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Greetings

The International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI), one of the institutions of the National Institutes for Cultural Heritage (NICH) of Japan, was established in Sakai City, Osaka in 2011 as a Category 2 Centre of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). IRCI operates as an international research hub, aiming to promote the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (the 2003 Convention) and its implementation, as well as to enhance the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) by instigating and coordinating research in the Asia-Pacific region.

ICH, such as oral traditions and expressions, performing arts, and rituals, is also called living heritage. Transmitted from generation to generation and transformed over time, ICH nurtures cultural diversity, which is a source of innovation, creativity, and exchange. In today’s world of increasing globalization, where we face the issues of maintaining cultural diversity and promoting sustainable development, the expectations for the contribution of culture to sustainable development are high. In addition, as mentioned in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the role of ICH including traditional knowledge and cultural practices held by communities for generations should be further recognized.

The Asia-Pacific region, which accounts for two-thirds of the world’s population, is the treasure house of ICH. However, this rich cultural diversity is currently endangered by various factors such as social transformation, ageing, disasters, and conflicts. Safeguarding ICH is an urgent issue, and international cooperation is crucial.

To address these concerns, IRCI, as a research hub in the field of ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region, is committed to creating a platform for ICH research and conducting various case studies on practices that address ongoing international issues, including SDGs and Climate Change. These activities are carried out in close cooperation with UNESCO and other related organizations such as universities, research institutes, governmental and non-governmental organizations, museums, and communities worldwide.

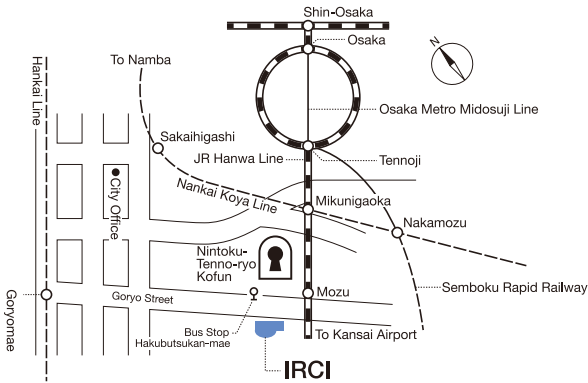
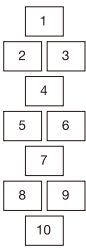
As an international institution based in Japan, the forerunner of ICH safeguarding, IRCI will continue its efforts alongside diverse actors to revitalize ICH and promote its safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region by implementing and facilitating relevant research programmes.

We appreciate your cooperation with the activities of IRCI.



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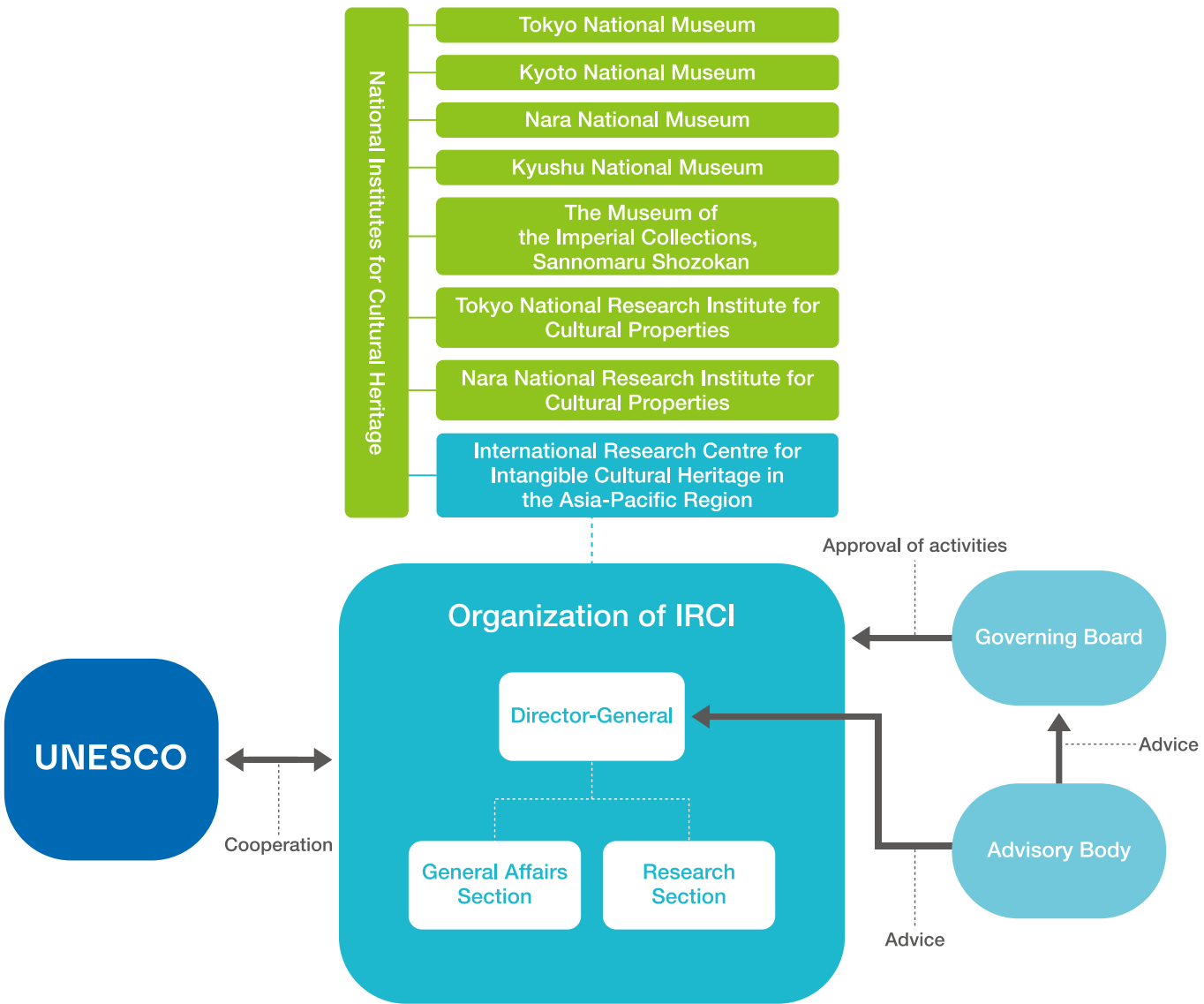


UNESCO Category 2 Centres

Category 2 Centres are institutions that serve to contribute to the achievement of UNESCO’s strategic objectives. There are currently eight UNESCO Category 2 Centres around the world, including Japan, in the field of the safeguarding of ICH. In East Asia, in addition to IRCI, there are Category 2 Centres in China and the Republic of Korea, with which IRCI cooperates and works in tandem every so often. The three centres have different mandates: research for IRCI, information and networking for the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IHCAP) in the Republic of Korea, and training for the International Training Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (CRIHAP) in China.

Operation of IRCI

IRCI activities are implemented with the approval of its Governing Board. The Governing Board is made up of ten experts and representatives of specialized institutions inside and outside Japan including a UNESCO representative. The Governing Board deliberates and approves all IRCI activities, including long-term and medium-term programmes, work plans, and reports. In addition, IRCI’s Advisory Body provides professional advice when planning research programmes. Furthermore, Mr MATSUURA Koichiro, Former Director-General of UNESCO, was appointed as an honorary adviser of IRCI in October 2017 to provide advice and support concerning the operation of IRCI.



