



Member's report on activities related to ICRI

Reporting period October 2013 – September 2014

NOTE: TO CHECK A BOX, DOUBLE CLICK ON IT AND TICK 'CHECKED' UNDER 'DEFAULT VALUE' IN THE POP UP WINDOW

- 1. Updates on your activities.** The following table is a summary of ICRI's *Framework for Action* (FFA) and its four cornerstones. (The full text of the FFA is available in English, French, and Spanish at <http://www.icriforum.org/icri-documents/icri-key-documents/framework-action-2013>).

Integrated Management	Objective	Manage coral reefs and related ecosystems using an ecosystem approach, recognizing place based activity; connectivity within and among ecological, social, economic, and institutional systems; as well as with attention to scale; resilience of ecological and social systems; and long-term provision of ecosystem services.
	General Approach	Integrated management, using a strategic, risk-based, informed approach, provides a framework for effective coral reef and related ecosystem management which supports natural resilience, ecosystem service provision, and enhances the ability to withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification.
	Desired outcome	There is a demonstrable reduction in the threats to coral reefs and related ecosystems through management action.
Capacity Building	Objective	To build capacity in all facets of management of coral reefs and related ecosystems and support dissemination and application of best practices to achieve the widest possible engagement of all stakeholders in planning and management activities.
	General Approach	Continued collaboration, partnerships, outreach, information sharing and education to ensure the uptake of best practices and encourage behavioural change. This can only be successful if the diversity of cultures, traditions and governance among nations and regions are taken into account.
	Desired outcome	Persons who have influence in the management of coral reef and related ecosystems have the knowledge, tools and capital necessary to apply best practices, adapted to the cultural and socio-economic context.
Science & Monitoring	Objective	To support research and citizen science approaches to enable countries and communities assess and report on the status of and threats to their coral reefs and related ecosystems in a coordinated, comparable and accessible manner.
	General Approach	Research and monitoring programs are essential to ensure that management of coral reefs and related ecosystems is based on best available (scientific) information.
	Desired outcome	Knowledge of the status and trends in coral reefs and related ecosystems health is enhanced and used to inform planning and management, improving management outcomes.
Periodic Assessment (Review)	Objective	To engage in periodic review of the impact and effectiveness of all elements of management to enable evaluation and refinement of management measures in an adaptive framework.
	General Approach	Periodic assessments of management effectiveness and evaluation of projects and activities to ensure the efficacy of management tools and systems in tackling the range of pressures affecting coral reefs and related ecosystems and protecting the values associated with them.
	Desired outcome	Management processes and activities are regularly reviewed and improved using a structured approach, to enhance their ability to effectively reduce pressures and threats.

Using the table on the previous page, as well as the detailed descriptors of approaches and strategies available in the full text of the FFA as a reference, please give us an update on an activity/project/program(s) which has been particularly successful in your country/organization during this reporting period.

Project 1

Cornerstone(s) implemented through the project	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrated Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building <input type="checkbox"/> Science & Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Assessment (Review)
Project Title	Australian Network of Marine Reserves
Location	Australia
Dates	2010 – present
Main Organizer(s)	“Save Our Marine Life Alliance” and “Protect Our Coral Sea Alliance” (Project AWARE has been and is an active member of both)
Main Stakeholder(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal and State Governments - Conservation groups - Community groups - Businesses - The tourism industry - The dive industry
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	<p>Integrated Management and Capacity Building</p> <p>December 2013 – the Australian Federal Government announced the suspension and review of the National Network of Marine Reserves that were declared in 2012. Through active partnership in both alliances (see Main Organizers), Project AWARE was involved in the network through one of the largest consultation processes in Australia’s history, backed by sound scientific evidence spanning 10 years.</p> <p>Current work with partners focuses on ensuring the zoning and management plans created in 2012 are not lost and sanctuary protections are maintained including the application of CAR principles– protecting habitats and recognising connectivity in building resilience and ensuring best practices.</p> <p>NSW - In March 2013, the New South Wales (NSW) State Government announced an amnesty on recreational fishing restrictions in marine sanctuaries in NSW. We worked with partners, activated the diving community,, and represented the diver’s voice at various meetings with government representatives to lift the amnesty and reinstate the marine sanctuary protections.</p>
Outcome (Expected outcome)	- Secure the future protection of newly created marine reserves .
Lessons learned	
Related websites (English preferred)	http://www.projectaware.org/update/world%E2%80%99s-largest-network-marine-reserves-suspended http://www.projectaware.org/update/snorkelling-around-

