

# 7<sup>TH</sup> ICRI EAST ASIA REGIONAL WORKSHOP REPORT

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# STATUS IN ICRI



## Ad Hoc Committee

(2008-2009)

## Regional Initiative (MPA focus)

- Development of the Regional Strategy (2008-2010)
- Follow-up (2011-2012)

## Long term regional mechanism?

- 2013 –
- Variety of focus

# EAST ASIA

- Highest marine biodiversity (i.e., Coral Triangle)
- High geographical and social diversity
- High population pressure and dependence on marine resources
- Lack of overarching and/or strong regional coordinating mechanism



# ICRI EAST ASIA REGIONAL INITIATIVE ON MPA NETWORKS 2008-2010

## Rationale

- Limited collaboration and coordination among ICRI partners and continuity of ICRI policies in the region
- Revitalize ICRI's regional approach
- Immediate needs and common interests on MPA network development (ie, WSSD/CBD 2012 target, 10% target)

## Objectives

- Support country's efforts and enhance mutual collaboration toward achieving the MPA global targets on coral reefs and related ecosystems in East Asia

# ICRI EAST ASIA REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

## 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop, 2008 (Tokyo, Japan)

- Sharing of status and challenges on MPA networks
- Developed the Provisional Plan 2009-2010

## 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop, 2009 (Hoi An, Vietnam)

- Vietnam session
- Further discussed and prioritized activities in the Provisional Plan

## 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop, 2010 (Phuket, Thailand)

- Thailand session



# THE REGIONAL STRATEGY

## Objective 1

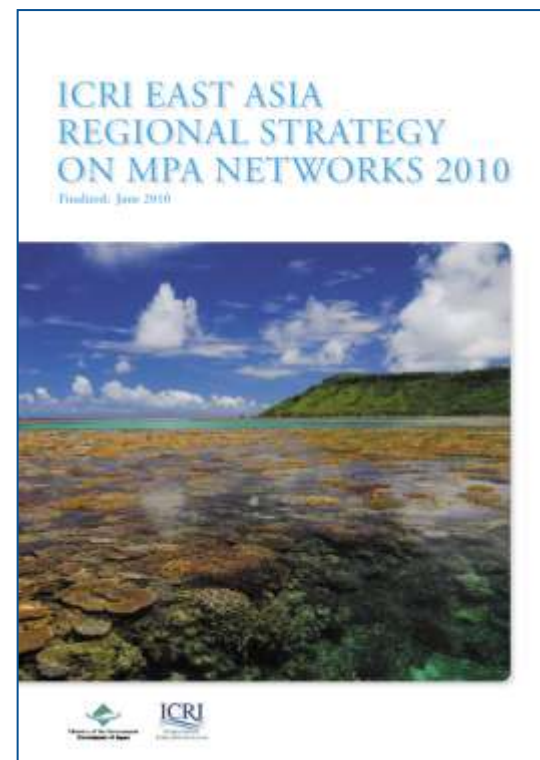
- Develop a **regional mechanism** for cooperation, information sharing and coordination

## Objective 2

- Conduct tangible **follow-ups** on the ongoing activities under Provisional Plan 2009-2010

## Objective 3

- Reflect identified recommendations on MPA networks to regional and national policies
- Develop a **regional guideline**



# FOLLOW-UP PHASE (2011-2012)

## Status and gaps

- Many of the suggested actions in the Regional Strategy remained to be unaddressed
- Some of the fundamental questions such as the role and direction of ICRI in the region were not addressed

## Opportunities

- At the 2010 workshop participants agreed to continue organizing the workshops at least until 2012 to follow-up the implementation of the Regional Strategy with a focus on MPA networks
- Cambodia offered to host the 2011 workshop

# 7<sup>th</sup> ICRI East Asia Regional Workshop

## Time/Location

9-13<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Siem Reap, Cambodia

## Co-hosts

- Fisheries Administration, Cambodia
- Ministry of the Environment, Japan
- ICRI Secretariat

