



## Member’s report on activities to ICRI

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- 1. General Information** (note that this information will be post on the ICRIForum in your member page: <http://www.icriforum.org/about-icri/members-networks>)

Are you an ICRI Member?	Yes
Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	UNEP-WCMC
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How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	

- 2. Updates on your activities** (new initiatives/programs/projects of your government /organization which will be of interest to the ICRI Members)

UNEP-WCMC and partners are initiating a process to develop minimum standards for coral reef baseline data, to support monitoring and assessment at local scales that can be interoperable with global datasets and assessments. Establishing these minimum standards includes defining core attributes – attributes that are fundamental to most users of this dataset and that are deemed essential for every data point measured. To gain an understanding of what these core attributes should be, a necessary first step is to review and standardise the attributes currently stored in the global coral reef data layer that is hosted by UNEP-WCMC, compiled from multiple sources, including the Millennium Coral Mapping Project. The attributes are therefore not currently consistent across the dataset. Expert knowledge is requested to organise the current attributes into a consistent classification, and ICRI members are invited to participate in this process. The timeline is to complete it by Jan 31 2012.

- 3. Contribution to the ICRI GM:** Your responses to the following questions will assist the Secretariat in assessing contributions towards the major themes of the current ICRI action plan and objectives of the general meeting. Due to the heavy schedules of ICRI members, we have tried to keep the questions to a minimum and value any response you can provide.

- Is there any topic you would like to raise during the meeting?

Topic

## Global coral reef data – definition of core attributes for monitoring and assessment and standardization of current attributes

### Establishing core attributes:

- What is this layer being used for?
- What will the users will require from it in the future?
- Draft list of essential measurable data parameters
- Draft list of essential metadata

### Standardizing current attributes

- Grouping the existing attributes into classes in a version that is standardized across all regions.