



Member's report on activities related to ICRI

Reporting period December 2015 – November 2016

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1. **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. Bleaching event

Were you affected by the Third Global Coral Reef event? Did you do some monitoring, if yes what are the results and could you explain what method did you use? Would you like to report during the ICRI Meeting?

b. INDCs - Intended Nationally Determined Contributions – *Did your national contribution mention 'marine ecosystems or coral reefs'? Would you be interested in joining an Ad Hoc committee to develop guidelines to integrate coral reefs in the INDC?*

c. Nature-based Solutions to address Climate Change - *Do you have some example(s) of Nature-based (coral reef and related ecosystems) Solutions to address climate change? If yes, could you please provide use some details?*

d. UN Sustainable Development Goals – *Do you have example(s) showing how coral reefs and related ecosystems address the SDG (SDG 14 but also other related ones such as SDG 1 – End poverty in all its form; SDG 2 – End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition...)*

e. Do you have notional measure(s) – existing or in development - to ban the sale and manufacture of cosmetics and personal care products containing plastic microbeads? And plastic bags?

1. [Project AWARE works in the Seas At Risk Alliance - a coalition on NGOs - on EU level marine litter policies. In 2017 the work is expected to encompass EU plastics strategy which is likely to include, among many others, measures to address the issue of microbeads and plastic bags in marine environment.](#)

f. Upcoming events - Do you plan to attend

- November 2016 - Marrakech Climate Change Conference / The twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22)
- December 4, 2016 to December 17, 2016 - Convention on Biological Diversity COP13
- June 2017 - Oceans & Seas Global Conference, Fiji
- Other(s):
[None of the above but currently planning for CMS CoP12.](#)

2. **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://icriforum.org/icri-documents/icri-key-documents/continuing-call-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 type="checkbox"/> Integrated Management <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science & Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Assessment (Review)
Project Title	Adopt A Dive Site™
Location	Global
Dates	Launched April 2016
Main Organizer(s)	Project AWARE®
Main Stakeholder(s)	Professional and recreational scuba divers

Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	Adopt A Dive Site™ – a new initiative seated within Dive Against Debris, encourages scuba divers across the world to further their commitment and take ownership of their local dive site. Through Adopt A Dive Site, participants are required to conduct Dive Against Debris surveys at their adopted site at least once a month – yielding ongoing, repeat data for the same location.
Outcome (Expected outcome)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global dataset providing quantitative evidence about the types and quantities of marine debris found and removed by scuba divers from the seafloor in shallow water environments at multiple locations across the globe - Repeat, ongoing data for individual locations in order to determine temporal changes in seafloor marine debris – use to inform changes in waste management at the local level - Comprehensive global dataset that can be used to inform policy change at an international level to address the marine debris problem and implement changes to prevent debris at the source - Marine debris poses a significant threat to the health of coral reef systems, data yielded can support specific waste management measures
Lessons learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marine debris is a complex issue that requires cross-sectoral collaboration among a variety of different stakeholders at local, national and international levels in order to enforce meaningful change and prevent debris entering the ocean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greater recognition among the scientific community as to the benefits of having citizen generated data (whilst not ignoring the limitations)
Related websites (English preferred)	http://www.projectaware.org/issue/marine-debris http://www.projectaware.org/publication/dive-against-debristm-survey-toolkit http://www.projectaware.org/diveagainstdebrismap

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 type="checkbox"/> Science & Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Assessment (Review)
Project Title	Australian Network of Marine Reserves
Location	Australia
Dates	2016
Main Organizer(s)	Save Our Marine Life Alliance

Main Stakeholder(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal and State Governments - NGO's - Community groups - Businesses - The tourism industry - The dive industry
Description of Project (Please elaborate on how the project implements the FFA cornerstones)	Contribute, and engage our constituents, in the consultations re the management plans and rezoning for the 40 marine parks.
Outcome (including expected outcome)	Restore Australia's Commonwealth network of marine reserves
Lessons learned	
Related websites (English preferred)	http://www.projectaware.org/news/have-your-say-help-restore-national-network-marine-sanctuaries-australia http://saveourmarinelife.org.au/review-submission/?refer=PA

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.)

3. **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>.)

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