

**Thailand's report on activities to ICRI****Reporting period November 2010 – December 2011**

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 reports will be made available on the ICRIForum prior to the meeting. The ICRI secretariat is well aware of your busy schedule, thus don't hesitate to submit an incomplete report.

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):	Thailand/ Department
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Last meeting attended:	ICRI GM Monaco
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Official document to governmental organizations
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	YES
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	No
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	YES
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs:	YES
If yes, please indicate which programmes/initiatives:	IOC-WESTPAC, WESTPAC-CoReCAP, UNEP/GEF SCS Project, Thai-German Cooperation for Andaman Sea Research, FIO-PMBC Joint Project

2. **Updates on your activities** (new initiatives/programs/projects of your government /organization which will be of interest to the ICRI Members)
Marine and Coastal Resources management in Response with Climate Change
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.

- a. **During the meeting, a full day will focus on the Indian Ocean region.** If you have any question about the region, ongoing projects in the region... please let us know.

Coral reefs in Thailand faced the severe bleaching during mid 2010. Mortality of corals are very high and wide spread. The Department of Marine and Coastal Resources / Department of National Park Wild life and Plants / Universities get together to draw out the research and management plans (short and long term) to decrease the additional impact and accelerate recovery.

- b. What other new initiatives/programs/projects/progress, in particular since November 2010, has been made by your government/organization relative to i) Marine Protected Areas, Ramsar, World Heritage sites, and Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) sites designation containing coral reefs; ii) Policy changes; iii) Economic valuation of coral reef ecosystem services, etc., which you believe would be of general interest to other ICRI Members?

A team from Prince of Songkla University (southern Thailand) has made an effort to draw out the document with research information to raise the marine and coastal resources along the Andaman Sea, Thailand, as the Andaman Bioregion World Heritage.

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

Coral reef bleaching 2010 in the Andaman Sea and Gulf of Thailand.

- d. Please list publications, reports you have been released since the last meeting.

Impact of coral reef bleaching 2010 in Thailand, and management to mitigate the impact.

- e. Please indicate upcoming coral reef-related meetings you will attend?
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