UNESCO’s Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was founded in 1945 for the purpose of promoting international collaboration in the fields of education, science, culture, and communication. Among its activities is the adoption and implementation of the legal instruments such as international conventions. In the field of culture, there are six principal conventions, including the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (World Heritage Convention), which was adopted at the 17th session of the General Conference (1972), and the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, which was adopted at the 33rd session of the General Conference (2005). Among them is the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (the 2003 Convention), which was adopted in 2003, about 30 years after the adoption of the World Heritage Convention which aims to preserve and protect tangible cultural heritage.

The 2003 Convention was the outcome of discussions held at UNESCO since around 1970 on the safeguarding of folklore, including oral traditions and folk arts. The Convention has four objectives: (1) to safeguard intangible cultural heritage; (2) to ensure respect for the intangible cultural heritage of the communities, groups and individuals concerned; (3) to raise awareness at the local, national and international levels of the importance of intangible cultural heritage; and (4) to provide for international cooperation and assistance.

Intangible cultural heritage is defined in the text of the Convention as follows: ‘practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills – as well as the instruments, objects, artefacts and cultural spaces associated therewith – that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage’ (Article 2 (1)). More specifically, they are: (1) oral traditions and expressions, including language as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage; (2) performing arts; (3) social practices, rituals and festive events; (4) knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe; and (5) traditional craftsmanship. States Parties to the Convention are required to draw up inventories of their own intangible cultural heritage (Article 12).

There are two organs through which decisions regarding the Convention are made. One is the General Assembly of the States Parties, which meets every other year to decide strategic directions to be taken for promoting the objectives of the Convention. The other is the Intergovernmental Committee, which is made up of member states elected by the General Assembly. The Intergovernmental Committee, composed of 24 states, is held once a year and works for the concrete implementation of the Convention. Its most important roles are to deliberate on the inscription on two lists of intangible cultural heritage and to decide on good safeguarding practices of intangible cultural heritage.

In Articles 16 and 17, the 2003 Convention requires the Intergovernmental Committee to establish, keep up to date and publish two lists, namely the ‘Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity’ (Representative List) and the ‘List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding’ (Urgent Safeguarding List). The Representative List of the 2003 Convention takes the standpoint of not placing higher value upon one intangible cultural heritage than the other. The Representative List showcases the diversity of intangible cultural heritage of humanity around the world and aims to bring international awareness. In the implementation of the 2003 Convention, more emphasis is placed on the Urgent Safeguarding List than the Representative List, and in this regard, it differs from the World Heritage Convention. The 2003 Convention focuses on the practitioners’ daily lives in relation to intangible cultural heritage, thus encouraging the participation of communities to which the practitioners belong (Article 15).

Many member states that have ratified the 2003 Convention currently suffer from poverty, a lack of experts, a lack of interest among young people, urbanization, conflict, or war. For this reason, financial and technical assistance in developing legal systems, training of human resources, sustainable education, and so forth are seen as necessary. As particular emphasis is placed on the Urgent Safeguarding List laid forth in Article 17, it follows that an appropriate framework for international assistance and safeguarding measures need to be developed.

IRCI carried out a case study on audiovisual documentation of intangible cultural heritage in danger of disappearing from FY 2012 to FY 2014 through discussions with practitioners of arts and craftsmanship and government officials and in consideration for the needs of their communities. IRCI has since implemented research projects in close cooperation with UNESCO and other related institutions such as universities, research institutes, governmental and non-governmental organizations, museums, and communities worldwide. As a research institution, IRCI aims to share the outcomes of such research with the communities and contribute to safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. This is because, as stated above, the 2003 Convention places strong emphasis on communities, in other words, people who maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage.

What is Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) ?

ICH is living cultural heritage. Being transformed over time, it is transmitted from generation to generation and gives us cultural identity and richness. In the text of the 2003 Convention, the following five domains are recognized, and images are just a few examples from the Asia-Pacific region.

Oral Traditions and Expressions

- 1 **Falak, traditional folklore music (Tajikistan)**
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Performing Arts

- 3 **Royal ballet of Cambodia (Cambodia)**
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Social Practices, Rituals and Festive Events

- 5 **Kumbh Mela, pilgrimage and festival in Hinduism (India)**
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Knowledge and Practices Concerning Nature and the Universe

- 7 **Carolinian wayfinding and canoe making (Federated States of Micronesia)**
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- 8 **Falconry, a living human heritage (Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, etc.)**
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Traditional Craftsmanship

- 9 **Tais, traditional textile (Timor-Leste)**
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- 10 **Traditional skills, techniques and knowledge for the conservation and transmission of wooden architecture in Japan (Japan)**
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Activity Focus and Research Projects under Medium-Term Programme FY 2022–2026

IRCI implements a range of research activities utilizing its network with researchers and institutions within and outside Japan, following the two major activity focuses as set out in the Medium-Term Programme. By implementing various research projects, IRCI will strengthen its function as a research centre for safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific region.

Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding

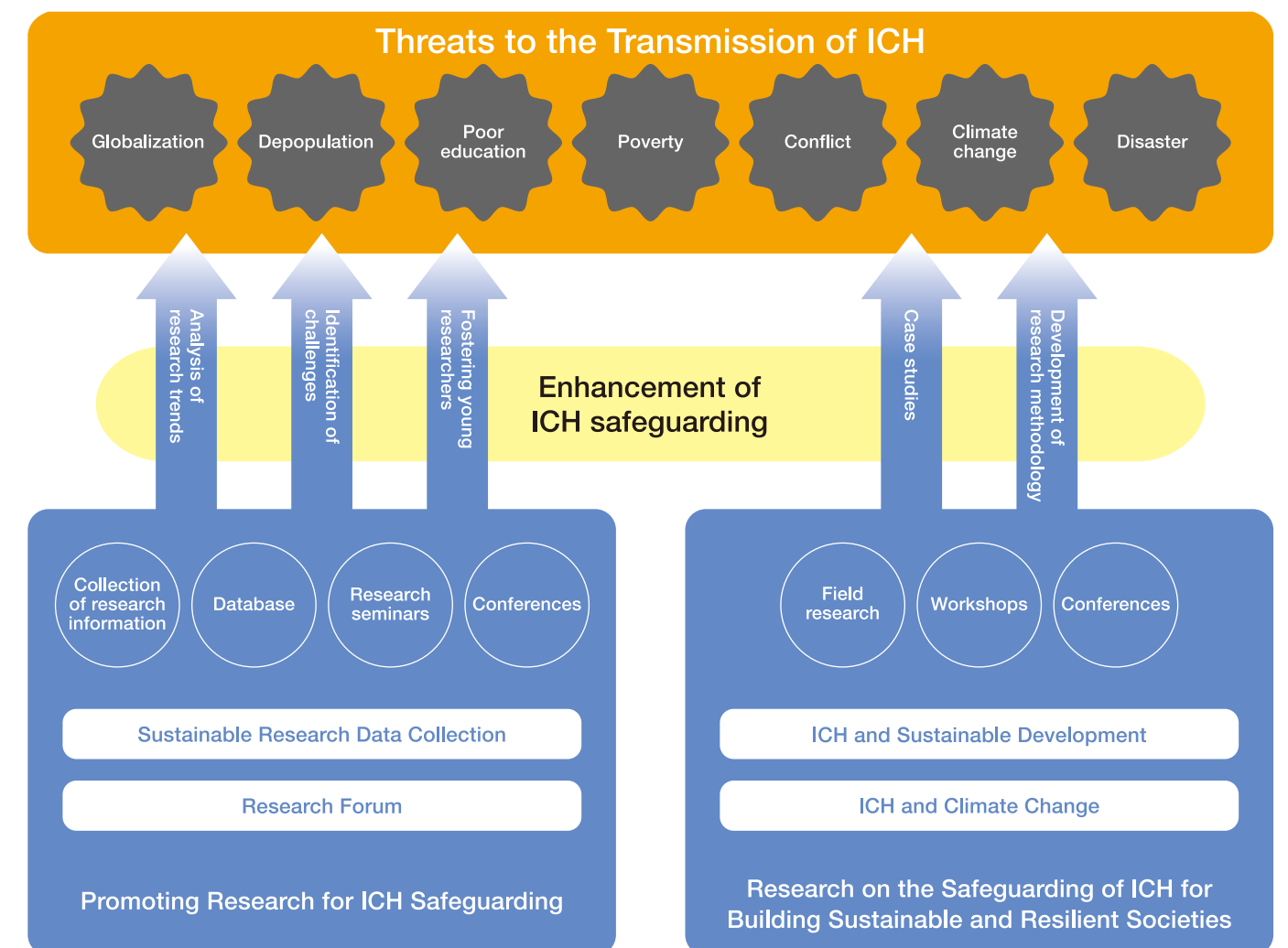
Research plays an important role in promoting ICH safeguarding. The following projects are implemented in FY 2025 to instigate research for ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region.

