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# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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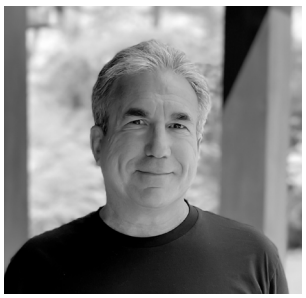


As I compose this message in 2022, reflecting on Reef Renewal Bonaire's accomplishments during 2021, and during its first ten years of operation – I find it impossible not to be captivated by the impact that RRFB's work has had on the shores of Bonaire and Klein Bonaire. For the diver and snorkeler, this work is now easy to see - acres of restored Staghorn corals, stands of majestic Elkhorns thriving and spawning, and providing habitat for a teeming biodiversity of reef life.

If you have been lucky enough to tour the Jeff Davis Memorial dive site, just a few yards off Bonaire's northern coast, you get a sense of what years of hard work and actively managed, successful restoration work can achieve on Bonaire.

When RRFB started, these accomplishments were the dream of our Board of Directors, and specifically of our founding President, Martien Van der Valk. As I assume the role of President in 2022 from Martien, I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work, his broad vision, his get-things-done attitude, and for his ability to assemble the diverse team that has executed on behalf of Bonaire's coral reefs for the past decade. From the beginning, Martien insisted that this vision could not succeed if it was the initiative of a single dive operation or resort. Rather, the whole of Bonaire needed to embrace the restoration vision for RRFB to succeed. Today, RRFB boasts more than 9 dive operators and resort partners who work together on the mission of protecting, restoring, and giving the reefs of Bonaire a helping hand. Together with the Bonaire government, hundreds of volunteer divers and donors, the Bonaire Tourism Board, STINAPA, DCNA, WWF, and other key island partners, the work of RRFB can truly be categorized as a whole, island-wide initiative.

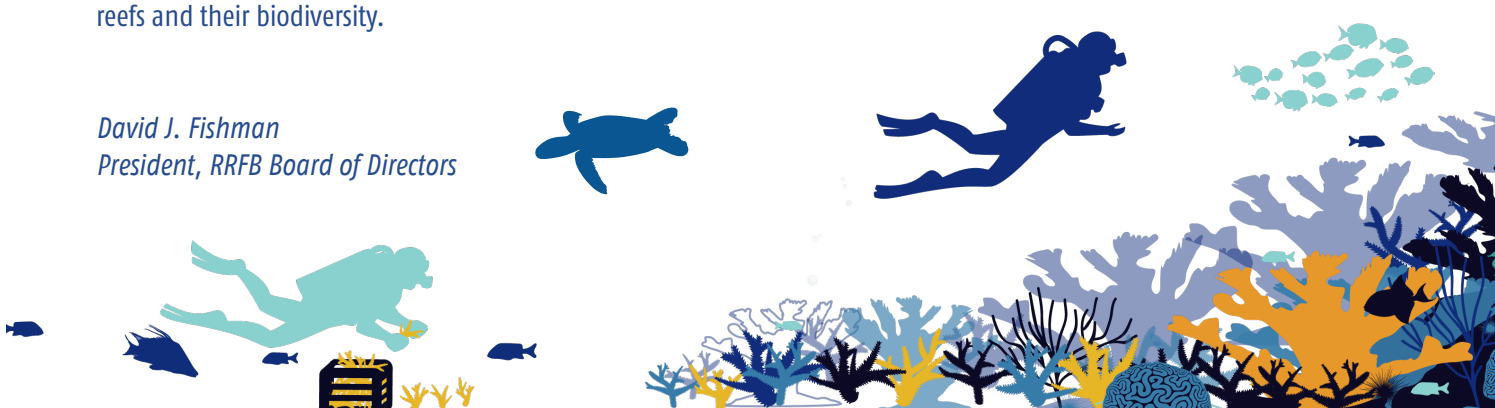
Martien helped define RRFB's "Secret Sauce" – focus on practical goals that are informed by science but made successful and sustainable by a powerful engine of cooperation between local businesses, government, NGOs, volunteers, and the dive community. As we move forward into 2022 and our next decade, we are setting some very ambitious goals, but we will be guided by Martien's recipe and his standards as we move forward.

