



Reef Check Foundation

Annual Report 2015

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.

Overall Successes

of 2015

- Headquarters moved to a new Marina del Rey office with classroom space for touch tanks for kids education programs
- Launched a redesigned Reef Check website



New Reef Check Headquarters office at Fisherman's Village in Marina del Rey



Haiti's reefs weren't spared from bleaching during the 3rd Global Coral Bleaching Event

Tropical Program Successes

- Carried out training and survey expeditions in Indonesia, Maldives, Oman, Philippines and re-launched RC French Polynesia
- Worked with both the United Nations Development Programme and the UN Environment Programme to raise funds from the Global Environmental Facility to design and implement the first six Marine Protected Areas in Haiti. This includes the "best coral reef in Haiti" that we discovered in 2014.
- Co-wrote a "Consensus Statement on Climate Change" for International Society for Reef Studies then helped to distribute this to key negotiators at the COP21 climate talks to achieve lowered emission targets
- Prepared and started to implement an "Emergency Response Plan" for the on-going Global Coral Bleaching Event. Set up and chaired a new Coral Reef Coalition with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington DC to address the biodiversity disaster caused by bleaching.
- Worked with RC Australia to produce their 15-year report on reefs of E Australia.

California Program Successes

- Completed 17 public, university and aquarium training programs with 162 new EcoDivers trained (an increase of 50 over 2014) and two in Baja, Mexico.
- Completed 90 surveys (up from 75 last year) including 17 new sites
- Funded Big Sur and Channel Islands surveys through Kickstarter
- Surveyed Magdalena Bay in Baja California, a former Marine Protected Area
- Published scientific analyses in respected journals *Ecology* and *BioInvasion Records* and co-wrote a report on the status of rocky reef ecosystems in Southern California.
- Working with TNC to design an abalone Fisheries Management Plan for Northern California.
- Designed classroom and on-board ocean education programs for Southern California in collaboration with AltaSea and Tall Ships



