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium (ITMEMS4)

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Summary

Event: ITMEMS 4
Host: France
Place: Guadeloupe
Date: Q4 2011 (TBC)
Feedback from Ad Hoc Committee

• ITMEMS has a vital role as the principle vehicle for managers to relate realities of challenges they face;

• Need better engagement of young leaders, management staff engaged in grassroots activities, and individuals responsible for resource management;

• Registration and travel costs may be prohibitive to this target audience;

• Participatory development of the agenda to ensure targeted and practical support relevant to needs and priorities;
Feedback from Ad Hoc Committee

- Technical programme of ITMEMS4 should enable effective technical and experiential exchanges between peers;
- Interest in an innovative programme of mentoring to strengthen the formal and informal partnerships seeded by ITMEMS;
- Outputs-orientated programme of practical and tailored learning opportunities to give participants the information, tools and skills to respond to their priority management issues.
Goal

The overall goal of the meeting is consistent with previous ITMEMS to:

‘strengthen the capacities of managers to innovate and address management challenges in the local context’.
Themes

• Behaviour change and communication
• Ecosystems based management
• Science into Action
• Conservation Financing
Key activities

- The preparation, presentation and discussion of multi-media ‘management case studies’
- Mentoring and professional development workshops
- Technical Lecture Series
- Technical ‘Surgery’ Sessions
- Practical management
- Facilitated Networking
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**Opening ceremony**

**ICRI High level event**

**Delivery of 5 witness statements with facilitated discussion in 3 groups**

**Field Trip and Practical Exchange**

**Participants will visit a local MPA or field project site[s] facing management challenges highlighted in eye witness statements to gain practical understanding of how these are being addressed.**

*DIVING and NON DIVING options may be made available depending on location and logistics*

**Lunch and networking**

**Surgery Sessions**

**Feedback and solutions**

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**Welcome reception**

**Technological Lecture Series**

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**Locally Hosted Event**

**National dress**

**Conference Party**
Participants

• ITMEMS4 will convene ~110 participants
• Target audience: Marine and Coastal Managers and young leaders (~70)
• Supported by scientists and multi-disciplinary specialists and mentors
• Participation on invitation basis to ensure access to target constituency
• A registration fee will not be applied to ITMEMS4
Fundraising

Financial and in-kind resources to hold ITMEMS4 need to be mobilised

- Draft budget submitted in January 2010 will be reviewed and finalised in consultation with local hosting institution;
- So far, funding commitments generously provided by:
  - France
  - USDOS
  - Buccoo Reef Trust
  - NOAA
- Target: ~US$ 130,000 to raise
Further Actions

To aid planning, the Ad Hoc Committee respectfully requests:

- Confirmation of the local hosting institution or agency with which the planning Committee should liaise to resolve local planning arrangements;
- Confirmation of the final date for the ITMEMS4;
- Nomination by ICRI members of managers and young leaders from your organisations who might benefit from ITMEMS4;
- Consideration by ICRI members of funding that may be provided to support travel and participation costs of managers and young leaders from your countries or regions;
- Support for the generation of multi-media management case studies.
Feedback welcome
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THANK YOU!
Expected Outputs

- Clear communication of management challenges and problems by managers
- Increased exposure of managers to shared challenges at a range of scales and local contexts
- Practical tailored suggestions of appropriate management responses, tools, systems and resources for responding to challenges
- Training and capacity development based on managers’ priorities and needs
- Enhanced skill sets and technical capacity
- Strengthened dialogue and interaction between science and management communities
- An active professional ‘managers’ network
- Donors and agencies have greater understanding of management challenges in different local contexts, and update project support processes
- Strengthened linkages between ITMEMS, ICRS and international processes