



GLOBAL FUND FOR CORAL REEFS

PROTECT • TRANSFORM • RESTORE • RECOVER



CRITICAL MOMENT FOR ACTION

90%

of the world's reefs are threatened by local human activities, climate change and overfishing. Without immediate action and rapid mobilization of resources, **coral reefs face extinction within the next 30 years.** Current funding is estimated to be

7x

lower than what is needed for reef conservation.



BLENDING FINANCE SOLUTION

September 2020, the UN launched the first impact fund dedicated to SDG 14 and the only global blended finance mechanism for coral reefs, the Global Fund for Coral Reefs. The fund will **de-risk and unlock investments** in the blue economy that benefit coral reefs. With an aim to close the coral reef funding gap, GFCR will directly invest

\$625m

and unlock billions more to strengthen reef resilience to climate change, address ecosystem threats and ensure their chance of survival.





THEORY OF CHANGE

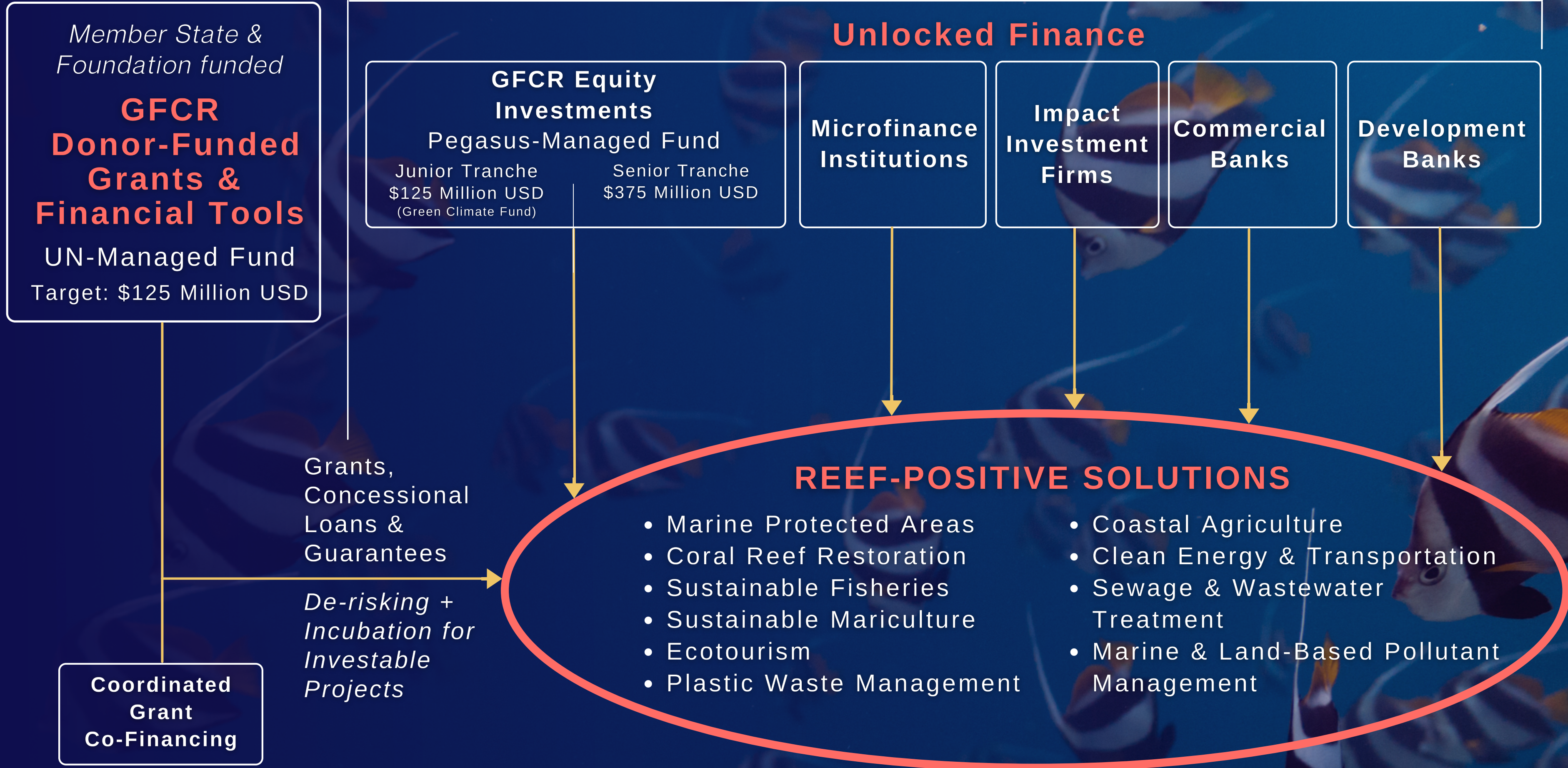
Objective

To **prevent extinction** of the global coral reef biome in our lifetime, by
(A) **Investing in the most resilient reefs** to give them a chance to recover and support the regeneration of other reef systems and
(B) **Reducing local drivers** of degradation.

- **Protect** Heightened protection of functioning, resilient coral reefs
- **Transform** Coastal societies transition away from activities that degrade reefs to sustainable activities that reduce local threats.
- **Restore** Regeneration and restoration of coral reefs through new technologies and adaptive approaches based on the best available science.
- **Recover** Coral reef-dependent communities are supported to recover from major shocks to avoid further degradation.



GFCR REEF-POSITIVE INVESTMENT ECOSYSTEM



ICRI - GFCR RELATIONSHIP



- 2018 Joint ICRI & UNEP Report - *Analysis of International Funding for the Sustainable Management of Coral Reefs and Associated Ecosystems*, key findings:
 - **funding for reef ecosystems significantly less than required;**
 - **diversification of investment portfolios is critical to bridge the financing gap,** including innovative approaches such **development of investment funds for coral reefs** and enhancement of **public-private partnerships;** and
