



Member's report on activities to ICRI

Presented by Barbados

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):	Barbados/Coastal Zone Management Unit
Focal Point 1:	Dr. Lorna Inniss
Focal point 2:	Angelique Brathwaite
Last meeting attended:	Washington
How do you circulate ICRI information within your country and/or organization?	e-mail/reports/presentations
Budget allocated for coral reef related activities (please mention for year/period):	2007-2009 Bds \$200 000

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef action plan?	NO
Is this plan publicly available? If so please provide location:	
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative or Task Force?	YES ..that would be scientists form the CZMU and the University
Are you engaged in any regional programs / initiatives relating to coral reefs:	Eastern Caribbean meetings with scientists
If yes, please indicate which programmes/initiatives:	

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?

Beware..most are interested only in money..not in science, but if you can find a way to make science/conservation pay or be glitzy, the association can be amazing. Rarely I've found private sector individuals who really care about the conservation aspect..such as the gentleman (Dr. Gordon Murphy) who financed our book Barbados: A Coral Paradise and has refused to accept any of the revenues.

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

Our Coastal Zone Management Plan deals only with coastal areas, but we are working with the Water Authority, Drainage Unit and Environmental Protection Department to control inland waters now also.

- 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?

Eastern Caribbean workshop held in Barbados where we got together simply to talk about our coral reef issues and how we can work together to solve them.

We coordinate and carry out both beach and underwater clean ups, however, I see the same groups or people cleaning up other people's garbage year after year. I'm planning in 2009 to focus on enforcement of legislation..fining people for dumping etc, as the shock value of collecting so much garbage each year does not seem to transform itself into people dumping less.

We (CZMU) hold coastal related seminars each year on different CZM topics. In 2008 it was coral reefs

New research this year (2009) will focus on coral reef reproduction and recruitment. We have no clue about either...a glaring omission, which we're trying to put right this year. We're planning to integrate knowledge of spawning events etc into policy that will dictate when and what types of development will be allowed on the coast

- 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?

I'm not aware of this programme.

- 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?

No new measures. We continue work on trying to get a better valuation for our coral reefs, we continue with our coral reef monitoring programme..which has seen an improvement in our fringing reef system, we have no plans to expand our marine park system but will instead focus on protection of all reefs, we continue to use our coastal zone management plan, which shows what activities should be allowed on each coastal sector.