



**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: <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science & Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Assessment (Review)
Project Title	ISLANDS project (Phase I outcome 2.1)
Location	Indian Ocean Commission member state countries & Zanzibar
Dates	August 2011 – June 2014
Main Organizer(s)	Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
Main Stakeholder(s)	IOC Member states and Zanzibar
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project aimed at establishing a regional coral reef network in the Western Indian Ocean region.</li> <li>2. It intended at building capacity to enable data collection and sharing amongst stakeholders. The following training below were delivered               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Training workshop on Habitat mapping of coral reefs and associated ecosystems (Mauritius, 30<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013)</li> <li>b. Protected Area management training (Rodrigues, 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> December 2013)</li> <li>c. National coral reef monitoring trainings (All countries, April-May 2014).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. A member's charter for coral reef network in the Indian Ocean region was designed, with the aim of ensuring sustainability of the network.</li> </ol>
Outcome (Expected outcome)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An online data sharing platform for the use of member states. (Coral Reef Information System-CRIS was developed as well as an Agreement signed between IOC and the Nature Conservancy)</li> <li>2. Production of a coral reef atlas for the western Indian ocean region to be utilised by countries as a management tool</li> <li>3. Production of a monitoring manual to standardise data collection in the region.</li> </ol>
Lessons learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communication amongst members is very important to ensure the continuity of the network</li> </ol>

	2. Not all member state is at the same level therefore there need to be more exchange of best practices
Related websites (English preferred)	<a href="http://31.222.186.27/moodle/course/view.php?id=41">http://31.222.186.27/moodle/course/view.php?id=41</a> (log in as guest) <a href="http://commissionoceanindien.org/activites/islands/phase-i-du-projet/">http://commissionoceanindien.org/activites/islands/phase-i-du-projet/</a>

## Project 2

Cornerstone(s) implemented through the project	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrated Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science & Monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic Assessment (Review)
Project Title	A study of the role of Marine Protected Areas in the conservation of 3 EDGE Coral species
Location	Seychelles inner Granitic Islands
Dates	January 2013 – December 2014
Main Organizer(s)	Zoological Society of London –Evolutionarily Distinct and Globally Endangered Species Programme
Main Stakeholder(s)	EDGE Fellows, Seychelles National Parks Authority, Ministry of Environment and Energy
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project investigates the use of Marine Protected Areas for conserving three EDGE coral species in the Seychelles. It aims at building the capacity of local scientists and technicians in coral reef monitoring.</li> <li>2. To support existing coral reef monitoring within the Seychelles inner granitics and conduct research to provide baseline information for conservation of EDGE coral species.</li> <li>3. To make recommendations to the Government and Department of environment of Seychelles, on locations where EDGE corals are found and encourage new and alternative conservation strategies that would protect both EDGE corals and other marine organisms. As the government set up new MPAs, this information can contribute to decisions made on location of future MPAs as well as to strengthen management of existing MPAs.</li> <li>4. To map three EDGE coral species distribution within the inner granitics, while improving research collaboration with Dive centres</li> </ol>
Outcome (including expected outcome)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Map the distribution of three EDGE coral species within the inner granitic</li> <li>2. Understand the role that Protected Areas are playing in conserving these species</li> <li>3. Improve knowledge on the ecology and biology as well as habitat requirements of these species</li> <li>4. Improve knowledge and awareness of coral reefs and EDGE corals</li> <li>5. Make recommendation on management strategies for EDGE corals and coral reef habitats</li> <li>6. Improve collaborations between research centres and citizen science</li> <li>7. Build capacity of locals in marine research and survey</li> </ol>
Lessons learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need for trainings and capacity of local people in scientific</li> </ol>

	<p>monitoring and data analyses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Need for better collaboration and involvement of citizen science in management strategies</li> <li>3. Need for information to be disseminated to the scientists and decision-makers, to improve management of reefs</li> <li>4. Need for expanding the work to the Western Indian Ocean in order to improve knowledge on ecology and improve survival of these and other corals</li> </ol>
Related websites (English preferred)	<a href="http://www.zsledgeofexistenceprogramme.org">www.zsledgeofexistenceprogramme.org</a>

### Project 3

Cornerstone(s) implemented through the project	<p>Check all that apply:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Management      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science &amp; Monitoring      <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Assessment (Review)</p>
Project Title	Training workshop on coral reef monitoring techniques aiming at establishing a functional coral reef network in the Seychelles
Location	Cap Ternay, Mahé, Seychelles
Dates	17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2013
Main Organizer(s)	The Nature Conservancy, Seychelles National Parks Authority, Global Vision International
Main Stakeholder(s)	Seychelles National Parks Authority, Global Vision International, Island Conservation Society & Seychelles Island Foundation
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project at giving appropriate training to personnel working for organizations involved with coral reef conservation.</li> <li>2. It intended to build capacity in terms of coral and fish identification, and also coral reef monitoring techniques.</li> <li>3. Share knowledge on the concept of reef resilience.</li> </ol>
Outcome (Expected outcome)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have trained personnel from different organisation undertaking coral reef monitoring</li> <li>2. Have a platform in place for sharing of these information</li> </ol>
Lessons learned	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need for a more formalise network to be able to share data</li> <li>2. Need for more advance training</li> <li>3. Need to incorporate the concept of reef resilience in the protocol</li> </ol>
Related websites (English preferred)	[Insert text here]

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

### a. Engaging other sectors

[Insert text here]

### b. Reef zoning for multiple use

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

N.B: At present all marine reserve in Seychelles are no take zone.

## 3. Publications.

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

## 4. General Information.

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