 - need for **donor funding to facilitate the transition of reef ecosystems to be considered as blue economy assets.**
- 2019 The G7 Environment Minister's Meeting: Encouraged and supported the identification of **innovative financing to mobilise funding for coral reef conservation.**
- 2019 CBD COP14 Decision: Noting the need to enhance political technical and financial support, **urging parties and inviting other governments to enhance efforts to prevent continued worldwide decrease of live coral cover.**

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— December 2019, 34th ICRI General Meeting, ICRI Resolution:

- Noting that the **need to eliminate the “coral reef funding gap”** has been widely recognized, including by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Conference of the Parties, UN Environment Assembly, International Coral Reef Initiative, Coral Reef Life Declaration, and several UNEP/ICRI reports.
- Recognizes that a **Global Fund for Coral Reefs has the potential to make a significant impact, with the aim of unlocking major investments in coral reef conservation** and restoration and facilitating the transformation of economies and livelihoods to **reduce important drivers of coral reef degradation**.
- Invites interested **ICRI members to engage in the design, development, launch and capitalization of the Global Fund for Coral Reefs** during 2020-2021, as appropriate.
- Notes that ICRI members, in their own capacity and as they deem appropriate, may serve in an **advisory capacity to the Fund**.



POWERFUL COALITION



UN Agencies, philanthropies, private investors and organizations have joined the GFCR Coalition to **deliver on ecological, social and economic resilience**. The tailored, expert-led programming approach will aim produce measurable benefits in an initial pipeline of more than 25 coral-dependent developing countries.



TARGETING RESILIENT REEFS

Building on the most advanced scientific studies, including the 50 Reefs initiative and the Allen Coral Atlas, GFCR targets **the most climate resilient reefs** with the best chance of survival in developing countries.

