



Mapping the funding landscape for coral reef restoration efforts

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Context

- Increase interest in coral reef restoration globally- particularly now that we've entered the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- New reports and resolutions = call for increased regional and international commitments for coral reef restoration BUT
- Guiding these commitments require a better understanding of:
 - Types of funding available
 - How that may vary across regions
 - Contrast with what's required/needed



Aims of the Report

- Understand the type of investment made for coral reef restoration from 2015 to 2020 + how funding varied across regions, sectors, and/or type of restoration projects
- Identify specific funding gaps and needs and draw accurate recommendations for future commitments and investments
- If possible, identify links (or lack of) between funding and success indicators



Build up on: 1. **UNEP (2018)**'s Analysis of international funding for the sustainable management of coral reefs and associated coastal ecosystems

2. **UNEP-WCMC, FFI and ELP (2020)**'s Funding Ecosystem Restoration in Europe:

A summary of funding trends and recommendations to inform practitioners, policymakers and funders

Strategy

Target Audience

- Governments, international development agencies, funding bodies, etc....
- Practitioners and managers as secondary audience

Survey

- Existing databases
- Dedicate online survey:
 - Type of funding
 - Type of funders
 - Amount
 - Timeline
 - Barriers to effective funding

Timeline

- Project development: *January to first week of February*
- Online survey: *Live until the end of February*
- Report delivery: *End of March*

Collaborative Approach



The Commonwealth
Blue Charter



- **ICRI ad-hoc Committee** on coral restoration as a steering committee
- **Commonwealth Blue Charter Action Group** on Coral Reef Protection and Restoration
- **UNEP-WCMC**- align with their objectives for UN Decade + build-on existing work
- **Coral Restoration Consortium** as a platform for survey/findings dissemination



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QUESTIONS?