

ANNEX 3

QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY ON IRCI'S ACTIVITIES: REPORT ON THE RESULTS

OVERVIEW

IRCI conducted a questionnaire survey regarding its activities in the past 10 years from 21 July to 23 August 2021.

IRCI invited a wide range of domestic and international experts who have collaborated with IRCI, including researchers, UNESCO officers, and government officials. We received 150 responses from 50 countries, and among which, 125 provided valid responses.

Survey period

21 July–23 August 2021

Responses

150 individuals responded

125 submitted valid responses

Countries

50 countries across the world

Distribution of questionnaire

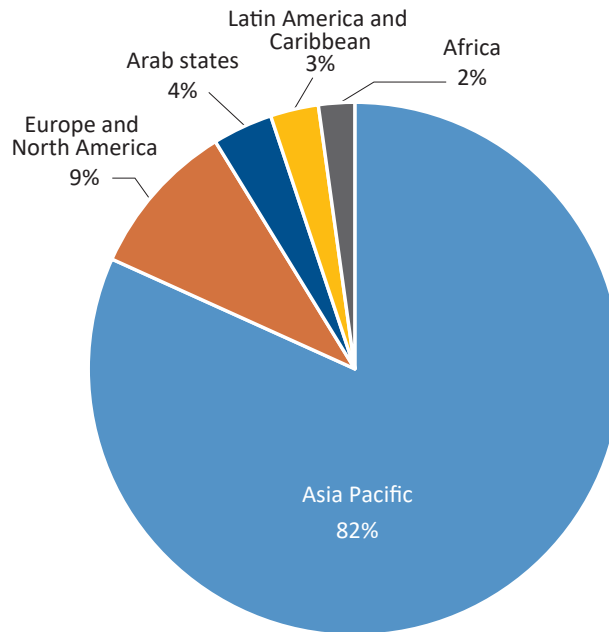
The questionnaire was developed using an on-line questionnaire platform ‘Survey Monkey’ and distributed via e-mails, and on IRCI website.

Answers to the question “How did you find this questionnaire?”:

E-mail sent from IRCI	83%
IRCI’s website	1%
Notification by cooperative institutions	16%

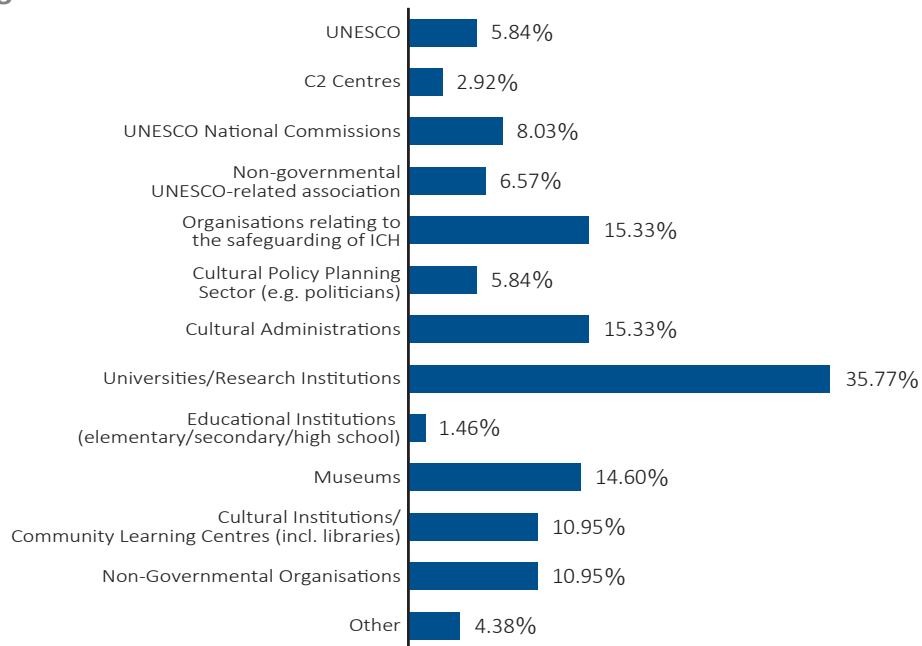
Respondents' Attribution

By Region



137 respondents

By Organisation



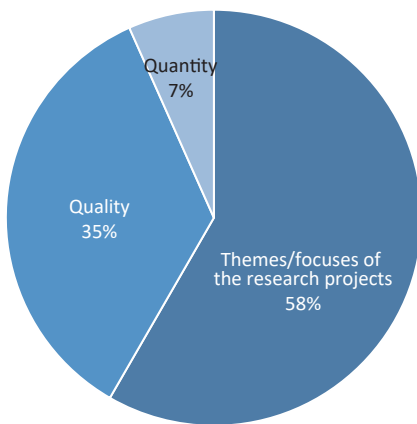
137 respondents
Multiple answers accepted

What aspect of IRCI's activities do you think is most important?

