UNITING COMMUNITIES TO SAVE CORAL REEFS
THE CORAL CRISIS

CORAL REEFS ARE DYING AT AN ALARMING RATE. 25% OF ALL MARINE LIFE DEPENDS ON CORAL REEFS AND 275M PEOPLE RELY ON REEFS FOR FOOD AND INCOME.

When global stressors, like warming water temperatures, combine with local threats, like overfishing and water pollution, it severely compromises the ability for corals to grow, reproduce and thrive. One third of reef-building corals are currently at risk of extinction.

109 countries have coral reefs
27% of the world’s coral reefs have already been lost
$375B per year in goods and services are provided by coral reefs

75% OF THE WORLD’S CORAL REEFS ARE THREATENED

Scientists predict that by 2050, all of the world’s reefs will be threatened.

Coral reefs are the world’s most economically valuable natural asset.
CONSERVING CORAL REEFS IN FOUR CRITICALLY-IMPORTANT REEF REGIONS OF THE WORLD.

Coral works with local communities to reduce direct threats to reefs.

When we reduce local-level threats such as pollution and sedimentation, overfishing and unsustainable tourism, reefs are healthier and more capable of withstanding larger-scale threats like warming and ocean acidification. We work in partnership with local communities, NGOs, scientists, the private sector and funders to build effective and sustainable management systems and regulations that ensure thriving reefs. At the heart of our work in these four regions are Adaptive Reefscapes.

IMPROVING CORAL REEF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT GLOBALLY

Coral is launching a new era of reef conservation that facilitates coral adaptation to a changing climate and advances scientific understanding of coral conservation.

The science tells us that at a regional and global level, when we conserve a diverse portfolio of coral reefs with differing species, variable environmental conditions and significant connectivity, we cover a wide range of scenarios and enable the necessary conditions for “nature’s survivors” to reveal themselves. Our innovative conservation strategy promotes coral adaptation within diverse, connected and large networks of healthy reefs. Coral shares best management practices and tools with conservation practitioners and local managers and inspires others to follow our Adaptive Reefscapes approach.
WE IDENTIFY WHERE TO WORK USING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DIVERSITY
COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING CONSERVATION EFFORTS
LIKELIHOOD OF CONSERVATION SUCCESS
POTENTIAL TO SCALE UP
CONTRIBUTION TO AN ADAPTIVE REEFSCAPE

Hawai‘i possesses some of the highest marine endemicity recorded anywhere on Earth. In Hawai‘i, we work to prevent land-based sources of pollution from entering the ocean and damaging coral reefs.

The Mesoamerican Region has the second largest barrier reef in the world. In the southern Mesoamerican region, we work to support a functioning and effectively managed network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

Indonesia is part of the Coral Triangle, which contains the highest diversity of coral reef life in the world. In Northern Bali, we support the effective co-management of reefs by communities and the government.

Fiji is an archipelago that includes 10,000 square kilometers of coral reefs. In Fiji, we support effective local management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in four priority sites.

SIGNATURE INITIATIVES
- Healthy Fisheries for Reefs
- Clean Water for Reefs
- Intact Reef Ecosystems
- Science of Adaptation
JOIN US IN OUR MISSION TO UNITE COMMUNITIES TO SAVE CORAL REEFS

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