



RESILIENT REEFS PASIFIKA

Pacific Coral Reef Action Accelerator Program

The Great Barrier Reef Foundation's '*Resilient Reefs Pasifika*' is a regional partnership aimed at building the resilience of Pacific reefs and the communities that depend on them.

The focus of this initiative is to urgently scale up the action and funding needed to strengthen the resilience of Pacific coral reef systems through two core activities:

- Establish three **Pacific Resilience Hubs**
- Host a **Pacific Coral Reef Action Accelerator Program**

The Pacific Coral Reef Action Accelerator Program (core activity 2) aims to foster a region-wide pipeline of projects that deliver on the Pacific Coral Reef Action Plan (PACRAP) and connect them with donor funding. Led in partnership by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), four annual Accelerators will be delivered from 2025-2028. In each annual cohort, we will support 4-6 projects that build the resilience of key coastal habitats and communities. Our support to these diverse project proponents includes addressing feasibility gaps, supporting project design and readiness, and strengthening connection and collaboration across the region.

THE ACCELERATORS SEEK TO:

- Bring together the Pacific coral reef action community (current and future) to organise, coordinate, and stimulate action and resourcing for the PACRAP
- Connect funding commitments focused on building ocean resilience and biodiversity with a strong pipeline of initiatives grounded in Pacific plans and priorities
- Build regional collaboration and capacity, including resilience-based management tools, targeted project design support, and technical expertise
- Support donors that wish to trial a more collaborative and flexible approach to partnering with each other and Pacific leadership to take existing Pacific plans forward

PROJECTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCELERATORS BENEFIT FROM:

- Flexible, small grants that address feasibility or viability gaps that have prevented projects from being funder-ready in the past
- Technical experts, tools, research and technology to advance project design
- Connection with a cohort of other similar project proponents for exchange and collaboration
- An intensive in-person workshop to accelerate the design process and to convene both the Pacific reef resilience community and funders in the project conception and/or design stage
- The Great Barrier Reef Foundation's partnership in elevating and advocating projects to donors looking to expand their pipeline, reach, and connection with other efforts to deliver on regional plans and priorities

ACCELERATORS SUPPORT DONORS' PRIORITIES BY:

- Providing them with a more robust understanding of the local and regional context
- Better enabling donors to support implementation of national and regional plans whilst honouring their strategic commitments
- Helping donors connect with organisations they don't typically reach, and to build relationships and shared understanding from the outset
- Building the long-term readiness and capacity of local organisations, cultivating a future pipeline of project proponents
- Enabling aggregation of projects, supporting matchmaking between funders and projects, and growing our collective impact

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