The Reef Resilience Network

PROMOTING LOCAL ACTION FOR GLOBAL CORAL REEF CONSERVATION
The Reef Resilience Network—bringing together managers from around the world to share ideas, experiences, and expertise—strengthens members’ ability to effectively manage coral reefs threatened by warming seas, bleaching, pollution, and overfishing. To achieve this, we:

- Synthesize and share the latest science and management strategies to keep busy managers inspired and in-the-know
- Connect managers and experts to share resources and lessons learned that inform and improve management decisions and inspire greater collaborations
- Provide training and seed funding to launch necessary education, monitoring, and threat abatement projects

“Building a Global Network”

“The Reef Resilience Network is one of the most important destinations of my research and a key portal to engaging with the practitioner community.”

Dr. Peter Mumby, Chief Scientist, Marine Spatial Ecology Lab, School of Biological Sciences, University of Queensland
We’ve provided in-person and online training to managers working in 75% of the 103 countries and territories with coral reefs.
Reefs are impacted by pressures from overfishing, pollution, coastal development, warming oceans, and changes in ocean chemistry. The Reef Resilience Network connects managers with information, experts, and resources to innovate, accelerate, and leverage solutions for improved global coral reef health and restoration of reef fisheries.

To make sure busy resource managers have access to the latest coral reef and reef fishery science and management strategies—and are challenged and inspired by new ideas—our online toolkit puts relevant, reliable information at their fingertips. Created and updated by global experts in coral reefs, fisheries, and climate change, the toolkit features:

- Synthesized information on science and management tools and techniques
- Easily searchable summaries of journal articles about reef resilience science
- Case studies highlighting successful management strategies

**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER**

In 2015, individuals visited our website

9,000+)

they had access to more than 115 resilience science article summaries and 45 case studies.
To connect resource managers and practitioners from around the world to each other and to leading experts in coral and coral reef fisheries-related fields, the Reef Resilience Network hosts interactive webinars on hot topics in marine resource management. We also host the Network Forum, an online member-only discussion forum where managers and practitioners have the opportunity to share ideas and resources, ask questions, and support each other.

“[The Reef Resilience Network has truly formed a global network. Every meeting or training I attend with reef managers and practitioners feels a bit like a reunion and that is due in part to the work of the Reef Resilience Team in bringing folks together to trainings and exchanges and then keeping them linked and exchanging ideas in between.”

–Britt Parker, Climate and International Coordinator, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program
Managers need training and support to incorporate resilience concepts into their management strategies, regulatory policies, and encourage increased knowledge sharing within and across regions. The Reef Resilience Network stimulates growth and success through training, seed funding, networking, and mentorship.

SUPPORT AND GROW

“With support from Reef Resilience I hosted a workshop for 35 representatives from seven villages who depend on our park resources for food and livelihood. We discussed the decline of park resources—in particular, fish—and the challenges of living within the park. I used facilitation and communication skills from the RR training and relied on the website resources to create workshop materials. Now there is greater cooperation between villagers and park staff in monitoring for illegal activities.”

– Haji Mahingika, Senior Marine Warden, Mafia Island Marine Park

$95,000 in seed funding led to capacity-building training for more than 1,300 professionals in 24 countries.
Engaged

1,600+ participants through our online course

1,000+ managers from 62 countries & territories attended in-person trainings and exchanges
CATALYZING SCIENCE AND POLICY TO PROTECT REEFS

To guide and inform action on the ground, the Reef Resilience Network helps to catalyze and promote cutting-edge science and policy, such as reef resilience assessments and regional commitments to protect coral reef resources that countries depend upon for survival, cultures, and livelihoods.

“The Reef Resilience Network has been instrumental in mainstreaming resilience concepts into coral reef management and policies. This has contributed to resilience becoming a core concept in strategic policy documents and key plans and policies throughout the Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Ocean regions.”

–Dr. Paul Marshall, Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Queensland

“The Reef Resilience Network has facilitated the development of global climate-model-resolution and downscaled projections of future conditions in coral reef areas. These projections were collaboratively produced with scientists and managers involved in the Reef Resilience Network and were published within the IPCC AR5 and scientific journal articles.”

–Dr. Jeffrey Maynard, Manager, SymbioSeas
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