



FRANCE report on activities to ICRI

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Reporting period

1. General Information

Representation to ICRI (Country / Organization):	FRANCE
Focal Point 1:	Pierre Emmanuel VOS (PEV)
Focal point 2:	Bernard SALVAT (BS)
Last meeting attended:	COZUMEL (BS)
How do you circulate ICRI information with your country and/or organization?	French Coral Reef Initiative (IFRECOR): newsletter, web sites, meetings, organisations
Budget allocated for coral reefs (please mention for year/period):F-	Special IFRECOR Fund from Ministries for environment and for Overseas Territories: 100.000 US \$ per year; Research and Management: More than 3 million US \$ per year without salaries

For countries only:

National Action Plan / Initiative	
Do you have a National Coral Reef actions plan?	YES
Date of publication:	2000
Do you have a National Coral Reef Initiative?	YES
Relevance to regional program / initiative:	
How and where to obtain more information:	http://www.ecologie.gouv.fr
Monitoring	
Is there a national monitoring programme for your country?	YES under IFRECOR auspices All 8 French overseas territories with coral reefs in the 3 oceans participating to GCRMN nodes and Reef Check
Date of the last assessment?	2004
How and where to obtain more information:	
Marine Protected Areas	
How many MPA(s) with coral reefs?	31
What is the percentage of coral reef MPA(s) to the (coastal zone / marine area)?	2%
Number of sites (with coral reefs) under the World Heritage Convention?	None. One in the pipe (New Caledonia)
Number of wetland sites (with coral reefs) under the Ramsar Convention?	One in Guadeloupe (Grand cul de sac marin – French Indies)
Number of Biosphere Reserves (with coral reefs) under UNESCO's MAB Programme?	TWO : Guadeloupe (French West Indies) and Fakarava –Taiaro (Tuamotu,

2. Report

A. Specific requests / questions for the next ICRI General Meeting

International Year of the Reef (IYOR) 2008

Do you have a committee/focal point for IYOR 2008?

If yes, contact information:

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If available, brief description of what has been done so far:

If available, brief description of near future plans:

On 22 March the IFRECOR Council meeting decided actions for YOR in all 8 French overseas territories with coral reefs.

1. 6000 copies of a scientific strip cartoon for children (story with acquisition of knowledge on coral reefs) will be edited for free distribution in schools.
2. An exhibition with 20 coral reef posters (ICRI, IFRECOR, French overseas coral reefs) will be duplicated for distribution and IYOR launching in all overseas territories in early 2008, and France mother country cities.
3. Web sites, national and locals, will post special information on activities related to the IYOR.

Relevance to mangrove ecosystems –

Please give details of activities pertaining to mangroves, particularly where mangroves are associated with coral reefs.

IFRECOR decided to launch a status report on mangrove in French overseas territories in order to work on the preservation and rational use of this ecosystem associated with coral reefs, as it has been decided by ICRI. The report to be published by the end of 2007.

B. Summary of activities and pertinent points

1. IFRECOR

The French Coral Reef Initiative under the auspices of the Ministry for Environment and Sustainable Development and the Ministry for Overseas Territories launched its second national programme 2006-2010 focusing on a) re-enforcement of coral reef protected areas b) knowledge and monitoring on coral reefs (participation to GCRMN and Reef Check) c) socio economic valuation of coral reefs d) increase public awareness and education e) status on mangroves and uses e) climatic change and coral reefs. Last IFRECOR Council met in Paris 20-22 March and the next IFRECOR National committee to meet in Guadeloupe during first semester 2008. IFRECOR activities are undertaken by local committees in Martinique, Guadeloupe, Réunion, Mayotte, Iles Éparses, Nouvelle-Calédonie, Wallis et Futuna, Polynésie française. Informations on IFRECOR activities are reported on web sites : <www.ecologie.gouv.fr> or <www.outre-mer.gouv.fr>. A newsletter is edited twice a year.

2. FFEM : Fond Français pour l'Environnement Mondial, French Global Environment Facility.

The FFEM is involved in many coral reef programmes over the 3 oceans with contributions to governments, inter-governmental or regional organisations or local NGOs such as WWF or Conservation International : Eastern Caribbean, Meso America (Guatemala, Honduras), Indian ocean insular countries, Mozambique, Tanzania, Thailand (Andaman islands), South Pacific CRISP programme. All these programmes (3 to 5 years long) include coral reefs management and the protection of biodiversity.

Note : A special report concerns the development of the CRISP programme

3. **World Heritage Convention, UNESCO and New Caledonian reefs and lagoons.**
At the end of January 2007, the proposal to protect reefs and lagoons in New Caledonia under the WHC has been sent by France to UNESCO. This proposal has been prepared by New Caledonian authorities who have environmental competences. The proposal concerns 6 zones covering 50 % of the total coral reef and associated ecosystems of New-Caledonia.
4. **COREMO :** The COREMO III base for monitoring data, issued from La Réunion and the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), was finalized February 2007 and sent to the World Fish Center (WFC) and GCRMN. A test workshop was organized in Moorea, French Polynesia late March. France to organize training workshop in the Indian Ocean (cooperation with IOC) and the Pacific (cooperation with CRISP).
Note : The GCRMN report includes a paragraph on COREMO III
5. **Status of French Coral reefs and Monitoring results.**
A 200 pages volume will be edited early 2008 on the status of French Coral Reefs in the 8 French Overseas territories with results of monitoring programmes (some on 3 decades). A synthesis will end the volume. English summaries along with english captions of figures, tables and graphs are provided. The volume will be available at the Fort Lauderdale ICRS meeting July 2008 and distributed at the 2008 ICRI GA meeting