Our second secret – in this case, our Secret Weapon - is our Chief Operating Officer, Francesca Virdis. From day one of RRFB, she has been making RRFB's ambitious vision a reality. She has tirelessly led RRFB's efforts, pushing it forward in the water, in the lab, and with the scientific community.

You will see the impressive results of Francesca's and her team's work in this report on our activities in 2021 – but know that RRFB is just getting started. Yes, we will grow more and get more corals in the water but are also looking to significantly scale our outplanting efforts, to push restoration science with new partnerships and new techniques (including building Bonaire's first full-featured coral Wet Lab), and to continue the push to make Bonaire the global Center of Excellence for coral reef restoration.

Thank you to all our partners, donors, and volunteers. As a team, we will continue to execute for Bonaire's coral reefs and their biodiversity.

*David J. Fishman*
*President, RRFB Board of Directors*



# 2 ABOUT US

## OUR MISSION

Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire protects and restores coral reefs in Bonaire by:

- Developing new and innovative ways to restore reefs that are supported by research collaborations and shared worldwide
- Training, engaging and inspiring the community locally and internationally through volunteering, educational events, and outreach
- Demonstrating that through community efforts there is still hope for coral reefs

## OUR VISION

The vision of Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire is a world:

- Where knowledge and experience can be shared
- Where reefs are protected and restored
- Where reef degradation is halted
- Where ocean awareness is promoted

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# 3 WHERE ARE WE NOW?

| NURSERIES | Coral capacity |
|---|---|
| A. Knife | 900 |
| B. Buddy's Reef | 5,243 |
| C. Something Special | 500 |
| D. Harbour Village | 1,000 |
| E. Eden Beach | 500 |
| F. Joanna Sunchi | 5,700 |
| G. Calabas Reef | 1,100 |
| H. Bachelor's Beach | 300 |
| I. Punt Vierkant | 1,000 |
| **TOTAL** | **16,243** |


| OUTPLANTING SITES | # outplanted corals | |
|---|---|---|
| | *Acropora cervicornis* | *Acropora palmata* |
| 1. Jeff Davis | 3,021 | n/a |
| 2. Oil Slick Leap | n/a | 816 |
| 3. Buddy's Reef | 7,852 | 2,334 |
| 4. Harbour Village | 1,238 | 201 |
| 5. Eden Beach | 123 | 641 |
| 6. Something Special | 467 | 393 |
| 7. Knife | n/a | 1,959 |
| 8. Mi Dushi I | 5,183 | n/a |
| 9. Mi Dushi II | 1,451 | n/a |
| 10. Yellowman | 3,186 | n/a |
| 11. Carl's Hill | n/a | 1,850 |
| 12. South Bay | 1,288 | 330 |
| 13. Playa Lechi | 1,250 | n/a |
| 14. Calabas Reef | 375 | 400 |
| 15. Bachelor's Beach | 155 | 50 |
| 16. Punt Vierkant | 905 | n/a |
| 17. Salt Pier | 1,250 | n/a |
| 18. Tori's Reef | 2,986 | n/a |
| 19. Pink Beach | 1,250 | n/a |
| **TOTAL** | **31,980** | **8,974** |

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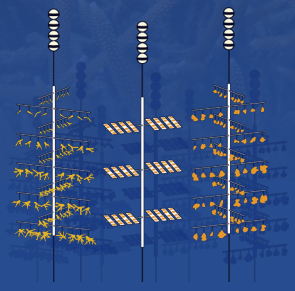
# 4 REEF RENEWAL BONAIRE RESTORATION IN A GLIMPSE

