



Reef Check Foundation

Annual Report 2020

Our Mission: Empowering People to Save Reefs and Oceans

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 was by no means an ordinary year. But despite all the uncertainty and complications of bringing people together, we are proud of what we were able to achieve this year in California and with our teams around the world.

Program Highlights



◆ Kelp Restoration Project

We began work on the restoration of kelp forests that were lost along California's northern coast. The goal of this collaborative project is to ultimately catalyze a phase shift from urchin barren to kelp forest and understand how human intervention can help bring back this vital ecosystem.

◆ Marine Protected Area Surveys in California

We completed over 100 surveys to monitor California's Marine Protected Area network this year. Despite not being able to train any new volunteers this year, we still completed almost all the surveys we had set out to do in the beginning of the year.

◆ Reef Check Australia's Survey Season

Reef Check Australia conducted over 125 surveys during the year and joined in on more than 15 clean-up activities, pulling in more than 2200 lbs. of debris from above and below the water.

◆ Malaysia's Tioman Marine Conservation Group

On Tioman Island, Reef Check Malaysia has created a real success story out of involving the local community in co-management of marine resources. The Tioman Marine Conservation Group has taken on numerous tasks for the conservation of their local marine environment by reducing threats to marine life and by managing the Island's Marine Park.

◆ Reef Check Data Used to Predict Effects of Climate Change

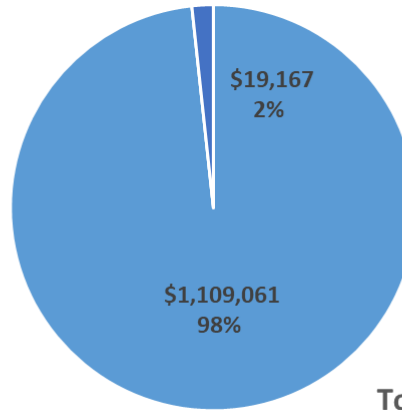
Several scientific publications used Reef Check's global data to predict the effects of climate change on reefs and highlight ways in which thoughtful management strategies can help mitigate local impacts.

◆ A New Look for Reef Check

We unveiled a new logo and website to offer a more cohesive representation of what Reef Check stands for: leading citizen scientists to promote stewardship of sustainable reef communities worldwide.

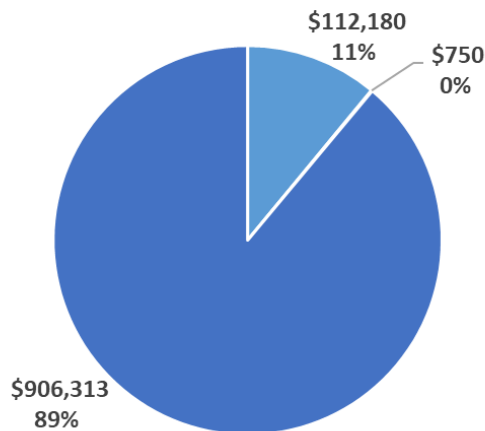
Funding

Income



Total Income: \$1,128,228

■ Contributed Support ■ Earned Revenues



Total Expenses: \$1,019,243

■ Administrative Expenses ■ Fundraising Expenses ■ Program Expenses

Expenses

End of year net assets: \$386,050

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

You are the reason that the work here at Reef Check is possible— we truly could not exist without you! We may come from different walks of life and reside in different corners of the world, but we share one very important thing in common: a commitment to doing all we can to ensure the health and sustainability of our reefs for all that depend on them. We are so grateful for the trust you place in us to achieve this mission, and for the support that makes it possible. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your continued partnership.

We look forward to reaching new heights together in the year to come!