Belize Marine Fund Investments: Towards measuring Impact
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.

BMF Objective

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.

Desired Impact
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

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS
33
NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS
21
Breakdown of 2019 – 2021 Investments Across Themes

**THEMATIC AREA 1: Effective Marine Protected Areas**
- 6 Projects
- US$156,656

**THEMATIC AREA 2: Reduced Pressures on the Marine Environment**
- 12 Projects
- US$428,156

**THEMATIC AREA 3: Improved awareness and stewardship of the Belize Reef**
- 15 Projects
- US$291,000

- 18% MPA Management
- 49% Reduced Pressure
- 33% Reef Awareness / Stewardship
The Belize Marine Fund has contributed towards:

**THEMATICAL AREA 1: EFFECTIVE MPA MANAGEMENT**

- **BUILDING CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE**
  Contribution towards a better understanding of the resilience potential, and adaptation 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

**National planning strategies / tools developed**

- 10

**Hectares of MPA with investment towards improved management**

- 456,978
Investments that contribute towards strengthening management of 456,978 hectares of marine protected area.
The Belize Marine Fund has contributed towards...

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

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| **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 |

The Belize Marine Fund has contributed towards...

- **1,500** Students exposed to information on Belize’s reef and biodiversity
- **7,725** People engaged on social media in promoting good reef stewardship
- **69** Youths involved in intensive reef stewardship programs
Thank you!