- 1 Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding: Focusing on Central Asia and Small Island Developing States
- 2 Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding

Research on the Safeguarding of ICH for Building Sustainable and Resilient Societies

Practical case studies that address ongoing international issues, such as disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, and SDGs, from the perspective of ICH, are conducted in collaboration with universities, research institutes, and NGOs in the Asia-Pacific region. The following projects are implemented in FY 2025.

- 1 Preliminary Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Ecosystems
- 2 Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region



Projects in FY 2025

Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding

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Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding: Focusing on Central Asia and Small Island Developing States (FY 2022–2025)

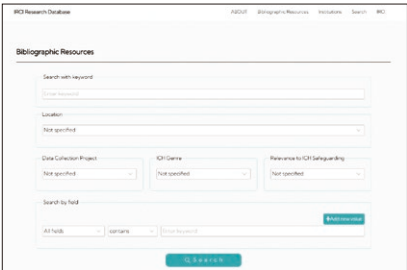
Research information, such as existing literature, is essential for understanding the current situation and challenges of ICH safeguarding. For more than a decade, IRCI has been collecting such information in the Asia-Pacific region and making it accessible on the IRCI Research Database, with the aim of sharing relevant information widely, thereby instigating further research and international cooperation. The current project focuses on Central Asia and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), where ICH-related research has not been fully understood, to systematically gather information through institutional cooperation.

Initially planned for three years, the current project has been extended to FY 2025 for partner organizations in SIDS to complete data collection activities with the analysis of the current situation and challenges of ICH research in respective countries. These activities will provide a foundation for partners to strengthen their capacity to conduct future activities for safeguarding ICH. For Central Asia, where data collection concluded in FY 2024, a sub-regional meeting is planned to discuss regional ICH research topics and issues based on the findings in this project.

In addition, information on ICH-related NGOs in the region will be collected in cooperation with the ICH NGO Forum. This will enable NGOs to showcase their research and foster further international cooperation, while enriching the IRCI Research Database with information on their work.

Use of IRCI Research Database

Amid the growing importance of research on ICH and its safeguarding, IRCI has been providing information on publications and institutions related to ICH research and safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region through the IRCI Research Database since FY 2014. This initiative aims to widely disseminate research information across the region and encourage further research and international collaboration to support ICH safeguarding. Since its launch, the database has been continuously improved to provide valuable information to a broad range of stakeholders, including researchers, experts, students, ICH practitioners, and government officials.



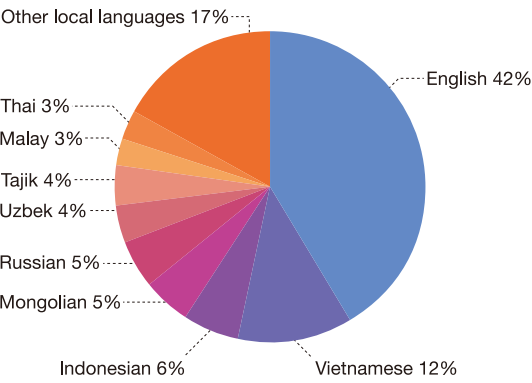
IRCI Research Database (Bibliographic Resources page)

In FY 2024, the database was redesigned using extensible open-source software, which not only improved the readability of the displayed information but also introduced multiple search options, advanced filtering, and links to source documents such as PDFs when available online.

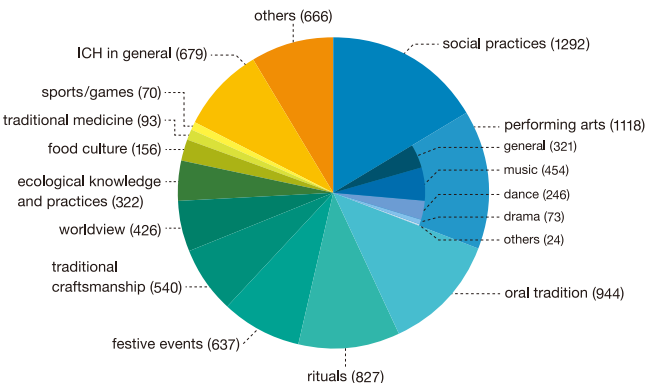
As of March 2025, the database's core content, bibliographic resources, includes 3,952 items from 49 countries and regions. These items cover various ICH genres and address a wide range of measures for safeguarding ICH, including documentation, policymaking, capacity building, and disaster risk reduction. Bibliographic information, especially summaries, in English enhance accessibility to publications originally available only in local languages in the Asia-Pacific region.

Characteristics of Collected Articles

Written language of collected articles



ICH genres identified in collected articles



Related Past Project

Collection and Sharing of Research Information for Safeguarding ICH

Information on available literature, researchers, research institutions, and research activities related to ICH is crucial for safeguarding ICH. However, such information is scattered across the region and countries, and thus, difficult to grasp. IRCI started collecting information on ICH research through the Mapping Project from FY 2013 to understand the state of research and to identify challenges for safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific region, while making the collected information accessible on the IRCI Research Database.



The First Working Group Meeting (June 2019, Tokyo, Japan)

In order to collect research information more systematically, IRCI launched the Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region project in FY 2019, in which research information was collected consecutively in cooperation with research institutions such as universities and NGOs in various countries, mostly in Southeast Asia.