A Giant Black Sea Bass seen during the Channel Islands EcoExpedition

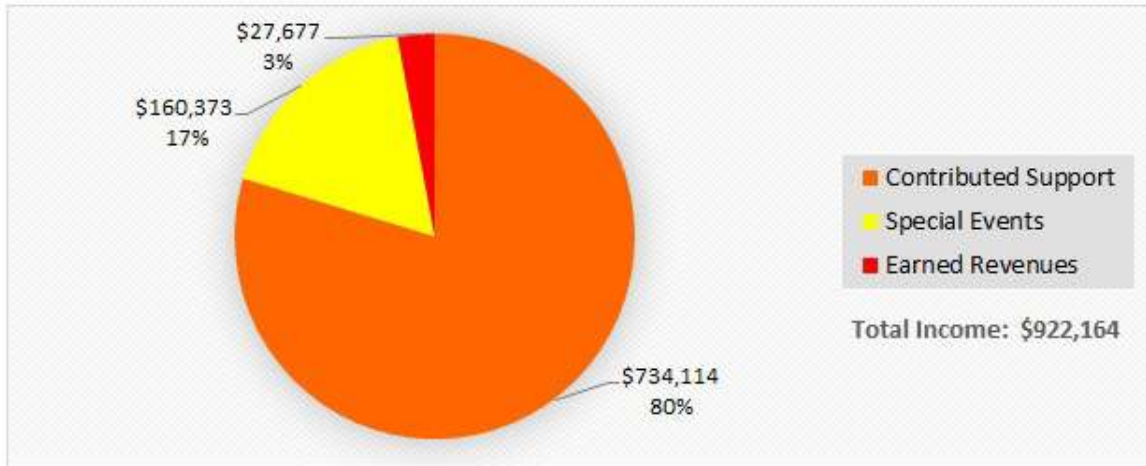
Goals

for 2016

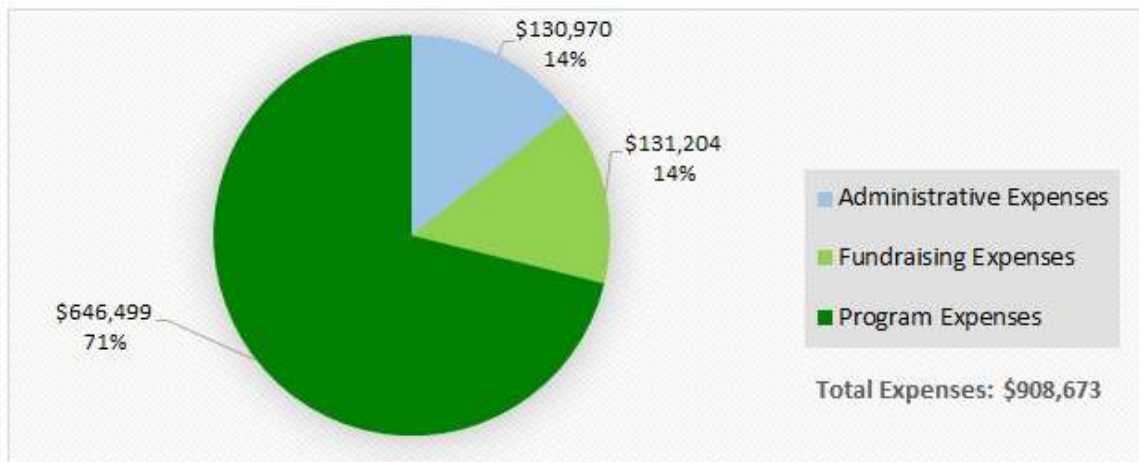
- Provide incentive funds for tropical small island teams to track the global bleaching event so that managers are not "flying blind"
- Add a tracking function to better track the success or failure of conservation activities on our "Global Reef Tracker" database
- Assist the government of Haiti, United Nations Environment and UN Development Programmes to design and implement the new Marine Managed Areas in Haiti
- Add more volunteers and sites in California and internationally to fill in gaps
- Develop abalone rehab program in Southern California
- Expand our grades 4 -12 student education program in California

Funding

Income



Expenses



Ending Net Assets: \$116,825

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Bluewater Photo	Kementerian Kelautan Dan Perikanan	The Australian Government
Bodega Marine Lab	Republik Indonesia	The Australian Government's 25 th
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California State University, Monterey Bay	KPMG	The Keith Campbell Foundation for the
Caloundra Music Festival	La Mer	Environment Inc.
Captain Frog Scuba	Left Coast Brewing Co.	The Marine Foundation
Catalina Island Marine Institute	Lensa Masyarakat Nusantara	The Queensland Government's Everyone's
CEA Imperia	Mad River Brewing Company	Environment Grants
Channel Islands Scuba	Magnetic Dive	Together Townsville
Clif Bar Family Foundation	Malibu Divers	Toyota Financial Services
Comunidad y Biodiversidad AC	Manta Lodge & Scuba Centre	Tropical Adventures & Scuba Travel
Conservation International Indonesia	Mantaray Charters	United Nations Environment Program
Cooly Dive	Moreton Bay Environmental Education	Universit� Degli Studi Di Padova
Coral Cay Conservation	Centre	Universita' Degli Studi Di Genova
Coral Eye	Moss Landing Marine Labs	Universita' Politecnica Delle Marche
Coral Reef Alliance	Murphy Oil Corp	University of California, Davis
craigslist Charitable Fund	Nautilus Scuba Centre	University of California, San Diego
Cruise Whitsundays	nine five ltd.	University of California, Santa Barbara
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Diver Dan's	Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd	Worldwide Dive and Sail International Ltd
Down Under Cruise and Dive	Progetto Ghost	WWF - Marine Protected Areas

Many thanks to our volunteers, training facilities and partners around the world!



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