



ICRI Member's Report

TANZANIA

Reporting period December 2017 – November 2018

1. Reporting on the ICRI Plan of Action 2016-2018. Your responses will help inform the Secretariat about members' contributions toward the previous Plan of Action.

a. Please list any relevant examples from your organisation/country of investment/projects to protect and restore the natural infrastructure of reefs and mangroves. (See Goal (1) 2 [ICRI Recommendation for supporting investments in the natural infrastructure of reefs and mangroves to increase climate resilience](#)).

- *Agulhas Somali Current Large Marine Ecosystem Projects (ASCLME)*
- *Oil for Development project (OfD)*
- *Western Indian Ocean Marine Highway Contamination Prevention project (WIOMHP)*
- *Strategic Action Program Policy Harmonisation and Institutional Reforms projects (SAPPHIRE)*
- *Western Indian Ocean Strategic Action Programme (WIOSAP)*

b. Has your organisation/country made any progress in the following areas to target anthropogenic pressures? Please give detail below. Note: If no change since your last ICRI member report, please write 'no change'.

Encourage ban of plastic microbeads in cosmetic products. (See Goal (3) 2 & [See ICRI Recommendation to reduce plastic microbeads pollution in marine environment](#)): ✕

Improve regulation and enforcement to reduce direct anthropogenic damage due to dredging and physical alteration of reef structures. (See Goal (3) 3 & [ICRI Recommendation to reduce damage due to dredging and dumping on coral reefs](#)): ✓

Deployment of mooring devices limiting the mechanical destruction of coral reefs and seagrasses. (See Goal (3) 4). (not sure)

c. Did your organisation/country celebrate International Year of the Reef? Please give details below. (See Goal (5) 1 & [ICRI Recommendation designating 2018 as the third International Year of the Reef](#)):

The Country has no specific celebration to Coral Reefs but it is rather included in the general theme of "The world Environmental Day" In this, all issues pertaining to "Coral Reef" such as illegal fishing practises, illegal anchorage of

ships/boat, pollution related to dumping of wastes, oil spills, sedimentation, climate change (coral bleaching) etc are included in the awareness raising through displaying of banners, posters etc. Even the National Trade Fairs and Agriculture (Sabasaba and Nanenane there is an allocation of space to the Council where education materials are displayed to the public regarding the importance of conserving Coral Reef and the associated ecosystems.

2. **Contribution to the ICRI Plan of Action 2018-2020 and upcoming ICRI general meetings.** Your responses to the following questions will assist the Secretariat in assessing contributions towards the major themes of the draft ICRI Plan of Action 2018-2020.

Theme 1 – Promote effective and adaptable solutions to improve the protection of coral reefs

- a. **Which of the below topics do you consider to be the three top challenges that your organisation faces in managing coral reefs?** Please select from the options below:

- Climate change impacts✓
- Inadequate planning, zoning and management
- Unsustainable resource extraction✓
- Tourism and recreation
- Shipping
- Coastal development
- Dredging
- Illegal and destructive fishing✓
- Fish and coral trade
- Marine debris
- Other. Please specify:

- b. **Please list any examples of innovative management practices that your organisation/country is involved in, such as use of VMS, drones & ecological mooring devices.** Include their limits, conditions of implementation, financing and an assessment of their results and links for more information if possible.

N/A – Not sure

- c. **Please list any examples of innovative funding for management that your organisation/country is involved in.** Include their limits, conditions of implementation, financing and an assessment of their results and links for more information if possible.

Concept notes/proposals are being prepared and submitted to different organisations for funding of coral reef research/restoration and monitoring activities in the country.

- d. **Please list any examples of leading practices, techniques and strategies for building reef resilience that your organisation/country is involved in.** Include

their limits, conditions of implementation, financing and an assessment of their results and links for more information if possible.

Coral Reef restoration being conducted and implemented by the Institute of Marine Sciences, University of Dar es Salaam and Sokoine University of Agriculture programmes and projects. This is clearly stated in the Coral Reef Status Report of 2017.

- e. **Please list any examples of leading practice reef restoration mechanisms that your organisation/country is involved in.** Include their limits, conditions of implementation, financing and an assessment of their results and links for more information if possible.

The Institution (National Environment Management Council –NEMC) is involved in the activities conducted by the Academic Institutions mentioned above through the coordination of Tanzania Coral Reef Task Force (TzCRTF) activities which are enched at the Council.

Theme 3 – Support communities reliant on coral reefs

- a. **Is sustainable tourism development a significant challenge for your organisation?** If so please include detail below of the kinds of challenges faced and your strategies to deal with them.

The sustainable tourism development is being coordinated by a different Ministry. NEMC's role is to oversee all environmental issues

- b. **Is your organisation involved in activities to raise awareness and encourage action to support communities reliant on coral reefs?** Please include details below.

Yes. NEMC has a full-fledged Directorate that deals with "Environmental Information, Communication and Outreach"

Theme 4 – Help to reduce anthropogenic threats to coral reefs, particularly those that occur at a global or regional scale

- c. **What activities is your organisation involved in to elevate awareness of the global nature of the threat of climate change to coral reefs?** Please include details below

Through Regional projects such as "SAPPHIRE, WIOSAP, Oil for Development etc, there are awareness components that Council is obliged to implement

- d. **Has your organisation made any progress in dealing with destructive fishing and trade?** Please include details below.

Yes. The Ministry responsible for Fisheries lauched a National wide strategy to deal with illegal fishing practices all over the country and this is to some extent successful.

- e. **Has your organisation made any progress in dealing with marine debris?** Please include details below.

Yes. There were calls for concept notes made by the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) targeted to different Organisations which meant to deal with Marine debris in the Country. Also in the past, there was an initiative to document status and a report was developed and submitted to UNEP/WIOMSA.

- f. **Would you like to report on your activities during the ICRI GM?** Please give details below.

Y/N: Yes. I would like to report about country coral reef status.

- g. **International events.** Please list any upcoming international events relevant to ICRI which someone from your organisation plans to attend in 2018-2019.

- Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 3-14 Dec 2018
- Reef Futures 2018: A Coral Restoration and Intervention-Science Symposium, Florida, 10-14 Dec 2018
- Global World Heritage Marine Managers meeting, Alaska, US, 26-31 May 2019✓
Other:

- h. **Publications.** Please list relevant publications and reports you have released during this reporting period.

- *Tanzania Coral Reef Status Report 2018*
- *State of the Coast Report 2018 (in press)*

- i. **ICRI Member Feedback.** What do you find most valuable about the ICRI member reports? If you have any ideas for improvement please list below:

- *Reporting on progress since last ICRI meeting though there is a need for ICRI secretariat to mobilize funds for member states to apply through submission of concept notes/proposals*

- j. **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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