Apart from collecting information, related activities such as meetings and workshops were also organized inviting cooperating researchers, institutions, and ICH experts, which contributed to the enhancement of sharing information on the current status and challenges of ICH research in the Asia-Pacific region.



● Surveyed countries and region by FY 2018 (31 countries and a region)
● Countries where partner organizations on 'Sustainable Research Data Collection' project from FY 2019 are located (18 countries)

Projects in FY 2025

Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding

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Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding (FY 2022–2026)

With a mission to promote research for safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific region, IRCI established the Asia-Pacific Research Forum for Safeguarding ICH in FY 2022, as a platform for interaction among the researchers and research institutions involved in ICH safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific region. This initiative aims to further invigorate research activities and enhance international collaboration, while strengthening IRCI's role as a research centre for safeguarding ICH in the region. The Forum, with the advice and cooperation of the planning committee composed of leading experts in the region, has planned and organized research seminars, international conferences, and other events that reflect the common needs and interests in the region.

In FY 2024, the Forum held its first international conference since its launch and also offered a programme for early career researchers, alongside the ongoing online seminars. For FY 2025, the publication of two key collections is anticipated: a compilation of papers from the international conference and another from the programme for early career researchers.

Facebook group

Currently, a Facebook group serves as a place for IRCI to disseminate information about its events and programmes, and for researchers to interact and share information with each other. Scan this QR code to join the Forum Facebook group



International Conference

The international conference ‘New Frontiers of Research for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage’ was successfully held in February 2025 at the National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan. Most participants were selected through the open call for papers, and this three-day event fostered academic and interdisciplinary discussions on new approaches, methodologies, emerging issues, and challenges in ICH research and regional safeguarding efforts. The conference papers will be reorganized into a scholarly book. This publication is expected to make a substantial academic contribution by broadly covering both theoretical aspects and practical case studies from the Asia-Pacific region.

Programme for Early Career Researchers

The publication programme for early career researchers was developed for the first time and started in October 2024 to support the preparation and publication of professional research papers through a combination of online and in-person workshops, writing sessions, and opportunities for conference presentation and interactions with leading experts. The inaugural cohort, comprising seven selected participants, successfully concluded their presentations at the international conference in February 2025, and are now in the final process of publishing their papers. It is one of IRCI's missions to foster the next generation of researchers who will lead the field of ICH. The final publication of the programme will introduce fresh perspectives and, in turn, deepen and enrich the future landscape of ICH studies.

Online Seminars for Safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region

Since its launch in 2022, the Forum has continuously hosted research seminars, open to all interested parties and individuals, using an online platform. These seminars have invited a wide range of speakers, including researchers, government officials, museum staff, and ICH practitioners from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, to discuss various issues and latest research trends related to ICH safeguarding within the region. The past seminars covered a wide range of topics including community involvement, good safeguarding practices, climate change, and comprehensive approaches to safeguarding urban heritage. In FY 2023, a special seminar marking the 20th Anniversary of UNESCO's Convention featured a session reflecting on the Convention's 20 years to envision the future of ICH safeguarding, and another inviting ICH bearers to learn from their on-the-ground experiences. In FY 2024, two seminars highlighted the roles of local and indigenous knowledge in climate actions. For FY 2025, seminars are planned to focus on the relationship between ICH and ecosystems. These online seminars serve as a unique platform, connecting experts to foster broad discussions that strengthen research and practical safeguarding efforts for ICH in the region. The Forum will continue to offer such opportunities for exchanging ideas on a wide range of topics and issues from diverse perspectives.



Special Seminar Session 2 (November 2023)

YouTube channel

Audiovisual recordings of previous seminars are available on IRCI's YouTube channel.



Past online seminars

FY	Series	Topics
2022	1st	Community Involvement in ICH research
	2nd	Intangible Cultural Heritage in a Climate of Emergency
	3rd	Learning from the Initiatives of Good Safeguarding Practices in the 2003 Convention
2023	《Special Seminar》20 Years of the 2003 Convention: Retrospect and Prospect	
	(4th)	I. Advancement of the Safeguarding of ICH: the 2003 Convention and Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding of ICH: 20 years after the adoption of the ‘Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage’• Two Conventions One Paradigm (Intangibles)• 20 Years of the 2003 Convention: Achievements and Recent Developments• Safeguarding ICH in Papua New Guinea: A Reflection on 20 Years of Work at the Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies• Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Maldives: Progress and Challenges• Intangible Cultural Heritage in Australia: Federalism and the Lure of Indigeneity
	(5th)	II. Dialogue with the Bearers of ICH Elements on the Lists of the Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baul songs in Bangladesh (Representative List)• Sand drawings in Vanuatu (Representative List)• Mongol Biyelgee, Mongolian Traditional Folk Dance & Folk Long Performance Technique of Limbe Performances in Mongolia (Urgent Safeguarding List)• Falconry, a Living Human Heritage, in Kazakhstan (Representative List - Multinational)
	6th	Synergizing Cultural Heritage in the Multicultural Urban Context of George Town
2024	7th	Indigenous and Local Knowledge of Changing Weather and Climate: UNESCO Experiences of Community-led Research in Africa and the Caribbean
	8th	Leveraging Local and Indigenous Knowledge to Enhance Adaptive Capacity: Examples from Southeast Asian Coastal Communities

Related Past Project

IRCI Researchers Forum

From FY 2017 to FY 2021, the IRCI Researchers Forum on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region was held biennially to strengthen researchers' network and provide a foundation for academic discussions. Previous forums facilitated interdisciplinary discussions on specific themes such as ‘Negotiating Intangible Cultural Heritage’ (December 2017, co-organized by the National Museum of Ethnology) and ‘Perspectives of Research for Intangible Cultural Heritage towards a Sustainable Society’ (December 2019, co-organized by the Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties). The third forum, ‘Progress and Challenges in the Research for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage-Towards a Sustainable Future-’, was held online on 29 October 2021 to mark IRCI's 10th anniversary. This event reflected on IRCI's research activities, fostering discussions on the progress of ICH research over the past decade and its future prospects. These efforts have been inherited into the current framework of the Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding.



The First Researchers Forum ‘Negotiating Intangible Cultural Heritage’ (December 2017, National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan)

Projects in FY 2025

Research on the Safeguarding of ICH for Building Sustainable and Resilient Societies

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Preliminary Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Ecosystems (FY 2025)

SDG Target 11.4 aims to ‘strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage’ for making cities and communities more sustainable. In the previous project until FY 2024 (see page 11), the roles of ICH were examined through case studies in World Heritage sites and cultural and historical landscapes in the Asia-Pacific region. However, the relationship between ICH and the natural environment, including Natural World Heritage, has not been fully explored. This project aims to develop a better understanding of the relationship between ICH and the natural environment and to prepare a new project in the following years that will conduct research into methodologies for holistic safeguarding of various forms of community’s heritage, including natural environment.

Preliminary research is conducted in FY 2025 to gather baseline information, and case studies will be initiated in the following fiscal years, not just to examine the roles of ICH in the conservation and sustainability of the natural environment, but also to develop methodologies for community-based safeguarding and transmission of ICH elements that are closely linked to nature, while mobilizing such ICH for the community’s sustainability. The outcomes of the project will also contribute to the sustainable resource management and environmental protections that are focused in SDGs 14 and 15.