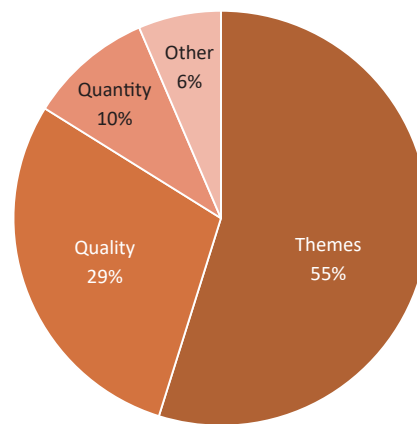


110 respondents

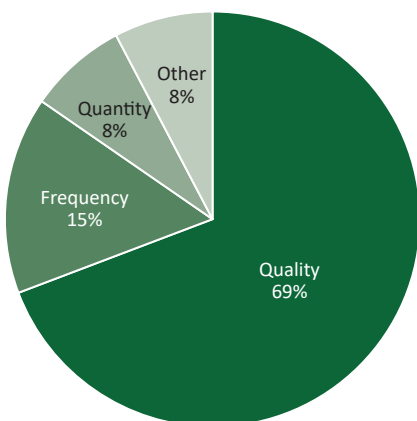
Reason for selecting "Research projects"



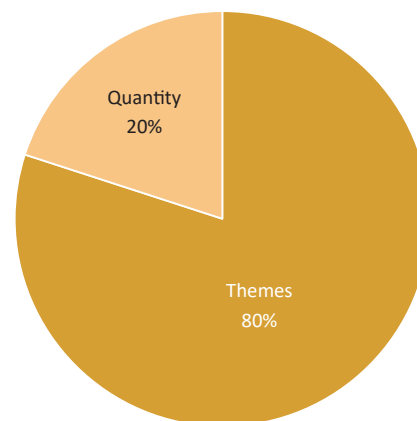
Reason for selecting "International meetings/workshops"



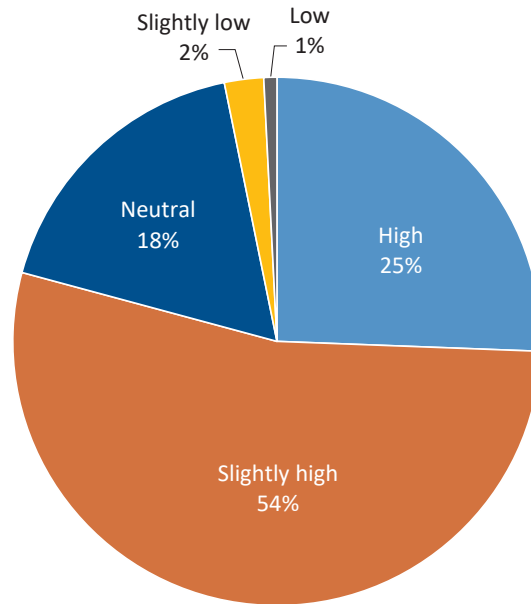
Reason for selecting "Dissemination of information"



Reason for selecting "Publications"

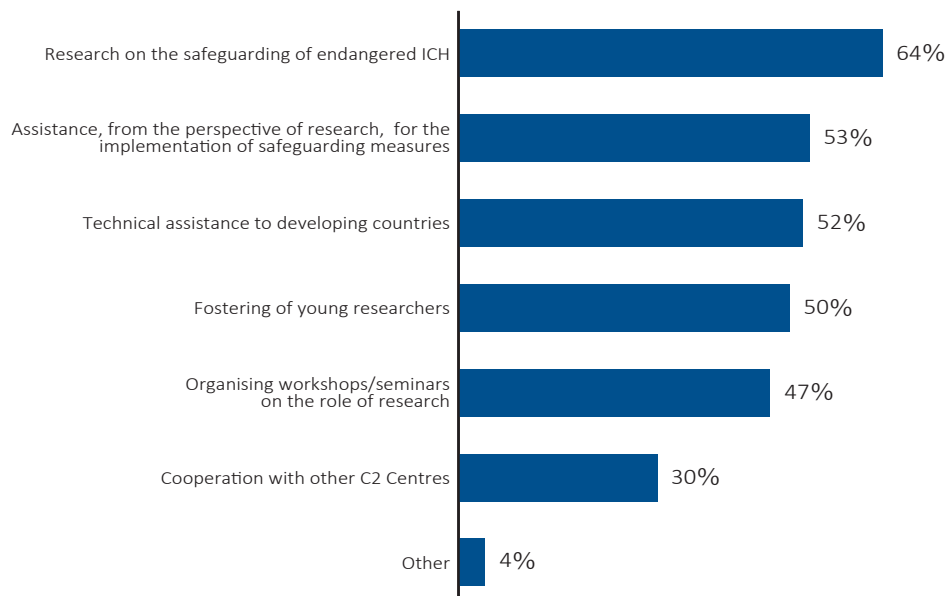


Rating of IRCI's contribution to the safeguarding of ICH in the Asia-Pacific region



