



## **Belize Marine Fund Investments: Towards measuring Impact**



## Belize Marine Fund Investment Strategy

2019 - 2021

### **BMF Objective**

*To provide long-term financial sustainability for addressing high-priority marine resources management and conservation issues in Belize for greater impact throughout the Mesoamerican Reef Eco-region.*

### **Desired Impact**

*Improved status of marine resources in Belize, contributing towards increased health and resilience of the Mesoamerican reef, strengthening ecosystem services for the benefit of all stakeholders.*



SINCE 2017, WHEN THE BELIZE MARINE FUND WAS LAUNCHED, BMF HAS...

SUPPORTED 45 PROJECTS

INVESTED OVER US\$1.3 MILLION

SUPPORTED 23 CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS





## INVESTMENTS 2019 - 2021

TOTAL INVESTMENT  
US\$875,812

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS  
33

NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS  
21

TARGETED GRANTS  
11 PROJECTS

US\$513,450

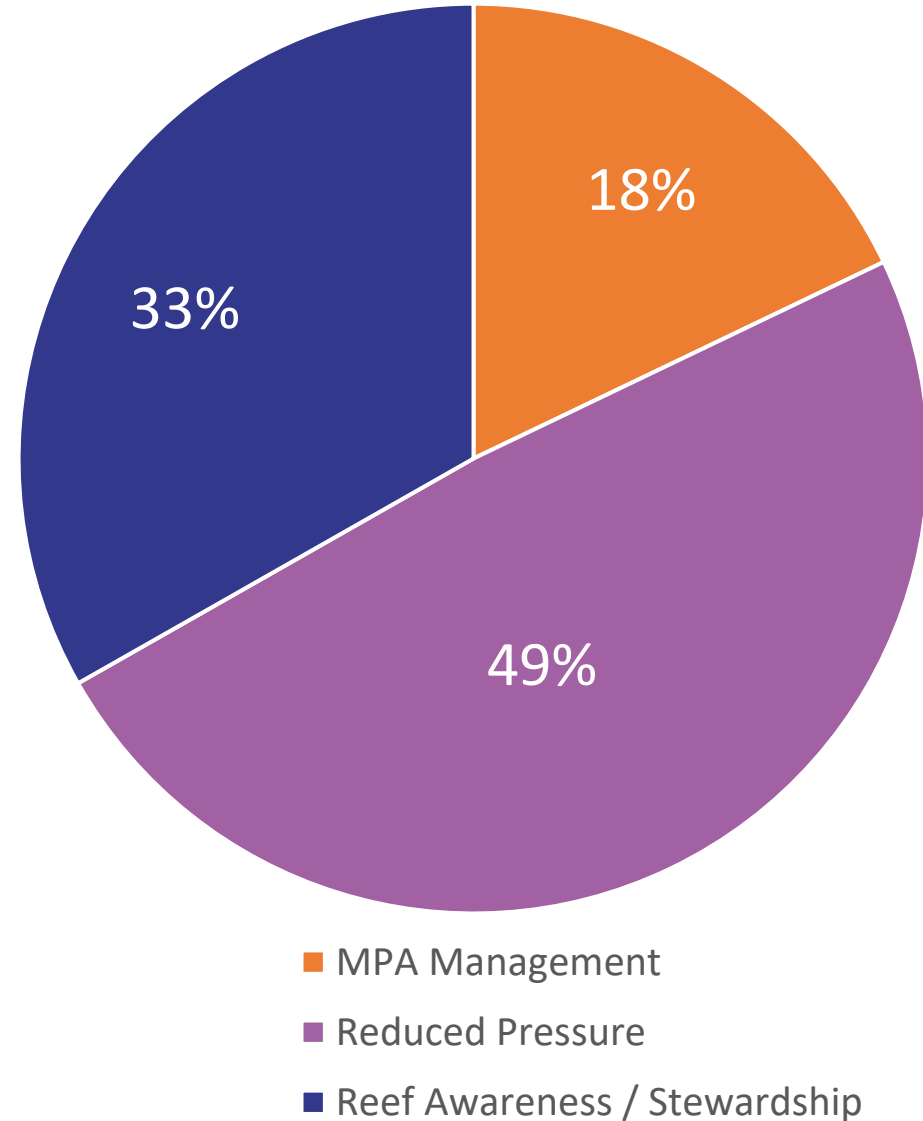
SMALL GRANTS  
12 PROJECTS

US\$341,612

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS  
10 PROJECTS

US\$20,750

## Breakdown of 2019 – 2021 Investments Across Themes



The Belize Marine Fund has contributed towards...

### THEMATIC AREA 1: EFFECTIVE MPA MANAGEMENT

- **BUILDING CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE**  
Contribution towards a better understanding of the resilience potential, and adaption capacity of MPAs to identify strategies to increase climate change resilience
- **BUILDING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**  
Innovation towards MPA sustainable financing
- **IMPROVING EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT**  
Enabling MPA inclusion in the National Management Effectiveness Assessment for Belize's Protected Areas System
- **IMPROVING COLLABORATION**  
Fostering collaboration between MPA managers in the seascape

10

National planning strategies / tools developed

456,978

hectares of MPA with investment towards improved management

Investments that contribute towards strengthening management of 456,978 hectares of marine protected area



PROTECTED AREAS	Ha
Half Moon Caye Natural Monument	3,925
Blue Hole Natural Monument	414
Laughing Bird Caye National Park	4,095
Bacalar Chico National Park	5,115
Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve	6,304
Caye Caulker Marine Reserve	3,913
Port Honduras Marine Reserve	40,385
Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve	131,609
Gladden Spit and Silk Cayes Marine Reserve	10,487
Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve	130,158
Hol Chan Marine Reserve	41,706
Glover's Reef Marine Reserve	35,067
South Water Caye Marine Reserve	47,725
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>456,978 Ha</b>

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## THEMATIC AREA 2: REDUCING PRESSURES ON THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

- **REDUCING FISHING PRESSURE**  
Support towards addressing the issue of destructive fishing gear
- **IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**  
Contribution towards expansion of SCMR replenishment zone
- **IMPROVING RESILIENCE**  
Improving genetic resilience of Belize's restored corals

**25,000 ft**

of destructive fishing gear removed from Belize's waters

**9,822**

coral colonies out-planted

**92,600**

Additional hectares under protection (SCMR)

**177**

Sites monitored for SCTLD

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### THEMATIC AREA 3: IMPROVED AWARENESS AND STEWARDSHIP OF THE REEF

- **IMPROVING GLOBAL RECOGNITION OF BELIZE'S REEF**  
Support National multi-sectoral participation for development and adoption of effective branding and marketing of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System (BBRRS-WHS)
- **IMPROVING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS OF BELIZE'S REEF**  
National exposure of Belize's representation at the COP 25  
Increasing national and international awareness and exposure to Belize's reef and its importance
- **IMPROVING NATIONAL AWARENESS OF BELIZE'S MANATEES**  
Increased level of national awareness and recognition of manatees
- **SUPPORTING CROSS-CUTTING STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT**  
Support towards the development of Belize's Blue Economy Policy and Strategy
- **COST-SHARING, COLLABORATIVE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**  
Consistent support of multi-collaboration for youth engagement

1,500

Students exposed to information on Belize's reef and biodiversity

69

Youths involved in intensive reef stewardship programs

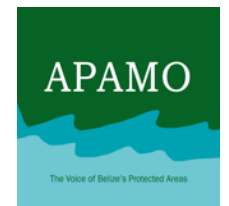
7,725

People engaged on social media in promoting good reef stewardship



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## PARTNER LOGOS





Thank you!