



Member's report on activities to ICRI

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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 will be held at the meeting. The ICRI Secretariat is well aware of your busy schedule, therefore please complete the report to the best of your ability.

1. General Information

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	Kenya
Focal Point 1:	Nyawira Muthiga
Focal point 2:	
Last meeting attended:	General meeting cozumel Mexico
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Mainly by email occasionally by post
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	Amount difficult to calculate since there are so many stakeholders carrying out reef related activities

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	Not yet
Is this plan publicly available? If so, please provide location:	
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	Yes recently constituted
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relevant to coral reefs:	Yes
If yes, please indicate which programs/initiatives:	EACRTF, research programs funded by WIOMSA, programs conducted by WCS, CORDIO and IUCN
Marine Protected Areas	
How many MPA(s) with coral reefs?	6
What is the percentage of coral reef MPA(s) to the (coastal zone / marine area)?	~ 9%
Please provide the appropriate contact name for MPA data holdings	Kenya Wildlife Service Coast regional office
Details for contact (email/fax/telephone)	kwscoast@africaonline.co.ke

2. Member contribution to the ICRI GM: Your responses to the following questions will contribute to the background material provided for the next ICRI General Meeting in

Washington, DC. Due to heavy schedules of ICRI members, we have tried to keep the questions to a minimum and value any response you can provide.

A. Questions to inform the break-out discussion groups

Session 1: Economic Valuation of coral reef ecosystems

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

No

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

No

Session 2: Designing the ICRI Regional Workshop on Sustainable Tourism (to be held in July 2008 directly following ICRS-11)

- a. With respect to coral reefs, what does sustainable tourism mean to you?

Regulation of tourism activities to minimize and reduce impacts on coral reefs in the long term including management of solid and liquid waste, fishing activities, marine curio trade, water sport activities etc

- b. What are the key challenges you face to achieving sustainable tourism?

- Importance of tourism to national economy leading to rapid, unplanned development of mass tourism
- Lack of understanding of impacts of tourism activities on reefs
- Overlapping mandates of management institutions
- Lack of enforcement of laws and regulations controlling tourism related activities

B. Summary of IYOR 2008 Activities

- 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.
- A national committee has been formed chaired by KWS includes many different stakeholders, several activities are planned including
 1. Coral reef walks
 2. Production of awareness materials
 3. IYOR theme for the Marine environment day, Coastal Clean-up, World wetlands days
 4. National Coral Reef Action Plan workshop
 5. Coral reef research workshop
 6. Dive school activities
 7. Stamp
 8. Community and school coral reef awareness programs

C. Emerging Issues

- Please identify any emerging issues relevant to coral reef ecosystems that you believe ICRI should consider.

D. ICRI and Other Meetings

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

- 2008 Ocean Sciences Meeting, Florida, 2-7 March
- CBD COP 9, Bonn, 19-30 May
- UNICPOLOS 9, New York, June 2008
- ICRS 11, Fort Lauderdale, 7-11 July ✓
- IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, 5-16 October
- Ramsar COP 9, South Korea, 29 October - 4 November
- Other (please specify):
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