Related Past Projects

Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH’s Contribution to Sustainable Development: Focusing on Education (FY 2018–2019)

Target 4.7 of the Sustainable Development Goal on education (SDG4) encourages the education that helps understand the contribution of culture and cultural diversity to sustainable development. This project investigated how ICH could be incorporated into education and contribute to SDG 4.7, by conducting two case studies in cooperation with cultural and educational research institutions in Viet Nam and the Philippines, focusing on formal and non-formal education respectively.

The guidelines for using ICH as educational tools were developed for each case and applied in actual classroom settings. The result proved that the use of ICH in education helped learners not only acquire the ICH knowledge and skills but also enhance their school performance in general. For educators and cultural practitioners, it became an opportunity to devise a new teaching methodology. It was also effective in fostering learners’ pride and affection towards their community and building cooperative ties among stakeholders.

Subanen traditional songs and dances in practice as a learning programme of the School of Living Traditions (SLT) (August 2019, Lakewood SLT, Zamboanga del Sur, Philippines)

Tugging rituals and games in the experience activities class (October 2019, Hanoi, Viet Nam)

Research on ICH’s Contribution to SDGs: Education and Community Development (FY 2020–2021)

The use of ICH in education in the previous project demonstrated the possibility that ICH plays a certain role in connecting education and the community. Accordingly, the project from FY 2020 explored its contribution to SDGs 4.7 and 11.4, focusing on the relationship between ICH, education, and community development, in cooperation with NGOs in Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Kyrgyzstan.

Case studies in these countries showed that ICH had been appreciated and transmitted among people regardless of generation and gender, being adapted to the time. This aspect is essential for ICH to foster solidarity and affection towards their community, which is necessary for its development. In addition, education incorporating ICH was also effective in improving learners’ non-cognitive skills such as a sense of discipline and creativity. Also, two symposia were held in January and December of 2021 in which Japanese youth, educators, members of the Japan Junior Chamber, and others, presented their case studies and shared their experiences of developing communities with ICH.

A community museum utilizing Yurt, a traditional nomadic housing in Kyrgyzstan ©Taalm-Forum

Traditional folk song & dance *Dhamail* in a rural setting in Bangladesh ©DAM

Traditional theatrical performing art *Kethoprak* in Indonesia ©DFCLC

Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities (FY 2022–2024)

IRCI conducted research on the roles of ICH in safeguarding cultural heritage for sustainable cities and communities (SDG Target 11.4) in the Asia-Pacific region. Case studies focused on the traditional handicrafts of communities within the Angkor World Heritage Sites in Cambodia, the annual Heritage Celebrations at the historic city of George Town in Malaysia, and the traditional navigation techniques and weaving heritage in the Marshall Islands.

Other case studies from the Asia-Pacific region were also shared in symposia and workshops, where discussions were deepened concerning the interaction between tangible and intangible cultural heritage and the community-centred safeguarding, transmission, and utilization of cultural heritage. In particular, it was emphasized that ICH is not just a tool to protect tangible heritage but is promoted through the use of tangible heritage, and that a holistic approach incorporating all forms of heritage, not just tangible and intangible cultural heritage, is crucial in safeguarding the community’s heritage.

Traditional rattan crafting in the Angkor region (2023, Siem Reap, Cambodia) ©APSARA National Authority

Interactive dance session during the George Town Heritage Celebration commemorating George Town’s inscription as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (2024, Penang, Malaysia) ©George Town World Heritage Incorporated

An outrigger canoe representing the navigation skills and knowledge rooted in the island environment (2023, Marshall Islands) ©Pasifika Renaissance

Projects in FY 2025

Research on the Safeguarding of ICH for Building Sustainable and Resilient Societies

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Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region (FY 2024–2026)

Climate change is an urgent global issue that increasingly threatens people’s daily lives. The rising frequency and intensity of extreme climate-related hazards have led to ecosystem disruption and resource scarcity. This, in turn, is affecting various ICH elements, including subsistence knowledge and practices, traditional crafts that rely on locally sourced raw materials, and community rituals closely linked with the local environment. This project aims to examine the diverse ways in which climate change is impacting ICH, and explore how ICH can be actively mobilized to support communities in adapting to rapidly changing environmental conditions and what roles ICH can play in climate action, by conducting case studies in the Asia-Pacific region.

In FY 2024, the project commenced with preliminary research, including literature reviews and monitoring of global initiatives related to ICH and climate change, which guided the identification of key areas and its overall approach. Two online seminars were held on local and traditional knowledge in the context of climate change. From FY 2025, full-scale research will be conducted in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, and the Solomon Islands to examine how climate change is affecting ICH at the community level and to develop strategies for incorporating ICH into the community’s climate responses. This includes identifying specific ways in which traditional knowledge and practices can be integrated into adaptation planning, disaster preparedness, and awareness-raising initiatives. The research will also consider the effectiveness and limitations of ICH-based approaches in addressing local climate risks. Findings will guide the development of community-centred strategies and actions to strengthen resilience and safeguard ICH in the face of climate challenges.



Traditional irrigation system in the Baltistan region, Pakistan, relies on glacial meltwater from mountain tops
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In a remote island of Taumako, Solomon Islands, traditional food such as breadfruit and its preservation is important for disaster resilience
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Jamdani weaving, UNESCO ICH in Bangladesh, requires precise climatic conditions, such as temperature and humidity, to maintain its fabric quality
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Bhutan, known for preserving cultural heritage and protecting people’s well-being, faces growing threats due to glacial melt and extreme weather events
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Related Past Projects

Reflecting the increasing global awareness of the disaster risk management (DRM) of cultural heritage, IRCI conducted research projects in the Asia-Pacific region on the situation of ICH threatened by disasters triggered by natural hazards or conflicts, efforts to safeguard ICH from disasters, and the role of ICH.

Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Natural Hazards (FY 2016–2018, FY 2021–2023)

During FY 2016–2017, case studies were conducted in Fiji, Myanmar, the Philippines, Vanuatu, and Viet Nam to understand the situation of ICH in the context of natural hazards and disasters. ‘Statements and Recommendations for Safeguarding ICH in Disasters and Mobilising ICH for Disaster Risk Reduction’, which was the outcome of the regional workshop held in 2018, became the guidelines for the activities that followed.

The second phase further explored specific ways to safeguard and mobilize ICH for disaster risk reduction (DRR), in cooperation with researchers and institutions in Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Philippines, Vanuatu, and Viet Nam. A systematic desk survey assessed the potential disaster risks and the positive aspects of ICH at different stages of the DRM cycle, which became the basis for field research. The final workshop discussed community-based measures and tools for safeguarding and incorporating ICH for the community’s DRR.

Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia (FY 2017–2020)

Armed conflict destroys significant cultural heritage in the affected area. While international frameworks for the protection of ‘tangible’ cultural heritage damaged by conflicts have been developed, discussions have not progressed for safeguarding ICH in this context. Therefore, IRCI implemented this project to safeguard ICH that was threatened by conflict in Afghanistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste. The project evidenced the difficulties and challenges in safeguarding ICH in conflict-affected situations. Nevertheless, its activities enhanced the understanding of ICH and related research among the collaborators and cultivated knowledge among young researchers.

Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic (FY 2021–2023)

The global outbreak of COVID-19 and associated prevention measures limiting social interaction have threatened the viability of ICH. Therefore, research was conducted to investigate the situation of the practice and transmission of ICH during this pandemic in cooperation with researchers in Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, and the Republic of Korea. The final conference highlighted the importance of taking a preemptive approach to ensure the viability of ICH by strengthening networks and cooperative relationships among stakeholders through various events and projects to prepare for future pandemics.



Villagers discuss the impact of disasters on their ICH (2017, Gaua, Vanuatu)



Interview with Baul practitioners (2022, Manikgani, Bangladesh)

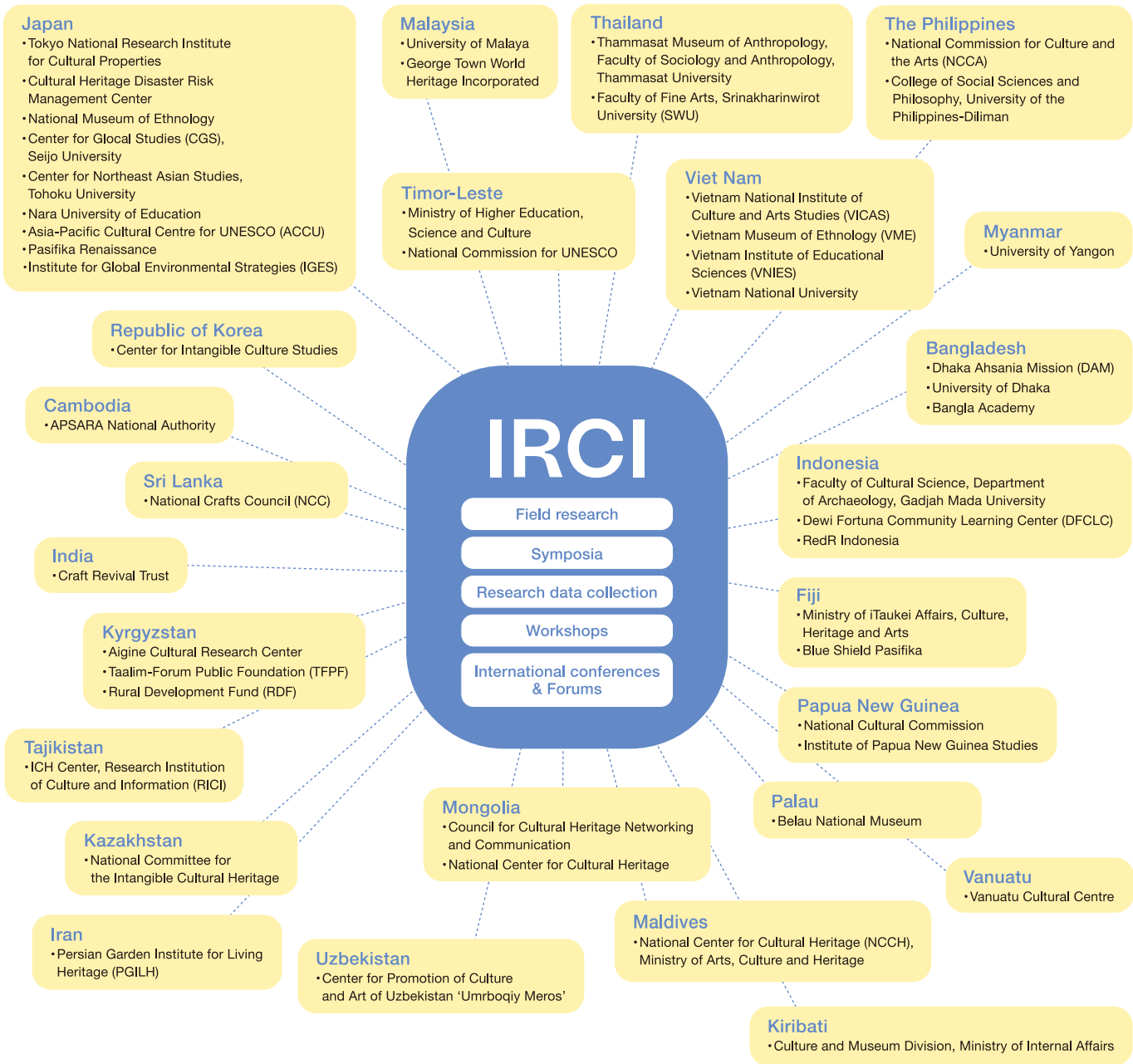
Cooperation with Research Institutes

IRCI promotes research for safeguarding ICH in cooperation with universities, research institutes, museums, government agencies, and NGOs in Japan and the Asia-Pacific region. To date, IRCI has concluded memoranda of understanding with over 40 institutions to implement joint projects, such as field research, collecting information, and organizing international conferences and symposia (see pages 18-19).

IRCI has also strengthened its cooperation with other organizations within the National Institutes for Cultural Heritage, to which IRCI belongs. In the case of the Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management project, for instance, the Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties and the Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Management Center have been contributing to the project with their extensive experiences in the field of disaster risk management of ICH in Japan.

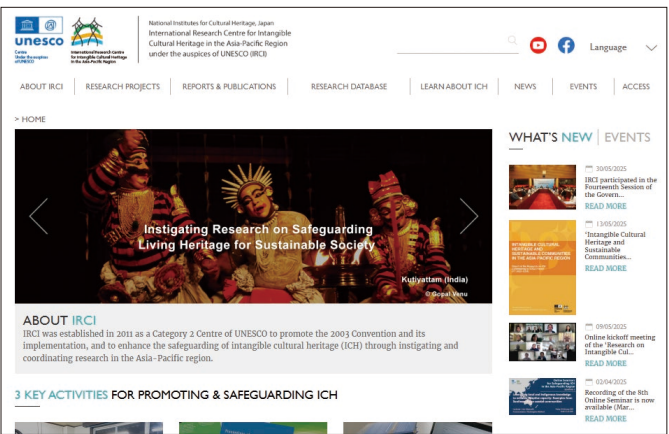
IRCI is further expanding its network and strengthening its cooperative ties with institutions within Japan and abroad to promote research for safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific region.

Major Cooperative Research Institutes



Public Relations

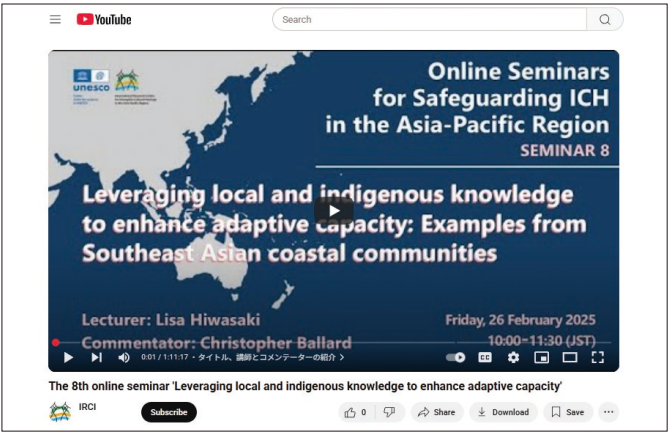
IRCI releases comprehensive information about its activities through various media. For instance, the IRCI Brochure is published annually in Japanese and English, and distributed to UNESCO's headquarters and field offices, Category 2 Centres, and National Commissions for UNESCO of the countries in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as research institutes and universities at home and abroad. Information on the projects and activities is regularly updated on the IRCI website (<https://www.irci.jp/>), where major publications such as project reports and proceedings are also available in PDF format. An official Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/IRCI.Official/>) and official YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@IRCI.Official>) were established to disseminate information to a wide range of people.