	parliament-save-marine-sanctuaries http://www.projectaware.org/update/snorkelling-around-parliament-save-marine-sanctuaries http://www.projectaware.org/update/dive-store-owners-unite-support-marine-sanctuaries http://www.saveourmarinelife.org.au/coralsea/ http://www.saveourmarinelife.org.au/
--	--

Project 2

Cornerstone(s) implemented through the project	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Management <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science & Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Assessment (Review)
Project Title	Dive Against Debris
Location	Global
Dates	July 2011- present
Main Organizer(s)	Project AWARE is a global, non-profit organization with offices in UK, US and Australia. AWARE supports a global movement of divers acting in their own communities to protect the ocean, with a focus on implementing lasting change in two core areas: shark conservation and marine litter.
Main Stakeholder(s)	Professional and recreational scuba divers
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	Dive Against Debris is a year-round, underwater debris and data collection effort. Divers are encouraged to report on locations, types and quantities of litter that they see and remove underwater. Divers wishing to participate are asked to choose a site that they are familiar with and where they find marine litter regularly and organize with friends to collect and report that litter. A training manual, a data card, a marine debris ID guide, along with other support tools, are all downloadable from Project AWARE website and divers report data into an online database. Divers are also asked to repeat the survey of their chosen dive site as often and as regularly as they can in order to help identify trends at their chosen location
Outcome (including expected outcome)	Removal of underwater debris Database and an interactive map of types and amounts of underwater debris divers have removed and reported Ultimate goal: Use data to inform changes in waste management policies necessary to stop debris at its source.
Lessons learned	[Insert text here]
Related websites (English preferred)	www.projectaware.org/diveagainstdebris

2. **Contribution to the ICRI Plan of Action and GM.** *Your responses to the following questions will assist the Secretariat in assessing contributions towards the major themes of the current ICRI Plan of Action (<http://www.icriforum.org/icri-secretariat/current>) and objectives of the general meeting.*

a. Engaging other sectors

As one of the themes in the current Plan of Action, *engaging other sectors* will be addressed in a workshop during GM29. In the workshop, we would like to focus on collaborations among different sectors that are driven by local communities living near reefs. By highlighting cases of coral reef conservation and management as well as awareness-raising activities that are carried out at the community level, we would like to explore ways of simultaneously pursuing the conservation of coral reefs and the sustainable development of the local communities.

Does your country/organization have a successful case that exemplifies the description above? If yes, please elaborate in the space below.

Project AWARE’s current focus current programmatic focus is on shark and ray conservation and marine debris. However, as described in the ICRI member reports we’ve submitted in the past, our previous work with the scuba community in coral reef conservation highlights the importance, value and necessity of engaging scuba divers in coral reef conservation. Both scuba professionals (the dive industry) and recreational divers (the diving tourists) represent a diverse, cross-sectoral, often transient but sometimes surprising local, community whose engagement is critical to any successful coral reef conservation and management efforts.

b. Reef zoning for multiple use

In GM30, we are planning to address the theme of *reef zoning*. Do you have zoning in place for your marine reserves? If yes, please answer the questions in the following table:

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

In light of the questions above, please elaborate on your experience with *reef zoning* and lessons learned.

[Insert text here]

Note: If there are more locations with zoning plans in your country / organization, please duplicate the table and question above and fill them in.

3. **Publications.** Please list relevant publications/reports you have released during this reporting period.

Title (incl. author and date)	Website URL if available	Type of publication (Paper, report,

		etc.)

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

Member type (Country / Organization):	International NGO/Project AWARE
Focal Point 1:	
Name:	Ania Budziak
Title/Organization:	Associate Director, Science and Policy
Email:	ania.budziak@projectaware.org
Focal Point 2:	
Name:	
Title/Organization:	
Email:	

Thank you very much for sharing your valuable experiences and information with ICRI.