

ICRS Education Committee Goals for 2019-2020

1. Continue to work with the Council of the Society on environmental education and public awareness activities, and to seek ways in which the Society's membership and expertise may be used to support effective environmental education, both formal and informal, about the nature of coral reef ecosystems and the threats to them.
2. To work with Society members in their formal (e.g. University and College) and informal reef-related teaching activities, including by sharing teaching experience and materials, such as lecture notes, PowerPoint presentations, details of field and laboratory class exercises, reference and book lists. It will be important to designate the language of the material, allowing language students to translate notes and lectures into their language of choice.
3. To continue to coordinate activities with other organisations (e.g. IMarEST) in their own reef-related public environmental education and environmental awareness programmes.
4. To continue to make as much use as practicable of the Society's website and *Reef Encounter* in order to promote public and student knowledge and awareness of nature of coral reefs and the threats to them.
5. To continue to collaborate with both Student and Conservation Committees of ICRS.
6. To work with ICRS to develop an up-to-date member database that could be used to share teaching and other materials and for potential mentoring.
7. To work with the Council to develop a Young Ambassador Award.
8. To work through one of our members (Professor Zhang) to increase public awareness of coral reefs in China, including translating materials into Mandarin, and introducing some basic knowledge on corals for people in both rural regions and urban regions of China.

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