Programmes launched in 2021:

- The Bahamas
- Philippines
- Kenya & Tanzania
- Fiji
- Papua New Guinea

Programmes on track to launch in 2022*:

- Brazil
- Colombia
- Dominican Republic
- Indonesia
- Madagascar
- Maldives
- Mozambique
- Seychelles
- Solomon Islands
- Sri Lanka
- Vietnam

Regional programmes:

- Micronesia
- Gulf of Aqaba (Egypt & Jordan)
- MesoAmerican Reef (Belize, Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala)
- Eastern Melanesia & Polynesia

**Dependent on resource mobilisation and programme development*





FIJI PROGRAMME EXAMPLE

Fiji's coral reef ecosystem is the most extensive in the South Pacific and provides ecosystem services critical to the overall wellbeing of Fijian communities. At the core, the programme focuses on **4 central investments**:

Sanitary landfill, transfer stations and materials **recycling facility** to reduce pollution

Technical Facility to incubate investable blue economy projects and local capacity building

Blended Finance Facility for management of **Locally Managed Marine Area network** (30+ LMMAs, including dive, education and research centers)

Non-synthetic fertilizer factory to increase yields, improve soil quality and reduce marine pollution



Blue finance





OPEN CALL
GFCR ADVISORY BOARD
20 DECEMBER 2021 DEADLINE

<https://globalfundcoralreefs.org/news/open-call-for-ab/>



GFCR GOVERNANCE

GFCR
**Donor-Funded Grants
& Financial Tools**

**UN-Managed
(Secretariat)**

\$125 Million USD

GFCR
Equity Investments

Pegasus-Managed

\$675 Million USD

**Executive
Board**

**Advisory
Board**

**Investment
Committee**

Reef-Positive Solutions



ADVISORY BOARD COMPOSITION

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Scientist

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ADVISORY BOARD OVERALL FUNCTIONS



The **primary functions** of the Advisory Board are to:

- **Discuss progress, challenges, and lessons learned, and relay best practices** for coral reef protection and management;
- **Advise on strategic issues** put forward by the Executive Board and Investment Committee;
- **Review Fund coordination** between grant and investment funds and recommend ways to enhance alignment; and
- **Support the GFCR engagement** in international initiatives, high-level events, and relevant forums;

ADVISORY BOARD FUNCTIONS



- >> **The Annual Report** provides an overview of the Fund portfolio, investments, and programming progress/results. The Advisory Board will review the annual report and advise on strategic and technical issues that can inform GFCR activities for the following year.
- >> **The Investment Plan** is a living document that is updated periodically as best practices evolve in the fields of coral reef conservation, impact investing, blended finance, investment standards and sustainable business development. The Advisory Board will review the updates to the IP and provide feedback to the Executive Board.
- >> **M&E and ESG Safeguards** related to GFCR impact will be reviewed by the Advisory Board to promote ESG risk mitigation throughout GFCR implementation and planning processes in various geographies. Insight on country-specific issues will ensure that the proper criteria is in place for the geographies where GFCR implementation occurs.
- >> **Strategic Engagement Support** will be provided by the Advisory Board while engaging in international initiatives and high-level events to build political momentum for marine conservation.

PATHWAY TO LISBON & BEYOND

2022 Accelerating Fundraising



UNITED NATIONS
OCEAN
CONFERENCE

27 June - 1 July
Lisbon
Portugal

COP27
7-18 November
Sharm El-Sheikh
Egypt

France
One
Ocean
Summit
10-12/2

Our Ocean
Conference
16-17/2

G7

EB1

Programmes

- MAR
- Maldives
- Indonesia

EB2

Programmes

- Indonesia (3)
- Colombia
- Seychelles

COP15

UNGA77

G20

EB3

Programmes*

- Brazil
- Solomon Islands
- Dominican Republic
- Mozambique
- Sri Lanka

EB4

Programmes*

- Malaysia
- Viet Nam
- Micronesia
- Gulf of Aqaba
- Eastern Melanesia & Polynesia

*Subject to capitalisation & programme development progress



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