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Cooperation with Sakai City

IRCI cooperates with Sakai City to promote public awareness of ICH. For instance, panels introducing ICH and IRCI's activities have been displayed at the Sakai City Museum, where IRCI is located. IRCI also cooperates in events, seminars, and symposia organized by the Sakai City Government for the general public to deepen their understanding.



Panel Exhibition 'ICH Resilience amid COVID-19 Pandemic' held at the Sakai City Museum (November 2023–March 2024, Sakai, Japan)



The 45th Seminar and Workshop for Understanding Intangible Cultural Heritage 'Let's Experience Philippine Folk Dancing' (December 2024, Sakai, Japan)

Timeline of Research Projects

FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	
Medium-Term Programme (FY 2012–2015)				Medium-Term Programme (FY 2016–2021)						Medium-Term Programme (FY 2022–2026)					
Mapping Project	Activity Focus I Mapping Studies on the Safeguarding of ICH			Activity Focus I Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding						Activity Focus I Promoting Research for ICH Safeguarding					
										Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding: Focusing on Central Asia and Small Island Developing States					
										Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding (formerly known as: Creation of the Asia-Pacific Regional Hub of Research for the Safeguarding of ICH)					
	International Experts Meetings														
	Literature Survey on ICH Safeguarding Research in the Asia-Pacific Countries														
	Research Data Collection on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region and Optimisation of its Use														
										Activity Focus II Research on the Safeguarding of ICH for Building Sustainable and Resilient Societies					
										Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities					
										Preliminary Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Ecosystems					
Activity Focus II Research for Safeguarding Endangered ICH				Activity Focus II Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management											
Documentation of ICH as a Tool for Community-led Safeguarding Activities				Preliminary Research on ICH Safeguarding and the Disaster-Risk Management in the Asia-Pacific Region		Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on ICH and Natural Disasters					Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management		Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region		
Safeguarding the ICH for the Promotion of Cultural Identity and Community Resilience in Timor-Leste										Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic					
Research for Safeguarding ICH on the Verge of Extinction: Vietnamese ICH Element Dong Ho Woodblock Printing				Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia											
Research for Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflicted States (Sri Lanka)															
Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region															



Research for Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflicted States (Sri Lanka). Meeting on further cooperation and sharing the final report with Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development (September 2014, Colombo, Sri Lanka)



Research for Safeguarding ICH on the Verge of Extinction. A practitioner of Dong Ho Woodblock Printing in the community (January 2015, Bac Ninh Province, Viet Nam)



Study of Legal Systems related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region. Discussion among experts at the final workshop (December 2016, Hanoi, Viet Nam)



Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH's Contribution to Sustainable Development. A workshop inviting ICH practitioners from the Subanen community (October 2019, Manila, Philippines)

International Meetings and Workshops

Research Data Collection

Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding

February 2025	‘Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding’ Final Online Workshop for Central Asia and SIDS
March 2024	‘Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding’ Regional Workshop for SIDS
February 2024	‘Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding’ Regional Workshop for Central Asia
February 2023	‘Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding’ Online Working Session for SIDS
August 2022	‘Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding’ Online Workshop for Central Asia
January 2022	Regional Workshop ‘Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region’

Mapping Studies on the Safeguarding of ICH

July 2017	International Symposium ‘Glocal Perspectives on Intangible Cultural Heritage: Local Communities, Researchers, States and UNESCO’ Co-Organizer: Center for Glocal Studies(CGS), Seijo University, Japan/Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan
November 2016	IRCI Experts Meeting on Mapping Project for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region
December 2015	IRCI Experts Meeting on Mapping Project for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Countries Co-Organizer: Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan
January 2015	International Experts Meeting of the Project ‘Mapping Research on the Safeguarding of ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region’ Co-Organizer: Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia
February 2014	Preliminary Meeting of the Project ‘Exploring Research for the Safeguarding of ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region’ Co-Organizer: UNESCO Bangkok Office, Thailand

Research Forum

Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding

February 2025	International Conference ‘New Frontiers of Research for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage’ Co-Organizers: National Museum of Ethnology, Japan/Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan
October 2024–February 2025	Workshops of the Publication Programme for Early Career Researchers
October–November 2023	Special Online Seminar ‘20 Years of the 2003 Convention: Retrospect and Prospect’

IRCI Researchers Forum on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region

October 2021	The IRCI Researchers Forum ‘Progress and Challenges in the Research for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage – Towards a Sustainable Future –’ Co-Organizer: Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan
December 2019	International Researchers Forum ‘Perspectives of Research for Intangible Cultural Heritage – towards a Sustainable Society’ Co-Organizer: Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Japan/Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan
November 2017	International Symposium ‘Negotiating Intangible Cultural Heritage’ Co-Organizer: National Museum of Ethnology, Japan/Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan

SDGs

Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities

October 2024	International Symposium ‘Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities: Perspectives for Integrated Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region’
March 2024	‘Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities’ The FY 2023 Workshop Co-Organizer: APSARA National Authority (ANA), Cambodia
February 2023	The First International Symposium of ‘Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities’

Research on ICH Contribution to SDGs: Education and Community Development

December 2021	International Symposium ‘ICH Contributing to Better Education and Sustainable Communities’
January 2021	International Symposium for Research on ICH's Contribution to SDGs: Education and Community Development

Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH's Contribution to Sustainable Development: Focusing on Education

November 2019	International Workshop for Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH's Contribution to Sustainable Development: Focusing on Education
January 2019	IRCI's International Symposium for Multi-disciplinary Study on ICH's Contribution to Sustainable Development: Focusing on Education



International Conference ‘New Frontiers of Research for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage’ (February 2025, Osaka, Japan)



International Symposium ‘Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities: Perspectives for Integrated Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region’ (October 2024, Kyoto, Japan)

Natural Disasters and Disaster Risk Management

Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region

April 2025	Online Kickoff Meeting
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Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

July 2023	Asia-Pacific Regional Conference ‘ICH Resilience and the COVID-19 Pandemic’
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Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management

September 2023	Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management Project Final Workshop Co-Organizer: Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Management Center, Japan
August–September 2022	Regional Workshop 2022

Research on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Natural Hazards

December 2018	Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on ICH and Natural Disasters Co-Organizer: Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Japan
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Preliminary Research on ICH Safeguarding and the Disaster-Risk Management in the Asia-Pacific Region

January 2017	Preliminary Research on ICH Safeguarding and the Disaster Risk Management in the Asia-Pacific Region: International Working Group Session
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Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management Project Final Workshop (September 2023, Nara, Japan)

Post-Conflict

Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia

December 2018	IRCI Meeting for Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia
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Research for Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflict States (Sri Lanka)