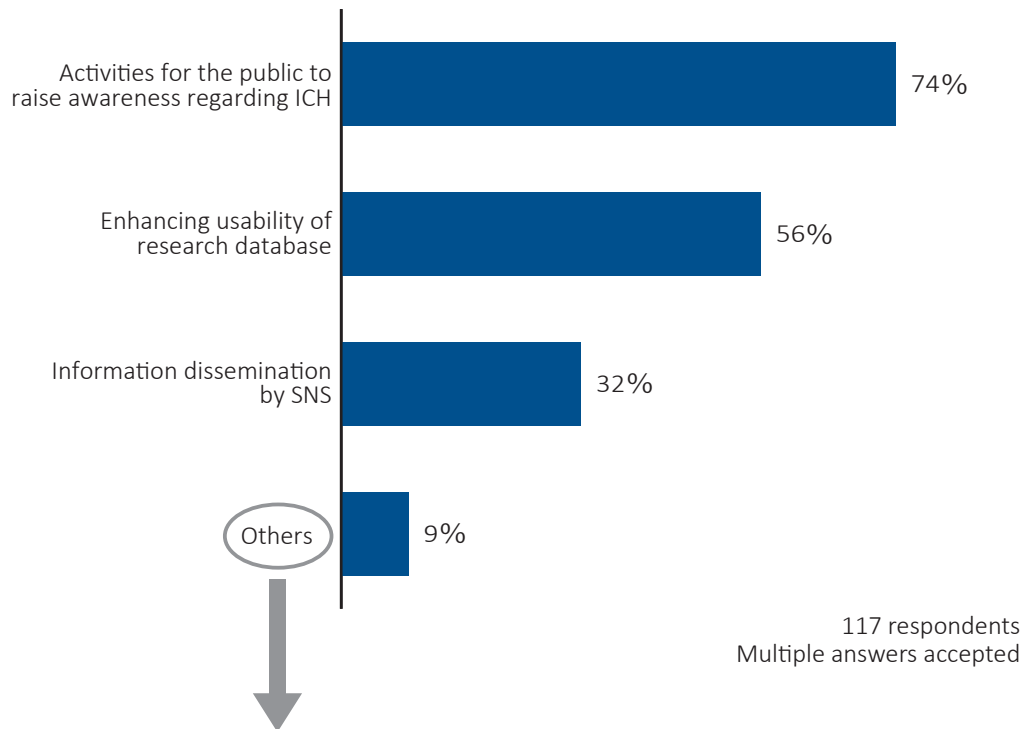
125 respondents

What kind of activities do you expect IRCI to do in the future, to contribute to the safeguarding of ICH?



125 respondents
Multiple answers accepted

What kind of activities other than research do you think IRCI should emphasise in the future?



Other opinions:

- Benchmarking of safeguarding protection of intangible heritage with other Asian countries.
- Establishing a group of researchers who are well trained and talented to facilitate any challenge will face the people who are working on this field
- Community companion to learn to research local cultural values to be applied and utilized in everyday life
- Training of community representatives in the documentation of their ICH.
- Assisting countries in SE Asia in drawing up inventories, and nomination files
- Enhancing ICH education at the university level, or incorporating ICH in university courses.
- Support ICH bearers in implementation of international projects

What do you think are the themes/topics that IRCI should address in the future research activities?

Open-ended question; 71 valid responses

Major themes/topics mentioned by respondents are as follows:

5 or more mentions:

- Safeguarding endangered ICH
- Climate change adaptation
- Disaster risk management

3-4 mentions:

- Health risk and epidemics (Covid-19)
- Digital technologies
- Indigenous/local/traditional knowledge
- Shared heritage/ICH, or joint nomination
- Training programmes
- Community participation

2 mentions:

- SDGs; Education; Gender; ICH in Japan; Good safeguarding practice; Intellectual properties; transmission of ICH; Tourism; Food (technology and security)



Word Cloud image of future research topics

How would you evaluate the progress of IRCI's activities over the past 10 years (as summarized in *IRCI Brochure 2021*, pp.20-25)

Open-ended question; 60 valid responses

Most responses commend IRCI's initiatives and achievements. Some comments noted the gradual development or improvement of IRCI in its research and public relations. Further expectations, encouragements, or challenges expressed in responses include the followings.

- Needs more research work focusing on communities
- it is necessary for wider audience, including visionary local leaders and their communities to learn (about the work results)
- Collected data and materials are consistent and valuable source of information and inspiration for future research on ICH
- Work more with museums and more countries in Southeast Asia, especially among marginalized communities
- Impressive yet conservative in reaching to global needs
- Disseminate its work all over the world
- Hoping great efforts will be followed up to have the sustainability for these works
- Wider information dissemination among academic communities/ICH researchers should be complemented with raising awareness of the local communities about the crucial importance of ICH safeguarding
- Publish these tangible results to the wider community, especially students
- There are satisfactory effects of its research and education that are not reflected on indicators
- knowledge transfer from research to enhance safeguarding practices is not obvious
- After 10 years, I expect IRCI to become a full-fledged research organization
- Under the difficult situation affected by COVID19, expectations are raised for IRCI's research database that has been accumulated over the years