## Nursery

# species
5

# nurseries
10



# coral nursery capacity
16,243

## Outplanting

# total restoration sites
17

# corals outplanted
40,954

cumulative restored area ($m^2$)
7,890

## Larval Propagation

# targeted coral species
3

avg. fertilization success
80%

# outplanted Seeding Units
469

## Community Involvment

# dive shop members
8

# PADI Reef Renewal Diver certifications
1,501

# regular volunteers
40

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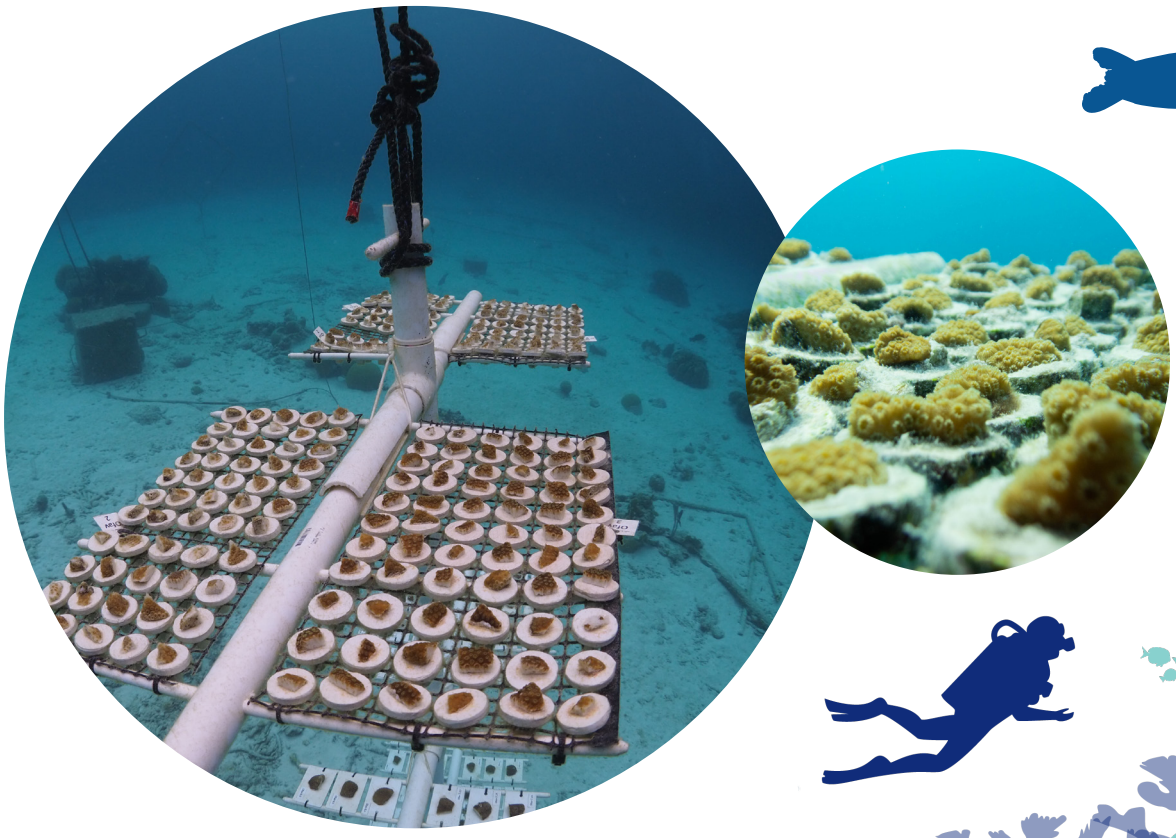
# 5 A YEAR IN REVIEW

## 5.1 Coral Fragmentation

Since 2012, RRFB has used the propagation by fragmentation technique in combination with the coral nursery tree design to grow endangered coral species. This method is based on the asexual reproduction of corals and allows RRFB to harness the natural process of fragmentation to propagate large numbers of corals. Depending on the species' morphology, fragments are either hung from the branches of the trees or secured on trays. The coral fragments stay in the nursery for several months until they reach the proper size for outplanting. Depending upon the species of coral and the environmental conditions of the reef, a variety of outplanting methods are used.



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## *5.1.1 Nursery Propagation and Monitoring*

In 2021, RRFB managed 10 nurseries. Four nurseries, which accounted for 82% of the total nursery coral capacity, were used by RRFB to produce corals to be outplanted to targeted reef sites. The remaining nurseries were primarily used by RRFB Dive Shop Members for educational purposes and volunteer training.

As a first for RRFB, in 2021 boulder coral broodstock fragments were further propagated to prepare for outplanting. Larger broodstock fragments were cut into small fragments of 1-5 polyps and glued onto cement plugs. The 1,368 "micro" fragments will stay in the nursery to heal and grow before their outplanting in 2022.

Reef Renewal-managed nurseries are actively monitored year-round via in-water surveys to gather production, health, and overall nursery performance data. In 2021, volunteer Cathleen Whillock developed a comprehensive database to help streamline the monitoring system. This database can create reports and real-time updates on the status of the nurseries, facilitating planning and increasing working efficiency.

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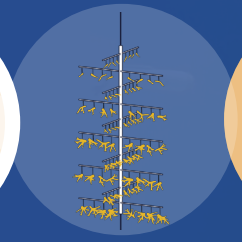
## Nurseries Overview

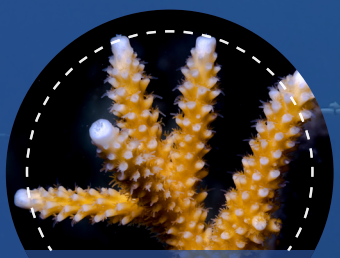
# nurseries
10


*Acropora palmata*

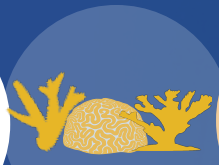
# nursery trees
133



4 boulder
129 branching


*Acropora cervicornis*

# species
5



2 branching
3 boulder

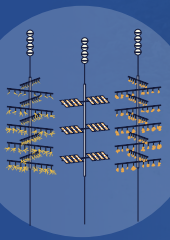

*Montastraea cavernosa*

# genotypes
76

24 boulder
52 branching


*Orbicella annularis*

nursery coral capacity
16,243



1,728 boulder
14,515 branching


*Orbicella faveolata*

Avg. % survival branching coral
99%

Avg. % survival boulder coral
88%

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## *5.1.2 Outplanting and Monitoring*

At training sites, outplanting is done frequently, but in small batches by RRFB dive shop members mainly for training or educational purposes. At the other sites, a large number of corals are outplanted by RRFB staff with a few efforts throughout one to two years.

# total outplanting sites
17

# coral outplanted in 2021
7,680

# corals outplanted to date
40,954

# *Acropora cervicornis*
5,736
(75%)

# *Acropora palmata*
1,944
(25%)

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Monitoring via data collection is an important aspect of the project and critical to assessing restoration efforts' progress and success. The first year after outplanting Reef Renewal monitors restoration sites via in-water surveys. By visually assessing stressors and the health of individual coral colonies, Reef Renewal can better understand what the challenges might be in the shorter term. In the long-term, photogrammetry is used to understand more holistically how a restoration site changes over time.

| # photomosaics generated | cumulative restored area ($m^2$) | # in-water monitored coral colonies | # monitored sites |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 7,890 | 4,588 | 4 |

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## Monitoring the Outplanting Sites

Site: **Yellowman**
Species: *Acropora cervicornis***
Last outplanting: 2021

| # outplanted corals | colonies survival (6 months) |
|---|---|
| 1,344 | 97% |
| **coral cover*** | **restored area** |
| 7% | 468m² |

Site: **Knife**
Species: *Acropora palmata*
Last outplanting: 2020

| # outplanted corals | avg. size of restored corals |
|---|---|
| 1,029 | 88cm² |
| **coral cover*** | **restored area** |
| 1% | 323m² |

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Site: **Mi Dushi**
Species: *Acropora cervicornis***
Last outplanting: 2020

# outplanted corals
5,831

restored area
992m²

coral cover*
9%

Site: **Punt Vierkant**
Species: *Acropora cervicornis***
Last outplanting: 2021

# outplanted corals
906

restored area
483m²

coral cover*
3%

*Coral cover of targeted species only
**avg. size of restored corals is not available for *Acropora cervicornis* as the coral colonies fuse.

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## 5.2 Larval Propagation

By taking advantage of corals' natural sexual reproduction, larval propagation can produce millions of genetically unique coral offspring. During mass spawning events, gametes are collected using nets and taken back to a lab to be assisted in fertilization. The resulting embryos are kept in the lab and floating pools, called Coral Rearing In-situ Basins (CRIBs), to complete their development into larvae. Using CRIBs allows RRFB to contain swimming coral larvae until they settle onto specially designed ceramic substrates, called Seeding Units, which are later outplanted back onto the reef.

### *5.2.1 Coral Spawning Monitoring*

Coral spawning monitoring is a crucial tool for restoration efforts. The observations help RRFB narrow spawning prediction windows and, therefore, assign resources more efficiently during gamete collection, the first step of the larval propagation process. Furthermore, witnessing outplanted corals spawning is a critical benchmark because it is an unquestionable sign of coral health and restoration success. Thanks to participating volunteers, the monitoring was extended across multiple months and sites, which allowed RRFB to record extensive spawning observations of several coral species along the west coast of Bonaire.

# spawning species observed
10

# nights monitored
9

# area monitored ($m^2$)
5,600

# coral species monitored vs spawning
10/8

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## *5.2.2 Larval Propagation Activities*

In 2021, RRFB received a grant provided by the IUCN through the BEST 2.0+ Program funded by the European Commission, to further support the 18-month project "Larval propagation: an innovative technique to scale-up Bonaire's reef restoration program" in partnership with SECORE International. The funding through BEST2.0+ will allow RRFB to build capacity and increase the knowledge necessary to scale up the core coral restoration activities, based on fragmentation, and extend them to other damaged reef areas and coral species.

RRFB focused the 2021 larval propagation activities on the grooved brain coral (*Diploria labyrinthiformis*), staghorn coral (*Acropora cervicornis*), and the boulder brain coral (*Colpophyllia natans*). To help scale up RRFB's efforts, more training for dive shop members staff was done on coral ID and netting techniques. For the first time, RRFB outplanted 469 Seeding Units with settlers of *Diploria labyrinthiformis* at Buddies Reef.

**Collection**

# coral colonies netted 23

# species targeted vs collected 3/3

*Collection*

**Fertilization**

# fertilization rate (avg) 80%

# embryos produced (est.) 2.5M+

*Fertilization*

**Larva rearing**

# CRIB's deployment 2

# Seeding Units Outplanted 469

*Larva rearing*

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## 5.3 Outreach & Education

RRFB is turning the tide of reef degradation by taking collective community action and by educating the public about reef science and restoration. Through interactive in-person and virtual events, RRFB reaches local and international audiences of all ages, fostering a movement of reef stewardship among devoted and budding conservationists.

### *5.3.1 Dive Shop Members*

Dive shop members are an essential part of RRFB's outreach program. When teaching courses and raising awareness, they are the public's first point of contact and are responsible for training volunteers and connecting them with the foundation. In 2021, RRFB is proud to add Toucan Diving to the member network.

| # dive shop members | +1 | # total instructors | +4 | # PADI Reef Renewal Diver distinctive specialty certifications | +185 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | | 19 | | 1,501 | |

Buddy Dive

Beyond The Corals

Harbour Village

Tropical Divers

VIP diving

Divi Dive Bonaire

Wannadive

Toucan Diving

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## *5.3.2 Educational Events*

Educating the public about reef restoration is the first step toward protecting reefs. Through virtual events, RRFB has been able to reach more than 300 participants directly, and hundreds more through recorded videos of these presentations. Spreading the word and talking to people all over the world enables the foundation to reach a wide audience, ranging from locals & visitors to students from international universities and visiting dive groups or organizations.

# virtual events
6

# in-person events
9

# total participants
322

# youth participating
50

RRFB also has been active by hosting in-person presentations for enthusiastic dive groups from all over the world, who are interested in learning more about coral restoration work. This resulted in giving presentations and demonstrations to more than 10 visiting groups. For the 9th time, RRFB has participated in Bon Doet, which is an island-wide volunteering movement where locals and visitors have the chance to try their hand at coral nursery maintenance.

Through youth-focused events, RRFB can inspire even the youngest future reef protectors to care for this vital ecosystem. In July, RRFB continued its Junior Ranger program: certifying five of them as Reef Renewal divers. For the MBO, RRFB gave a special presentation and snorkel tour for 20 young adults. RRFB also hosted virtual events for groups of kids from the KSC group and Blue Endeavors.

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## 5.3.3 Volunteer Program

In 2021 RRFB has seen the return of many friendly and familiar faces, who were able to return to Bonaire after the COVID-pandemic regulations loosened up. The volunteer boat trips, organized multiple times a week, remain extremely popular and are almost always filled to maximum capacity with enthusiastic volunteers. In 2021, the volunteers did more than 1,400 Reef Renewal dives. Without them, and their vigorous diving, the foundation wouldn't be able to maintain the number of nursery trees that are around the island.

Residents and long-term visitors are getting greater responsibility and more training, forming shore diving nursery maintenance teams. Through the nursery team approach, volunteers commit to taking care of an RRFB-assigned shore-accessible nursery through 2-4 dedicated dives each month. These teams report back information regarding coral health and the state of the nursery trees to RRFB HQ. The work done by these volunteers is pivotal to maintaining nurseries across Bonaire while freeing up resources to focus more on other activities like outplanting.

# volunteer dives
1,443

# regular local volunteers
40

# volunteer teams
9

## 5.3.4 Internship Program

RRFB offers internships throughout the year to undergraduate, graduate, and recently graduated students. During the internship, they develop the skill set of the next generation of restoration practitioners by providing them with hands-on training in reef restoration practices, as well as experience working with an NGO. After most of the travel restrictions of COVID were lifted through 2021, RRFB was able to host another 6 interns, coming from all different parts of the world.

