



Member Report

ICRI GM 27 - MR/JAPAN

INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF INITIATIVE (ICRI)
27th General Meeting
16 -19 June 2012 – Cairns, Australia

Member’s report on activities to ICRI

Presented by JAPAN

Reporting period January - July 2012

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

Are you an ICRI Member?	Yes
Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	Country
Focal Point 1:	
<i>Name:</i>	Naoki AMAKO
<i>Organization:</i>	Ministry of the Environment (MoE), Japan
<i>Email:</i>	NAOKI_AMAKO@env.go.jp
Focal point 2:	
<i>Name:</i>	Kohei HIBINO
<i>Organization:</i>	Center for Regional Sustainability Initiatives (CRESI), Akita International University
<i>Email:</i>	k-hibino@aiu.ac.jp
Last meeting attended:	GM 26 (La Réunion)

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan or similar? If so please provide URL:	Yes http://www.env.go.jp/nature/biodic/coralreefs/pamph/pamph_full-en.pdf
If you are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs, please indicate which ones:	Yes ICRI East Asia Initiative on MPA networks

2. Updates on your activities (new initiatives/programs/projects of your government /organization which will be of interest to the ICRI Members). Examples include MPA declarations, World Heritage sites status, economic valuation of reefs, policy changes in relation to coral reefs etc.

[Two National Parks, covering coral habitats, were enlarged in March 2012.](#)

[Identification of important marine areas within the areas under the jurisdiction of Japan is under way, using the CBD EBSA criteria \(to be concluded in 2013\).](#)

[The National Biodiversity Strategy is currently under revision, and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including the Target #10 \(minimizing anthropogenic pressures on coral reefs\), will be addressed with the corresponding national targets.](#)

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.

a. Management effectiveness

Are you engaged in an assessment of management effectiveness in your marine areas? If so, the ICRI Secretariat invites members to provide a 5-minute presentation on a case study relative to

assessing the management effectiveness of an MPA during the management effectiveness workshop that will be held on the Tuesday (17 July). The 5 minute presentation will provide an overview of:

- What kind of assessment was undertaken
- How the results of this assessment are being used.

The presentation can be illustrated with a PowerPoint presentation or not; if a PowerPoint is used than it should not exceed 5 slides.

Please indicate whether you would like to provide a presentation as described above:

YES NO

Is there any other aspect of management effectiveness you would like to share with ICRI members?

Management effectiveness is not assessed in Japan, but the implementation of the Action Plan is reviewed yearly.

Under the framework of the ICRI East Asia Initiative on MPA Networks, a working group has produced a draft report on actions for East Asia MPA management effectiveness.

(http://earw.icriforum.org/PDF2011/6-4.Draft_MPA_ME_Report.doc)

(http://earw.icriforum.org/PDF2011/6-4.Draft_MPA_ME_model.xls)

b. Community stewardship

Are there any activities or initiatives involving community engagement in coastal marine management that you are involved with?

Some local fishery cooperatives are involved in removal of crown-of-thorns starfish through the project of the Ministry of the Environment.

4. Is there any other topic you would like to raise during the meeting?

YES NO

If yes, please indicate which topic and the reason why you would like to raise it:

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

Title (incl. author and date)	Type of publication (Paper, report etc.)
Ministry of the Environment. (2012). <i>Report of the entrusted work on implementation of the action plan to conserve coral reef ecosystems in Japan.</i> (in Japanese only)	Government report
Ministry of the Environment (2012) <i>Report of the work on the promotion of the important coral reef networks in Asia-Oceania.</i> (in Japanese only)	Government report
Ministry of the Environment (2012) <i>Report of the work on identification of important marine areas and promotion of MPA networks.</i> (in Japanese only)	Government report
Ministry of the Environment. (published in Japanese in 2011, English translation in 2012). <i>Marine Biodiversity Conservation Strategy.</i> (http://www.env.go.jp/nature/biodic/kaiyo-hozen/other/pdf.html)	Government document

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

International Coral Reef Symposium, 9-13 July, Cairns, Australia

By proxy

IUCN World Conservation Congress, 6-15 September 2012, Jeju

→ *Are you planning to organise a side event? Please indicate:*
 Ministry of the Environment is supporting the Forum 758 “Sustainable marine and coastal resource management in the Asia-Pacific in the context of international conservation targets” which is co-organized by the United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies and others.

11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on Biological Diversity (COP-11), 8-19 October 2012, Hyderabad, India

Other: