



## Member's report on activities to ICRI

Presented by UNEP\_CEP

Reporting period July 2008 – April 2009

*Please note that the purpose of this report is to help you share information about your activities within the ICRI community to allow discussion at the next ICRI General Meeting. The reports will be made available on the ICRIForum prior to the meeting. The ICRI secretariat is well aware of your busy schedule, thus don't hesitate to submit an incomplete report.*

### 1. General Information

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	UNEP Caribbean Environment Programme
Focal Point 1:	Nelson Andrade Colmenares
Focal point 2:	Alessandra Vanzella-Khoury
Last meeting attended:	Washington D.C January 2008
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	Listserve, website and intergovernmental meetings
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	US \$20,000 for 2008/2009

For countries only:

<b>National Action Plan / Initiative</b>	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	N/A
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	N/A
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	N/A
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs:	YES
If yes, please indicate which programmes/initiatives:	MPA strengthening programme (CaMPAM), support to GCRMN sub-nodes, public awareness and education

**2. Member contribution to the ICRI GM:** Your responses to the following questions will assist the Secretariat in assessing contributions towards the major themes of the Mexico-United States action plan. Due to the heavy schedules of ICRI members, we have tried to keep the questions to a minimum and value any response you can provide.

*NOTE: The Secretariat will compile Members' responses to the below questions into a general presentation to be given during the April GM. The Secretariat will also request specific Members to highlight certain initiatives, should additional information be of interest to the full ICRI membership. Please keep this in mind when filling out this report and place special emphasis on*

*calling attention to new initiatives/programs/projects of your government/organization which will be of interest to the ICRI Members.*

- a. Please provide any lessons you have learned from your experiences of developing partnerships with the private sector that might be relevant to ICRI members?

EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN MIXED AND RELATIVELY FEW. MAJOR COMPANIES HAVE BEEN **CROPLIFE INTERNATIONAL, DANONE/EVIAN AND SMALL DIVING OPERATIONS**. APPROACHING THE PRIVATE SECTOR REQUIRES ALMOST A DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL TO INVESTIGATE ENTRY POINTS AND AREAS OF INTEREST AND MAKE THE NECESSARY PRELIMINARY CONTACTS. INSIDE CONNECTIONS ALWAYS HELPS. THIS ASPECT SEEMS TO BE THE HARDEST AND TAKE THE LONGEST TIME. ONCE THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY SIMPLE.

- b. Are you aware of programmes or policies by your country/organization for implementing integrated ecosystem management from watershed to reef slope?

YES, THE UNEP-CEP GEF INTEGRATED WATERSHED COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT PROJECT FOR CARIBBEAN SIDS (IWCAM): <http://cep.unep.org/iwcam>

ALSO A UNEP-CEP GEF PROJECT ON PESTICIDE REDUCTION TO THE CARIBBEAN SEA:: <http://cep.unep.org/repcar>

- c. Are there any monitoring or research activities you are either involved in or aware of aimed at improving understanding of adaptive management of coral reefs and related ecosystems that may be of interest to ICRI members?
1. PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES (BROCHURE) BY UNEP-CEP AND CORAL REEF UNIT ON ECONOMIC VALUE OF CORAL REEFS IN THE WIDER CARIBBEAN.
  2. ECONOMIC VALUATIONS BY WRI IN ST LUCIA, TOBAGO, BELIZE, JAMAICA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.
  3. BEACH CLEAN-UPS BY NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WITH LOCAL NGOs.

*Examples could include any efforts through workshops, environmental education programs, beach and underwater clean ups, etc. with coastal/local communities to promote understanding and recognition of the environmental services coral reefs provide.*

- d. Please indicate the effects of the Live Reef Food Fish Trade on your government/organization. Are you aware of any programs/policies in place to address these impacts?

N/A

- e. What other new initiatives/programs/projects/progress, in particular since January 2008, has been made by your government/organization relative to Marine Protected Areas, Ramsar site designations containing coral reefs, integrated coastal zone management measures, policy changes influenced by economic valuation of coral

reef ecosystem services, etc., which you believe would be of general interest to other ICRI Members?

UNEP-CEP MAJOR INITIATIVE ON MPA STRENGTHENING, **CaMPAM**, CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MPAs THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING OF TRAINERS COURSES, FACILITATING MPA MANAGERS SITE VISITS, EXCHANGES BETWEEN FISHERS AND MPAs MANAGERS, COMMUNICATION AND SHARING AMONG MPA MANAGERS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TO MPAs.

### **ICRI and Other Meetings**

Are your ICRI Focal Points considering attending any of the following meetings in 2009?

- X IMCC, Washington DC
- X World Ocean Congress, Manado, Indonesia