## Co-chairs

- Mr. Yoshihiro Natori
- Dr. Vo Si Tuan





# WORKSHOP ARRANGEMENT

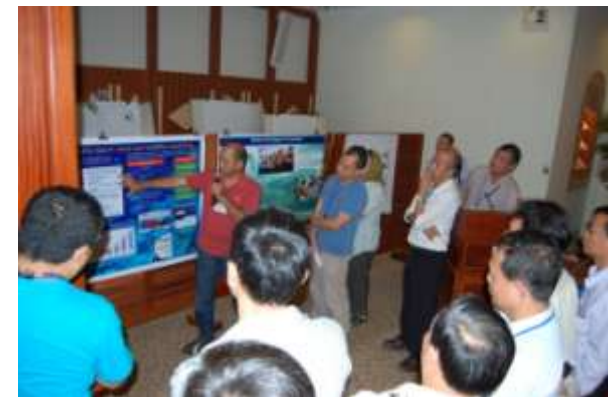
## Representation

- Full participation from ICRI member countries (7) and GCRMN Node and National Coordinators (13) in East Asia
- 51 participants (37 international and 14 local)

## Agenda

DAYS	MAIN AGENDA
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Coral Reefs and MPAs in Cambodia</li><li>■ ICRI Member Country Reports</li></ul>
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Follow-up of MPA Actions in the Regional Strategy</li></ul>
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ GCRMN East Asia Network</li></ul>
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ ICRI Regional Mechanism for East Asia</li><li>■ Summary</li></ul>

# SOME PHOTOS....



# FOLLOW-UPS ON MPA ACTIONS

## REGIONAL MPA DATABASE

- Database completed and made available on ReefBase



## REGIONAL MPA GAP ANALYSIS

- No progress

<http://mpa.reefbase.org/>

## CORAL REEF HABITAT MAPPING

- Habitat maps using satellite images completed and made available on the website



## MPA MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS

- Draft report and EXCEL model submitted

[http://coralmap.coremoc.go.jp/sangomap\\_eng/](http://coralmap.coremoc.go.jp/sangomap_eng/)

# GCRMN EAST ASIA NETWORK

## Objectives

- Share the status and activities of GCRMN East Asia network
- Discuss how to integrate GCRMN activities into the ICRI regional mechanism
- Discuss how to enhance coordination of coral reef monitoring and conservation activities in the region

## Summary of Discussion (outcome)

- Compiled to serve as the basis for further discussion between GCRMN Management Group and Node and National Coordinators in East Asia
- It contained the recommendations to the ICRI East Asia Regional Mechanism and the GCRMN Global

# ICRI'S ROLE AND DIRECTION IN EAST ASIA

## Recognitions

- ICRI East Asia could fill the gaps on the lack of overarching coordination and coral reef initiatives in the region
- ICRI's unique and informal nature fits the regional needs

## Recommendations

- Seek for own strategy and framework that best fits the region
- Utilize existing networks (e.g., GCRMN)
- Increase linkage to the global process and other regional mechanisms

# REGIONAL MECHANISM

## **Sustainable regional workshops**

- Increase responsibilities of participating countries
- Create cost effective meeting opportunities
- Identify incentives for participation (worth self-funding)

## **Mechanism for communication and networking**

- Utilization of existing GCRMN regional network  
(need to respect their original role and avoid overload)

## **Regional Secretariat**

- Introduction of the rotating system similar to the global Secretariat

# NEXT REGIONAL WORKSHOP

## Candidate location

- Korea (Potential opportunity: IUCN World Conservation Congress, Jeju, Korea, September 2012)

## Potential agenda

- Korean corals and MPAs
- Continued discussion on:
  - ▣ Regional coordinating mechanism
  - ▣ GCRMN network
  - ▣ Regional workshop
- Follow-up of actions and recommendations
- Other ?

# CONSIDERATIONS

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## Next steps

- Key findings and recommendations will be further considered for implementation and/or further discussed at the next workshop

## Positive aspects

- Enhanced understanding of ICRI and GCRMN
- More active discussions and engagements

## Challenges

- Lack of concrete outputs and limited support for activities and production of materials
- Difficulty in finding common interests and coordination among diverse countries and partners

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