*# interns*
6

*# interns hosted to date*
30

*# countries represented*
8

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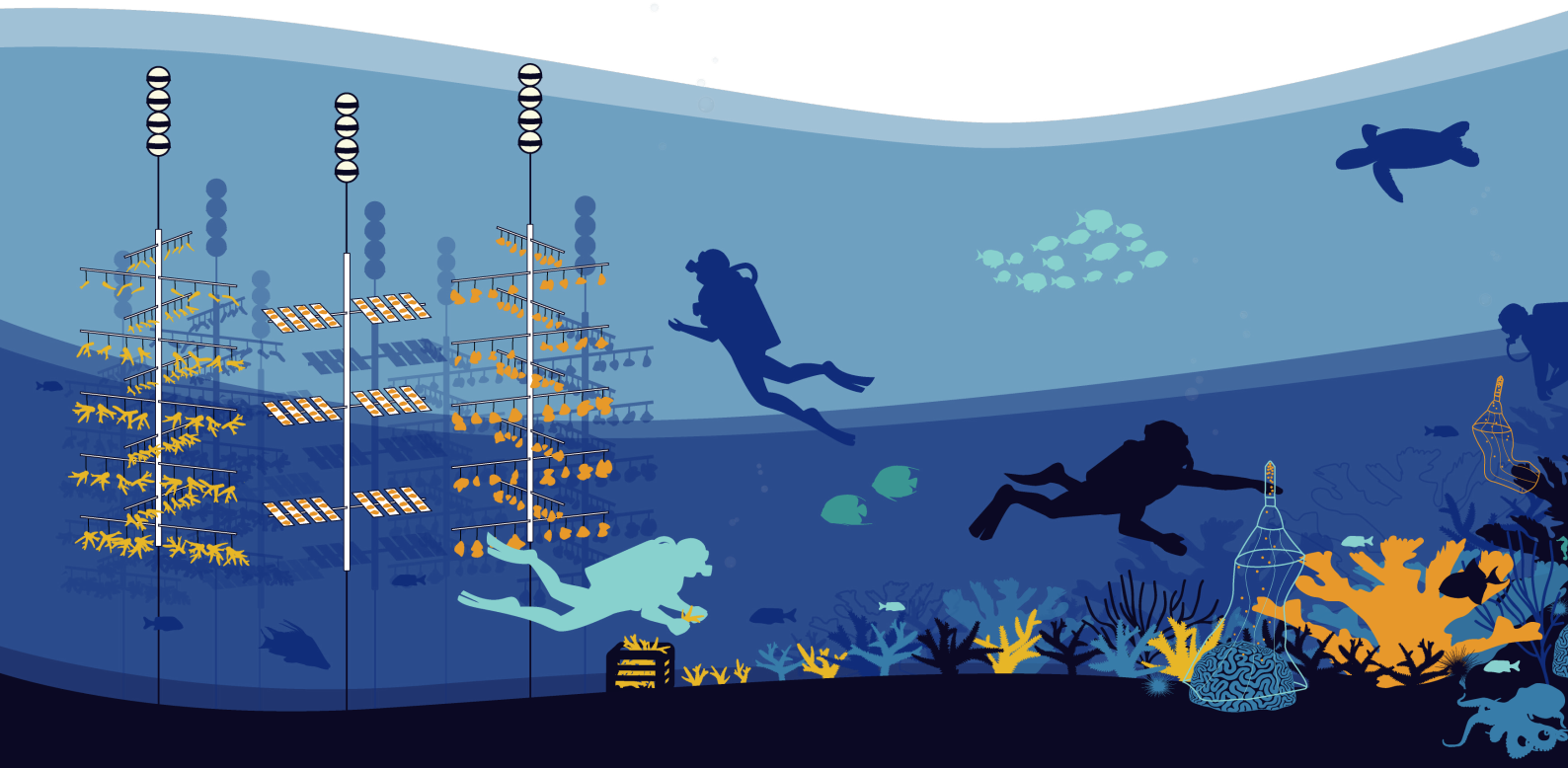
## 5.4 Collaborations in Scientific Research

PROJECT: 1

### Epigenetic responses to environmental stressors in *Acropora* corals, and applications to coral reef conservation

**Project Leader(s):** Serena Hackerott and Dr. Jose Eirin-Lopez, Florida International University (FIU) Environmental Epigenetics Lab.
**Student:** Serena Hackerott, PhD student FIU (USA).
**Period:** Summer 2019 – Summer 2022
**Project description:** This two-part study investigates the role of acquired epigenetic modifications in helping two important Caribbean reef-building coral species, *Acropora cervicornis* and *A. palmata*, cope with stressors associated with global change. During the proposed project, in collaboration with RRFB, corals have been sampled monthly and site-specific environmental conditions have been monitored to 1) characterize the effects of seasonality and site-specific environmental conditions on coral epigenetic modifications and their connection with coral health; and 2) to evaluate the role of epigenetic modifications in mediating the "nursery-effect", or measuring the effect of the environmental conditions where a coral is raised on its ability to tolerate subsequent exposure to stress.



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PROJECT: 2

## Care and Coral Restoration in the Caribbean

**Project Leader(s):** Sarah Fischel and Dr. Sam Randalls Geography department at University College London (UCL).
**Student:** Sarah Fischel, PhD student UCL (UK).
**Period:** 2019-2023
**Project description:** This study explores how we, as individuals and as a society, can care more about the other species that share our planet, focusing on coral reefs, one of the most threatened ecosystems globally. This study investigates where coral fits into the spectrum ranging from charisma, love and care on one hand, to distance, indifference or fear on the other. The aim is to find out how people view and interact with coral and the resulting impacts this has on coral conservation.

