

ITMEMS3 Newsletter November 2007

Dear ITMEMS3 Participants

This is the third e-newsletter, offering brief updates and news related to post ITMEMS3 activities and actions around the globe.

1. ITMEMS3 Proceedings

The ITMEMS3 Proceedings are now available! View or download them online at www.itmems.org. The printed version, showcasing outputs with a DVD of the full proceedings and participant directory, will shortly be made available to ITMEMS3 Participants.

2. ITMEMS3 Coral Reefs and Climate Change Statement

The Climate Change Statement is being circulated widely. As well as being available online, and now in the ITMEMS3 Proceedings, the statement is being promoted and disseminated at international meetings, such as, the UNEP Oceans and Coasts Brainstorming meeting in Nairobi at the end of August, and the 9th Regional Seas Global Meeting in Jeddah at the end of October.

The Climate Change Statement can be downloaded at:

http://www.itmems.org/Coral_Reefs_CLimate_Change.pdf

3. Heidi Schuttenberg and Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, part of the theme organising team of the ITMEMS3 workshop, *Building Resilience into Coral Reef Management*, published a letter, drawing in part from ITMEMS3, in Science promoting efforts for building reef resilience to climate change. View online at www.itmems.org

4. ITMEMS3 Secretariat Commitments

- Sustainable Tourism Best Practice Case Studies

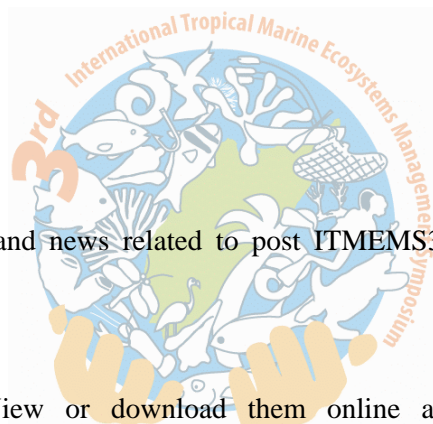
At the ICRI General Meeting, which followed ITMEMS3, ICRIAN committed to bringing together case studies on sustainable tourism to promote best practices. Sustainable Tourism theme coordinators have been contacted, and the first case study, available in English and Spanish, showcases ICRIAN Marine Tourism Alliance activities of Reef Check in the Dominican Republic. Our thanks to Ruben Torres for his efforts in generating this case study. You can download the case study from www.itmems.org

- Peer to Peer Exchanges

ICRIAN also committed to identify and raise the profile of best practices in peer-to-peer learning networks. ICRIAN is currently working with the WorldFish Center, and other partners, to identify and disseminate lessons learned and best practices in the management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems.

5. Reef Encounter Article

ICRIAN has written an article in Reef Encounter (newsletter for the International Coral Reef Society), on the linkages between science and management highlighting the needs and requirements of each from the other. The foundations of this grew from the productive discussions between scientists and managers at the ITMEMS3 symposium.



6. ITMEMS at next ICRI GM in Washington DC, 22nd – 24th January 2008

The ITMEMS3 Secretariat is working to incorporate an ITMEMS focussed agenda item at the next ICRI General Meeting to advance progress, gauge the status of commitments and work towards discussions and commitments for ITMEMS4.

7. International Year of the Reef 2008 (IYOR 2008)

ITMEMS3 provided the opportunity to begin laying the foundations for IYOR 2008. Planning has continued, with IYOR rapidly gathering momentum as the launch at the end of the ICRI GM in January draws nearer. Countries and organisations all over the world have pledged support in coming together to raise awareness of the importance of coral reefs and the threats they face. To find out more about what is taking place in your area, or how you can get involved, visit the IYOR website at www.iyor.org

In order to keep track of other interesting stories, initiatives and partnerships that were triggered (directly or indirectly) by ITMEMS3, we would be very grateful if you could please write and let us know what activities you have been involved in to implement the ITMEMS3 recommendations. This information will help to inform preparations for ITMEMS4, and enable the ITMEMS secretariat to report effectively on progress since ITMEMS3.

We look forward to hearing from you.

ITMEMS Secretariat

