

**Decision on Socio-economic Monitoring Guidelines for Coastal Managers in the Western Indian Ocean (SocMon WIO) - English, French, Portuguese and Swahili versions Reports for 2007 and 2008**

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**Background:**

1. The GCRMN socioeconomic monitoring group have produced 'The Socio-economic Monitoring Guidelines for Coastal Managers in the Western Indian Ocean' (SocMon WIO) as a simplified companion to the GCRMN Socioeconomic Manual for Coral Reef Management;
2. The SocMon guidelines contain a prioritized list of socioeconomic variables useful for coastal managers with simplified methods for data collection, archiving and analysis, as well as case studies. SocMons are specifically designed to be used in the field, thus should be available in local languages.
3. SocMon WIO is the 3rd of the regional guidelines; companions to SocMon Caribbean and SocMon Southeast Asia (SocMon SEA), which were released in 2003 and published in English and other languages.
4. The SocMon WIO network is currently monitoring 10 sites with more being added through substantial collaboration among social scientists, the drafting group and coastal managers in the region. The SocMon WIO Strategy was developed by regional partners, site projects and coordinated by CORDIO East Africa, with funds from ICRI, NOAA, Sida and IUCN, and support from WIOMSA and ICRAN.
5. SocMon WIO has been translated into Swahili, French and Portuguese and these are available as PDF files.

**Proposal to ICRI**

This proposal to ICRI from the GCRMN and CORDIO is to:

1. Print and distribute these language versions. It is estimated that the costs for printing and distributing

are: \$6,000 for 800 Swahili copies; \$5000 for 700 French copies; and \$4,000 for 400 Portuguese copies of version;

2. Modify sections of the French and Portuguese versions for other regions of the world. This is estimated to cost \$5,000; and
3. Provide the SocMons to countries of the Western Indian Ocean with training, estimated to cost an additional \$30,000.

**Decision Requested from ICRI**

ICRI Partners are requested to:

1. Encourage socioeconomic monitoring in the Western Indian Ocean (and Eastern Africa) with assistance to print and distribute SocMon WIO in other languages;
2. Assist the GCRMN and CORDIO in training for the use of SocMon WIO in the management of coral reefs in the region through the implementation of socioeconomic monitoring in appropriate project sites in the region; and
3. Consider whether these SocMons WIO manuals may be appropriate for other regions of the world.