

Member's Report

ICRI GM 29 - FoProBiM (Haiti)

INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF INITIATIVE (ICRI) 29th General Meeting 20-23 October 2014 – Okinawa, Japan

Member's report on activities related to ICRI

Reporting period October 2013 - September 2014

1. Updates on your activities.

Project 1

Cornerstone(s) implemented through the project	Check all that apply: ☑ Integrated Management ☑ Capacity Building ☑ Science & Monitoring ☐ Periodic Assessment (Review)	
Project Title	Development of Haiti's system of MPAs	
Location	SE and NW Haiti	
Dates	2013 - ongoing	
Main Organizer(s)	Ministry of Environment, CIAT, FoProBiM, CEPF, Whitley Fund for Nature	
Main Stakeholder(s)	Fishers, farmers, women's groups, charcoal producers, salt producers, youth groups, public sector, private sector	
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	This project has provided the basis for the development of Haiti's first two MPAs with an outlook towards the creation of at least seven more. It is working with and developing capacity with as many different types of stakeholders as possible and attempting to integrate their needs and concerns into the decision-making process for management of these areas while initiating scientific assessments and establishing long-term monitoring activities.	
Outcome (Expected outcome)	Integrated marine protected area management with as many sectors as possible involved in related activities.	
Lessons learned	Haiti is still very far behind other nations in terms of being able to manage any of its natural resources. One of the issues is the difficulty in developing a mentality of "collective effort" in protecting and sustainably using resources. There remains in most Haitian communities a lack of willingness within and among the members to exchange information. There is a hope on the part of those who were first contacted that any windfall will come to them first, and that by distributing information about a project, and having others involved, may "dilute" their own benefits. Keeping information and knowledge for oneself has become a major cultural hindrance. Information is power, or in these cases, money.	
Related websites (English preferred)	www.foprobim.org	

Project 2

Cornerstone(s)	Check all that apply:		
implemented through	☐ Integrated Management ☐ Capacity Building		
the project	☐ Science & Monitoring ☐ Periodic Assessment (Review)		
Project Title	Coral Gardens Initiative – Haiti		
Location	Arcadins Coast and Caracol Bay		
Dates	2012-ongoing		
Main Organizer(s)	FoProBiM, Whitley Fund for Nature		
Main Stakeholder(s)	Fishermen		
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	The development of Haiti's first coral reef rehabilitation project through the use of coral "replanting.		
Outcome (including expected outcome)	Increased coral reef resilience and restoration of coral reef ecosystem services.		
Lessons learned	==		
Related websites			
(English preferred)	www.foprobim.org		

Project 3

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Cornerstone(s) implemented through the project	Check all that apply: ☐ Integrated Management ☐ Capacity Building ☐ Science & Monitoring ☐ Periodic Assessment (Review)	
Project Title	Atlantic and Gulf Reef Rapid Assessment – Haiti	
Location	Caracol Bay, Haiti; Monte Cristi National Park, DR	
Dates	2014-ongoing	
Main Organizer(s)	FoProBiM, Agrofrontera, MacArthur Foundation	
Main Stakeholder(s)	All	
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	Development of a coordinated and systematic AGRRA monitoring program between Haiti and the DR.	
Outcome (Expected outcome)	Data sharing and long-term monitoring between the two countries targeted at the development of a bi-national MPA	
Lessons learned	Work between two NGOs on a bi-national level is easier than expected.	
Related websites (English preferred)	www.foprobim.org, www.agrofrontera.org	

2. Contribution to the ICRI Plan of Action and GM.

a. Engaging other sectors

N/A.

b. Reef zoning for multiple use

N/A.

Location where a zoning plan has been implemented		
Year when the zoning plan was implemented		
Is the zoning plan accepted by the local community?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Did the zoning plan cause conflicts among stakeholders?	□ Yes □ No	
Did the zoning plan resolve conflicts among stakeholders?	□Yes □No	
Has there been effective enforcement for stakeholders to follow the	□ Yes □ No	
zoning plan?		
Overall, how would you rate the success of the zoning plan?	☐ Very successful	
	☐ Somewhat successful	
	☐ Not so successful	
☐ Unsuccessful		

3. Publications.

Title (incl. author and date)	Website URL if available	Type of publication (Paper, report, etc.)
Wiener, J., August, 2013; Toward the	http://www.foprobim.org	Report
Development of Haiti's System of Marine	/uploads/3/1/6/6/31665	
Protected Areas (MPAs): An Ecosystem	55/haiti_reeffix_2013_fina	
Services Assessment for the Creation of	l_rev_1.pdf	
Haiti's System of MPAs		
ReefFix: An Integrated Coastal Zone		
Management (ICZM) Ecosystem Services		
Valuation and Capacity Building Project		
for the Caribbean		

4. General Information.

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