



**ICRI GM 26, December 13th 2011
La Réunion, St-Denis**

**Indian Ocean Day
Agenda**

In an effort to improve regional cooperation and enhance the regional focus of ICRI's work, a full day of the ICRI General Meeting will be devoted to issues in the Indian Ocean Region.

Outputs from the day

Production of an ICRI recommendation about the region in order to raise awareness on the health of coral reefs in the region and the challenges faced by both governments and regional organizations in their management and conservation programmes for coral reefs. The recommendation will provide an overall overview on the status of coral reefs in the region, the challenges it faces to ensure its sustainability and life.

9:00 / 10:30 -- Coral Reefs and the Indian Ocean

- The evolutionary history of Indian Ocean reefs – a unique region (20 minutes)
David Obura, CORDIO
- Recent, ongoing and future projects and major stakeholders of the region
 - Indian Ocean Commission marine-related work programme activities
Jean-Paul Gaudechoux, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) (15 minutes)
 - Marine prioritisation process leading to the regional strategy for the conservation of marine ecosystems and fisheries, WIOMER (10 minutes)
Remi Ratsimbazafy, WWF
 - The Western Indian Ocean Coastal Challenge (WIO-CC) (10 minutes)
Nimhan Senaratne, Ministry of Home Affairs, Environment, Transport and Energy, Seychelles
 - The Regional Coral Reef Task Force and the Regional Coral Reef Action Plan (15 minutes)
Nyawira Muthiga (WCS)
 - Discussion on the links between all these initiatives



11:00 / 14:00 -- The monitoring of the Coral Reef in the region

Aim of the session: Share the status and activities related to coral reef monitoring in the region, the link to the GCRMN regional node, and discuss on how to integrate GCRMN activities into these activities to enhance the coordination on monitoring activities in the region.

Chair: Jerker Tamelander, UNEP-Coral Reef Unit

- **Background of GCRMN in the region and Clarification of current node and country coordinators (15 minutes)**
Jerker Tamelander, UNEP-CRU
- **Country report (5/7 minutes/country)**
Note: a template will be sent to the presenters (the template is available at the end of this document)
 - Comores, Ahamed Soifa
 - France, Jean-Pascal Quod
 - Kenya, Judith Nyunja
 - Madagascar, Jean Maharavo
 - Rodrigues, Jovani Raffin
 - Maldives, Abdulla Naseer
 - Seychelles, Rodney Quatre
 - South Africa, Michael Schleyer
 - Tanzania, Rose Sallema
- **Existing regional coordination mechanisms**
 - Coral Reef Monitoring Network developed by the IOC – (10 minutes)
Said Ahamada, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
 - The CoReMo project (Coral Reef Monitoring) (10 minutes)
Jean-Pascal Quod

Discussion: role of Node and National coordinators and enhancement of their recognition at country level, and future actions of GCRMN East Africa. The implication of civil society stakeholders could be also discussed.

14:30 / 17:00 -- Management and conservation of coral reefs in the Indian Ocean in the light of climate change



Chair: Nyawira Muthiga, Director Kenya Marine Program, Wildlife Conservation Society

Presentation of the Coral Reefs and Climate Change in the Western Indian Ocean, and the coral reef climate strategy (including outputs and recommendations of the April Workshop)

- The process of IFRECOR The network of observatories of climate change for overseas communities (15 minutes)
Michel Porcher, IFRECOR
- Climate Change and Coral Reefs Marine Working Group (CCCR) – summary of datasets from the Indian Ocean (15 minutes)
David Obura, CORDIO
- Management and conservation of coral reefs from climate change: experience of Madagascar (15 minutes)
Ambroise Brenier, WCS

17:00 / 18:00 -- Special session on the UNESCO World Heritage Marine Programme

- **Marine World Heritage: A regional comparative assessment of new potential sites in the Indian Ocean**
Fanny Douvere, Coordinator
World Heritage Marine Programme