

Reef Check Foundation

Annual Report 2016

Our Mission: Empowering People to Save Reefs and Oceans

Reef Check's core programs focus on education and training of kids and adults about the value and importance of reef life through immersion learning; research on the health of reefs and how to restore them; and conservation activities such as the establishment and support of marine parks. This past year we proudly celebrated our 20th year of such endeavors, and excitedly look forward to building on our overall successes of 2016. One of our proudest achievements was the promotion of a coral reef agenda at the COP21 climate change negotiations.

Tropical Program Highlights



- Tracked the Global Bleaching Event and damage due to hurricanes based on over 500 reef surveys
- Certified 529 new EcoDivers and 32 new EcoDiver Trainers
- Distributed emergency relief supplies to residents of the devastated southwest peninsula of Haiti in the wake of Hurricane Matthew
- Co-organized a special Townhall Meeting on the 3rd Global Coral Reef Bleaching Event at the 13th International Coral Reef Symposium & co-chaired scientific sessions on bleaching
- EcoExpeditions to Oman, Maldives, Malaysia, and Indonesia
- Training Workshops held around the world including the launch of Reef Check in São Tomé and Príncipe and the re-launch of Reef Check in Grenada, Taiwan, China and Iran
- Co-organized a training program for new ocean conservation leaders in China at Beijing

California Program Highlights

- Launched red abalone monitoring program with abalone divers in northern California
- Designed intertidal monitoring program with Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Native Americans
- Launched the Student Ocean Scientist (SOS) STEM program for 500 Los Angeles middle school students with AltaSea and Los Angeles Maritime Institute tall ships
- Trained and certified over 250 volunteer citizen scientists for California
- Expanded Marine Protected Area (MPA) monitoring network joined state-funded long-term MPA monitoring program
- Trained fishing collaborative in monitoring its MPAs in La Bocana, Baja California, Mexico
- Completed MPA baseline monitoring in northern California



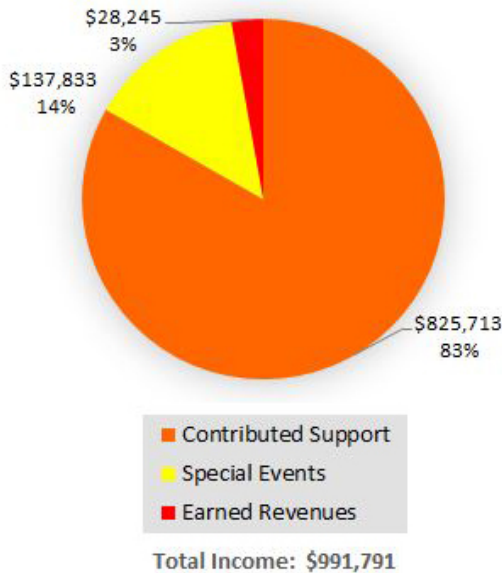
Goals for 2017

- Launch new climate-change monitoring program by equipping monitoring sites in California and globally with sensors to monitor physical and chemical indicators, especially temperature
- Use our fish data to help manage low-data fish stocks
- Expand our community, school and student outreach programs
- Hold regional meetings to better collaborate in each region
- Grow MPA monitoring network in northern California
- Integrate kelp forest monitoring across the California-Mexico border

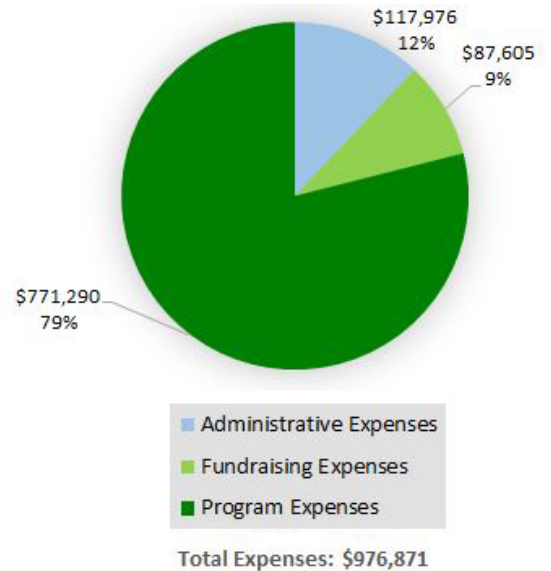


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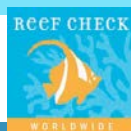
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