December 2015	Discussion Meeting on Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Sri Lanka
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Safeguarding the ICH for the Promotion of Cultural Identity and Community Resilience in Timor-Leste

October 2013	Study Tour for ICH Experts of Timor-Leste Co-Organizer: UNESCO Jakarta Office, Indonesia
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Safeguarding Endangered ICH

Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region

December 2016	IRCI Final Workshop on the Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region
December 2015	IRCI Second Workshop on the Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in the Greater Mekong Region
December 2014	IRCI First Workshop on the Study of Legal Systems Related to ICH in Southeast Asia Co-Organizer: Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, Japan

Research for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage on the Verge of Extinction: Vietnamese ICH Element Dong Ho Woodblock Printing

January 2015	Workshop on the Roles of the Community Centre in ICH Revitalization: A Case Study of Dong Ho Woodblock Printing Co-Organizer: Vietnam National Institute of Culture and Arts Studies (VICAS)
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Documentation of ICH as a Tool for Community-led Safeguarding Activities

March 2015	Intensive Working Session on ICH Documentation as a Tool for Community-led Safeguarding Activities
February 2014	Workshop for Community's Young Film Makers for ICH Audio-Visual Documentation
February 2013	Workshop on ICH Documentation as a Tool for Community Safeguarding Activities
March 2012	Intensive Researchers Meeting on Communities and the 2003 Convention

Research on the 2003 Convention

January 2013	2013 IRCI Meeting on ICH – Evaluating the Inscription Criteria for the Two Lists of UNESCO's ICH Convention
June 2012	The First ICH–Research Forum: The Implementation of UNESCO's 2003 Convention Co-Organizer: Maison des Cultures du Monde (MCM), France

Current Status of ICH in Urgent Need of Safeguarding

August 2012	International Field School Alumni Seminar on Safeguarding ICH in the Asia-Pacific Co-Organizer: Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre (SAC), Thailand
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Symposiums in Cooperation with Sakai City, Osaka, Japan

November 2016	2016 International Symposium on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region ‘Transmitting Art and Spirit of ICH’ Co-Organizer: Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan/Sakai City
August 2013	International Symposium in Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Convention for the Safeguarding of ICH Co-Organizer: Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan/Sakai City
February 2013	Symposium on ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region ‘ICH in the Asia-Pacific Region – Current Status and Important Issues’ Co-Organizer: Sakai City
October 2011	IRCI Opening Commemorative Symposium Co-Organizer: Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan/Sakai City

Reports and Publications

*Some publications are available for download on the website https://www.irci.jp/report_publication/

Intangible Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Communities in the Asia-Pacific Region: Report of the Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs Project (FY 2022–2024)

(English, March 2025, 201 pages) ISBN-978-4-9909775-9-7*



This is the final report of the project 'Research on ICH Contributing to SDGs: Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Cities and Communities' conducted in FY 2022–2024. It summarizes the project activities and presents the results of case studies conducted as part of the project in cooperation with the partner organizations in Cambodia, Malaysia, and the Marshall Islands, as well as other cases from various countries in the Asia-Pacific region that were shared in two symposia held in the course of the project in 2023 and 2024.

Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding: Focusing on Central Asia and Small Island Developing States – Project Report Part I (FY 2024)

(English, March 2025, 129 pages) ISBN-978-4-9914165-0-7*



This report provides a summary of data collection activities conducted in Central Asia from FY 2022 to 2024 as part of the project 'Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding: Focusing on Central Asia and Small Island Developing States'. It includes final reports from partner organizations in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, as well as contributions from the Philippine partner, which participated in the previous research data collection project until FY 2022. Additionally, the project report features a regional analysis of all information collected in Central Asia over the three-year period.

Towards Safeguarding Endangered Traditional Crafts in Post-Conflict Areas of Sri Lanka [Second Edition]

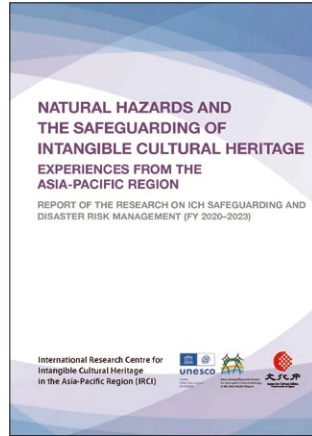
(English, March 2025, 133 pages) ISBN-978-4-9909775-6-6*



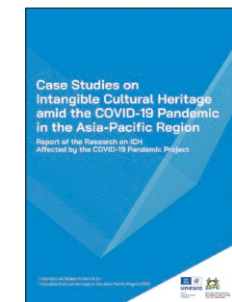
Produced as the result of IRCI's project 'Research for Endangered Traditional Handicrafts in Post-Conflict States (Sri Lanka)' (FY 2013 to 2015), this report provides a detailed account of the revival of traditional textiles and women's handicrafts in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka. The original version of the report was published in 2014 with a limited distribution to stakeholders. This second edition has been published online to respond to repeated requests from stakeholders to make the report more accessible, given its rich information and valuable insights into safeguarding endangered traditional crafts in conflict-affected areas.

Natural Hazards and the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage: Experiences from the Asia-Pacific Region (Report of the Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management [FY 2020–2023])

(English, March 2024, 120 pages) ISBN-978-4-9909775-7-3*



This report presents the results of the project 'Research on ICH Safeguarding and Disaster Risk Management' conducted in FY 2020–2023. It consists of a summary of project activities and the results of case studies carried out in cooperation with researchers and organizations in the Asia-Pacific region, namely Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mongolia, the Philippines, and Viet Nam. There is also a contribution showcasing the latest development of ICH safeguarding in the context of disasters in Japan.



Case Studies on Intangible Cultural Heritage amid the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Asia-Pacific Region (Report of the Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic Project [FY 2021–2023])
(English, April 2024, 150 pages)
ISBN-978-4-9909775-8-0*



ICH Resilience amid COVID-19 Pandemic
(English, March 2023, 9 pages)
ISBN-978-4-9909775-5-9*



Proceedings of the IRCI Researchers Forum on ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region 'Progress and Challenges in the Research for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage –Towards a Sustainable Future–'
(English, March 2022, 129 pages)
ISBN-978-4-9909775-2-8*



Research on ICH's Contribution to SDGs: Education and Community Development: Project Report FY 2020–2021
(English, March 2022, 368 pages)
ISBN-978-4-9909775-4-2*



Sustainable Research Data Collection for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region: Project Report FY 2019–2021
(English, March 2022, 87 pages)
ISBN-978-4-9909775-3-5*



Research on ICH Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic: 'A Preliminary Report of the Questionnaire-Based Survey Conducted in FY 2021'
(English, August 2022, 26 pages)



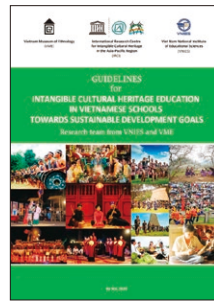
Project Report 'Study of Emergency Protection of ICH in Conflict-Affected Countries in Asia'
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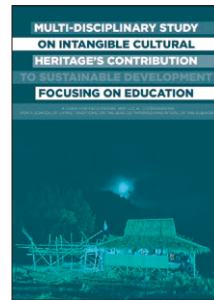
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- International Symposium Negotiating Intangible Cultural Heritage Report
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