

ICRI Resolution on ITMEMS3

This resolution was approved by the ICRI members at the ICRI General Meeting held in Cozumel, Mexico (22-23 October 2006)

Welcoming the International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium's Third Meeting (ITMEMS3) held in Cozumel, Mexico October 16-20, 2006;

Recognizing the particular value of the local governments' segment and Cozumel Declaration, October 19, 2006;

Recognizing also the Regional Caucuses and their respective statements as a useful and practical contribution to the process;

Appreciating the many important issues identified in the ITMEMS3 Action Statement;

ICRI decides to undertake the action items identified in Annex 1 by the next ICRI meeting (April 2007 in Tokyo) and to consider further, in conjunction with the 10-year review of ICRI, the items identified in the Annex 2, consistent with ICRI's mandate.

Annex 1

Items identified in the ITMEMS3 Action Statement to be undertaken by the next ICRI General Meeting

BUILDING RESILIENCE

- Disseminate Reef Manager's Guide and related tools to facilitate building resilience, such as training programs and templates for response plans (ICRI Forum, NOAA & GBRMPA implementing nationally, IUCN to take internationally)
- East African Coral Reef Task Force (EAFCRTF) will seek to incorporate bleaching response programmes in the EAFCRTF Action Plan
- The ITMEMS Secretariat to take the ITMEMS Statement on Coral Reefs and Climate Change forward to relevant fora for consideration (e.g. Ramsar)

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

- ITMEMS Secretariat to request coordinators of ITMEMS3 sessions on Sustainable Tourism to promote best practises case studies through the ICRI forum

PARTNERSHIPS AND STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

- ICRI secretariat to request information on existing partnerships between ICRI members and others, and make it available on the ICRI Forum
- To request UNEP RSP to provide one-page briefs on potential private sector points of entry within the region, including information on partnerships with the private sector where these already exist. (UNEP Caribbean)
- ICRI Government members to encourage FAO and regional fisheries bodies to engage in ICRI

INTEGRATED AND PARTICIPATORY STRATEGIES

- ICRI Secretariat to communicate the UK experience and model for local constituent stakeholder fora in order to assist focal points in engaging local communities (CBOs) in ICRI. Focal points to feed back through a pro forma Member report

COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS (CEPA)

- Inform ICRI members about the CEPA Ramsar Forum (available in English and in Spanish) and encourage the contribution of materials and experiences
- ICRI Secretariat to request Ramsar to make available coral reef related information from the CEPA forum

ENFORCEMENT

- To complete the ICRI coral reef crime scene investigation (CSI) toolkit on enforcement and investigations, and pilot this several sites

INFORMATION & KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

- ICRAN to lead an international team to identify best practices in peer-to-peer learning networks, and report on progress in April 2007

Annex 2

Items identified in the ITMEMS3 Action Statement to consider and discuss further**BUILDING RESILIENCE**

- Document responses of ecosystems to climate and other stressors and encourage countries to contribute (ReefBase)
- ICRI members (and the world) to continue to increase understanding of the concepts of resilience and the incorporation of resilience into integrated coastal management (e.g., by SPREP at its coming meeting to review the SPREP Actions Strategy on Nature Conservation)

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

- ICRI Secretariat to seek a "place at the table" for relevant fishery organizations.
- Promote interchanges among resource managers to incorporate ecosystem-based management into fishery management plans and their implementation (such as ongoing work by CRISP and SPREP)

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

- ICRI members to work within their own governments to raise awareness of sustainability issues within tourist promotion and management
- ICRI Secretariat to encourage participation of tourism industry in ICRI at a regional level.

ECONOMIC VALUATION

- ICRI Secretariat to invite experts in environmental economics to present to an ICRI general meeting on the economic analysis of coral reefs and related ecosystems (such as ongoing activities in CRISP, and in consultation with chairs of ITMEMS sessions on economic valuation)
- ICRI secretariat to request WFC (or other appropriate agency) to lead a team of ICRI members and others to source economic data as well as information and methodologies on economic and ecosystem service valuation of tropical and marine coastal ecosystems, and including

damage valuation claims, and build the platform needed for the database.

