

RESILIENT REEFS PASIFIKA

Pacific Resilience Hubs

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 Resilience Hubs (core activity 1) are place-based, on-ground, demonstration projects that showcase the collective impact that can be achieved when local communities, government, scientists, donors and NGOs work together in a ridge-to-reef approach, to deliver resilience solutions at scale for the benefit of a specific coral reef system. Hubs respond to the need for immediate action to enhance the resilience of coral reefs and their communities to withstand climate challenges and other local threats.

THE HUBS SEEK TO:

- Support coordination of existing and planned reef resilience projects, including projects being undertaken by government and non-government organisations
- Fund new on-ground reef resilience projects, including projects in the coastal catchment area that feeds into the reef system
- Connect people and organisations to available resources, innovative solutions, technical expertise and new funding sources to support their reef resilience-building work
- Support capacity development in reef resilience amongst local stakeholders
- 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

One Hub will be established to support a reef system in each Pacific sub-region – Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia. Each of the three Hubs will be led by a Pacific partner organisation with the relevant expertise and local relationships. On-ground implementation will be coordinated by this Hub Lead, which will grant funds to local delivery partners to implement reef resilience projects.

Pacific Resilience Hubs will be designed and implemented following these key principles:



Partnerships are at the core

Bringing together a variety of stakeholders (e.g. regional bodies, NGOs, local government, communities, technical experts, etc.) to design and implement solutions that improve the resilience of reefs and local communities.



Delivery of high impact conservation outcomes

Following a ridge-to-reef approach, Hubs will support current and/or new and innovative, scalable reef solutions that deliver tangible impact by improving reef resilience.



Resilience-based management approach

Building on the achievements and learnings from the Resilient Reefs Initiative pilot project, with the support of local experts we will support Hubs to embed resilience-based management principles in the design of their projects.



Rooted in Pacific plans and priorities

Contributing to the delivery of the Pacific Coral Reef Action Plan and other relevant national and local plans.



Innovation for transformation

Bringing new solutions, models and approaches to drive impact more efficiently and cost effectively.

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