



Reef Check Foundation

Annual Report 2021

Our Mission: Empowering People to Save Reefs and Oceans

Despite the continued complications from the lingering pandemic, 2021 was a great year for Reef Check and we owe that to our global community of volunteers, donors, and partners.

2021 Successes



Organizational

- Our 25 years of worldwide reef data is now housed in a brand new database and data entry system
- Reef Check was featured in major publications including [The New York Times](#), [Los Angeles Times](#), [National Geographic](#), and [San Francisco Chronicle](#), helping expand our programs to a broader audience

Coral Reef Program

- Published [paper in Science](#) suggesting that local management and conservation can reduce the amount of algae growing on coral reefs and help corals survive bleaching events caused by global warming
- Contributed to the [Status of Coral Reefs of the World Report: 2020](#), which describes the status and trends of coral reefs worldwide

Kelp Forest Program

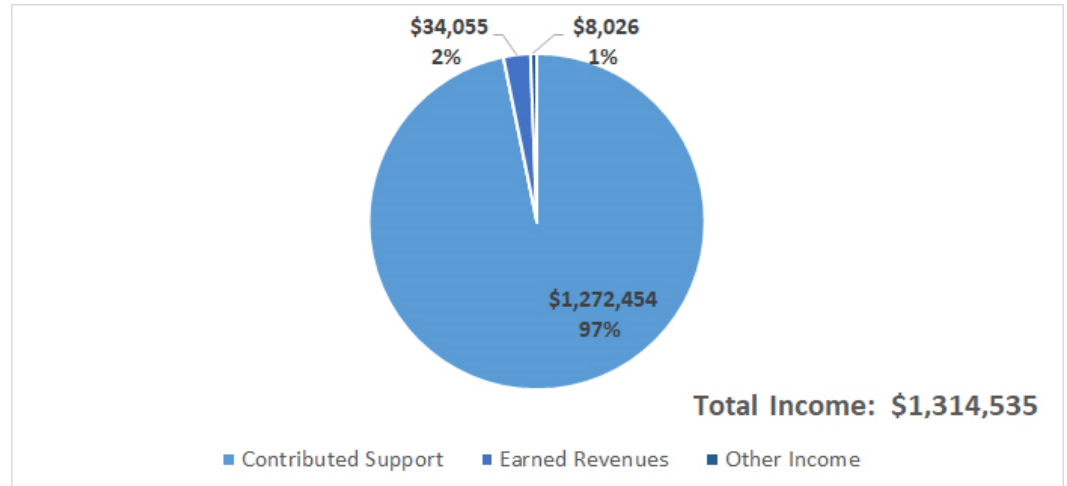
- [Kelp is starting to grow](#) at our restoration site in Mendocino County
- Expanded kelp forest and MPA monitoring efforts northward into [Oregon](#) and [Washington State](#)
- Mobilized to assess the impact of the [oil spill in Orange County](#)

Education Program

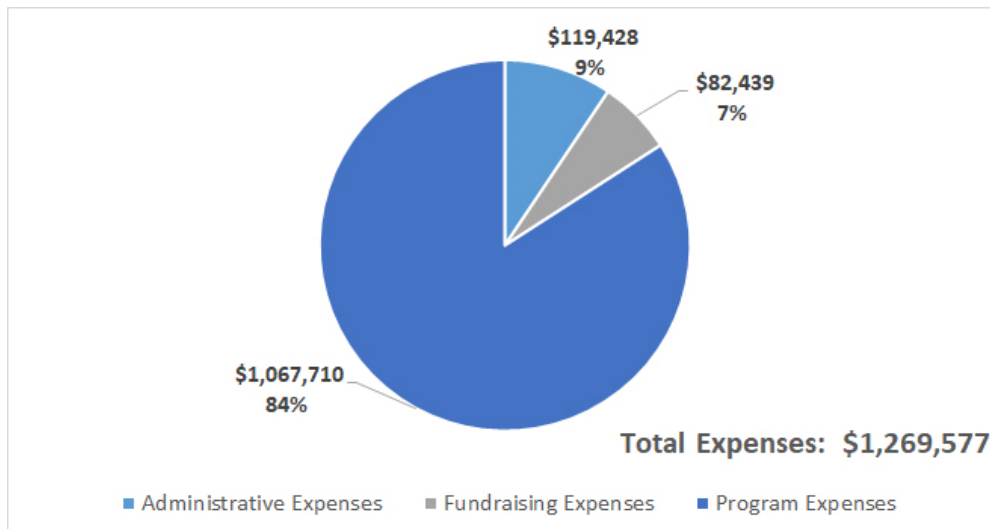
- Developed a [Scholarship Fund](#) to increase diversity in science and provide opportunities for participation in Reef Check programs
- Held first *Dive Into Science* SCUBA training with participants from the Yaqui tribe in Southern California

Funding

Income



Expenses



End of year net assets: \$745,138

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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!