- Collect and record data in a disaggregated manner.
- Provide criteria for format of standardised data.
- ICRI secretariat to request WFC to lead a team of ICRI members to commence this task
- National coral reef task forces to act as partners in this initiative.
- Invite IUCN Law Environmental Centre and appropriate strategic partners to propose a strategy to improve legal frameworks underpinning marine ecosystem damage claims.
- Ask ICRI members to support the World Bank and its partners to assist in this task, providing a list of economic valuation data sources for ecosystem services for their particular area, as well as information on best practices and identification of experts in the field for a roster.
- Invite World Bank to coordinate an analysis of the application of tools and methodologies for valuation of ecosystem services and intrinsic value, and payment for ecosystem services to tropical marine and coastal marine ecosystems and contribute to the database on economic valuation from appropriate partners.

PARTNERSHIPS AD STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

- Based on the mixed experience of engaging the private sector ICRI members will suggest/ identify appropriate entry points for the ICRI Secretariat to explore further, in order to pursue the involvement of the private sector (immediate action for reporting to Tokyo GM). It is anticipated that this process will result in a private sector panel meeting at some point in the future (longer term action).
- Developing tools and training models that address resilience principals and adaptation strategies by utilising IUCN Commission and partnerships including the WCPA Marine and the Tropical Marine Ecosystems working group; and communicating/ training local communities/ managers in implementing these tools/strategies. Responsibility: IUCN marine programme.

INTEGRATED AND PARTICIPATORY STRATEGIES

- Encourage members to include in any projects support to facilitate community level exchange (peer to peer) and

best practice as well as facilitating the engagement of these groups in regional fora such as ITMEMS.

- Sustainable livelihoods should be promoted for community empowerment linked to conservation management.
- Explore the possibility of creating a Clearing house mechanism of best practices for community outreach and communication, placing emphasis on how best to develop and foster strategic alliances and partnerships, both public and private. An initial step would be to engage an intern to look at information available from archived non computerised materials such as "Greencom". (no intern identified at the moment)
- Suggest as an agenda item for the first regional ITMEMS the consideration of developing national and regional networks based on the US CRTF model.

COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

- Strengthen ICRI Forum as a platform for multi lingual reports and encourage members to submit translated ICRI documentation
- Support social science training programmes for communication, education, and management (e.g. those conducted by Conservation International (CI) and Greencom)

ENFORCEMENT

- To complete the ICRI coral reef crime scene investigation (CSI) toolkit on enforcement and investigations, and pilot this several sites, and continue to develop appropriate training materials for local government and the judicial process
- Request ICRI members to document best practice and monitor effectiveness of prosecutions with a view to their improvement
- Urge all levels of governmental authorities to fully prosecute violators, implementing best practice and criminal procedures
- Create dedicated judicial mechanisms consisting of professional expertise to dispense effective and quick justice where appropriate.
- Ask ICRI to identify best practice in environmental prosecution procedures. Foster new partnerships with enforcement authorities to identify capacity building partnerships and opportunities, including enhanced

professional networks for exchange of expertise, community based initiatives to improve compliance. Request regional legal frameworks to strengthen the capacity to fully prosecute

HUMAN IMPACTS

- ICRI Partners to review the draft guidelines on “Dredging and Port Construction Around Coral Reefs” developed by the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses (PIANC) and to provide comments, where applicable, to the ICRI Secretariat for on-forwarding to PIANC.

INFORMATION & KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

- Implement and integrate ecological and socioeconomic monitoring in tropical marine ecosystems management, supported by a robust, and funded, data management program at appropriate levels, with more effective communication of the results and creation of targeted learning opportunities
- Encourage ICRI members to make full use of the ecological and socioeconomic database tools that are being developed by GCRMN, WorldFish Center and other expert bodies
- ICRI members and regional coordinating bodies to develop more proactive collaborative ties, so that these bodies can play a leading role in coordination of standardized data compilation and dissemination to the appropriate government levels and the public
- Develop integrated sets indicators of tropical marine ecosystem health that demonstrate the relationship between natural resources and human welfare (e.g. for instance the “Healthy Reef for Healthy People” initiative).
- Request donors to incorporate the full financial requirements for data management (storage, dissemination, training, and decision support tools) in projects
- To improve the interface between scientists and managers in the design, application, and communication of data analyses and modelling for management and informed decision making
- Encourage both institutional and individual peer-to-peer learning mechanisms

- Ask the GCRMN and regional coordinating bodies to expand their cooperation in the release and dissemination of their reports
- ICRI Secretariat and members should foster peer-to-peer learning opportunities during/adjacent to ICRI meetings, and other relevant meetings the community of practice, including intergovernmental and professional meetings.
- Encourage donors to foster project learning experiences nationally and regionally.
- Request WorldFish Center to present a list of case studies/examples demonstrating successful communication of scientific results to encourage management interventions for discussion and possible best-practices strategy development.