



ZooX Fund Investor Progress Report

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New Research Portfolio launched

The Foundation launched its new Research Portfolio into coral reef adaptation to climate change in Sydney on Thursday 25th November.

Foundation Chairman, Dr John Schubert, launched the portfolio in the presence of the Foundation's Board of Directors and International Scientific Advisory Committee, representatives of the Foundation's business partners including host, Goldman Sachs and Partners, Qantas, Telstra, BHP Billiton, KPMG, and CBA. Also there were members of the working groups involved in the project portfolio's development.

The launch marks the culmination of two years of work by the Foundation and its working groups and marks a significant milestone in its eleven-year life. It positions the Foundation as a leader in the area of climate adaptation for coral reefs.

The Portfolio has been produced in two parts: the first document contains information about how the Portfolio was developed, the people involved and the framework within which the projects were devised, whilst the second document describes, at a high level, the projects themselves.

Copies of the Portfolio document can be found at the Foundation's website www.barrierreef.org. It can be accessed from both the home page and the Research Vision tab.

eReefs

The eReefs project forms a cornerstone of the project portfolio because of its capacity to integrate information across multiple domains as well as its power as a communication and decision making tool; in fact, many of the other projects in the Portfolio are linked to, or depend on eReefs to demonstrate the effectiveness of the techniques that they explore. Given its visualisation capacity, once developed, it promises to become a compelling window onto the Great Barrier Reef.

Earlier in 2010, the Foundation assembled a partnership to fund a pilot of the larger eReefs project. Now that the pilot has been completed, the Foundation can demonstrate, in three dimensions, the full potential of the larger project and a compelling business case for the further investment that will be needed to bring it to fruition.

A short video demonstrating the pilot can be found on the Foundation's website under the [ZooX Fund](#).