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EDUCATING COMMUNITIES about Coral Reefs

The ICRAN education programme targets the specific needs of communities and other target audiences involved with coral reefs. ICRAN also promotes awareness about the threats to coral reefs by distributing information at local, national and international levels and engages governments and corporations in dialogues about best practices and conservation policies.



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Outreach

Local community events help to educate communities on the benefits of sustaining coral reefs and makes raising awareness of the marine environment fun.



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ICRAN's communications, public awareness resources and education activities are supported by the outreach efforts of many of its partners. These include a broad range of outreach and educational materials, and tools such as factsheets, guidelines and teaching resources, available through the ICRAN website at www.icran.org and at www.coralreef.org.

Public Awareness

In Ninh Thuan, Vietnam, ICRAN has so successfully raised awareness in the community that coral harvesting by a local cement company was prevented by the locals themselves. The community have also prepared their own regulations to protect coral reefs and fishermen now volunteer to patrol the waters to enforce the regulations.

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Education

ICRAN aims to provide access to coral reef information specifically for teachers and school children.