PROJECT: 3

## Ecological assessment of coral diseases and symbioses at Bonaire, Dutch Caribbean

**Project Leader(s):** Universita' degli studi di Milano-Bicocca (Italy) & MaRHE Center (Maldives)- Simone Montano
**Student(s):** Andrea Magrini, Giorgia Ferrari and Camilla Rinaldi
**Period:** 16 May - 15 December, 2021
**Project description:** Coral diseases represent a serious threat to reef ecosystems. In recent decades, outbreaks of emerging diseases have become more frequent, possibly due to global ocean warming and human activities, contributing substantially to the speed-up of coral loss and reef decline. By contrast, the coral associated fauna have been recently proved to reduce the susceptibility to disease for their host coral. Although coral diseases and coral reef symbioses are well reported in the Caribbean, little scattered information has been documented on the Bonaire's coral reefs. In particular little information is present regarding the hydroids associated with the coral reef fauna, such as sponges, bryozoans and octocorals and their positive effects on the health of the hosts. The aims of this study is to assess the spatial distribution, host range, and prevalence of coral diseases and symbioses and exploring the possible differences between outplanted and non-outplanted sites.

# 6 LOOKING FORWARD: OUR GOALS FOR 2022

## Nursery

- install 1 new nursery
- increase coral nursery capacity at least 5%
- install at least 20 new trees to expand and refurbish the current nursery

## Outplanting

- outplant 7,000 *Acropora* corals and 1,000+ boulder coral fragments to the reef
- target 1 additional restoration site for *Acropora palmata*
- increase outplanted *Acropora palmata* to over 25% of total outplanted corals
- extend long-term monitoring to 60% of restoration sites

## Larval propagation

- monitor spawning of 4 coral species
- perform collection, fertilization, and rearing of 3 coral species
- deploy the larva rearing pool (CRIBs) three times
- outplant 1,500+ Seeding Units back to the reef

## Outreach & Education

- support 1,000+ volunteer dives
- have 1 new dive shops join the dive shop partnership
- involve at least 15 local youth through the educational program
- engage with at least 300 participants through virtual and in-person events

## Research

- collaborate with 1 additional research group
- conduct genetic analysis on the coral genotype stock

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# 7 FINANCIALS

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| | *USD* | *USD* |
| **REVENUE** | **199,627** | **117,776** |
| Cost price revenue | (37,716) | (16,594) |
| **GROSS PROFIT** | **161,911** | **101,182** |
| **EXPENSES** | | |
| Personnel | 73,408 | 65,141 |
| Social security | 9,568 | 8,528 |
| Sales | 5,660 | 4,005 |
| Housing | 16,214 | 16,244 |
| General | 18,454 | 17,440 |
| Depreciation | 8,599 | 10,399 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | **131,903** | **121,757** |
| **OPERATING RESULT** | **30,008** | **(20,575)** |
| Financial (revenue) and expenses | (317) | (1,217) |
| **BALANCE OPERATING STATEMENT** | **29,691** | **(21,792)** |

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# 8 DONORS

RRFB's work would not be possible without the benevolent support of individuals, corporations, and foundations. RRFB is grateful to all the thoughtful individuals who donated tools and materials to support the efforts throughout 2021. While it is impossible to list every contributor to Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire, RRFB thanks all the supporters for giving Bonaire's reef a helping hand.

RRFB apologizes for any errors or omissions, if there is a need for corrections, please email info@reefrenewalbonaire.org.

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- Nancy and Tim Brandon
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- The Jackson Family
- The Jones Family
- The Kirchiro Stone-Stillwell Family
- The Yurek Family

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- Alex Winch
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- Brian McGrath
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- Christopher Taylor
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