WE ARE...

01  Campaign - driven

02  Fact based

03  Multidisciplinary and expert

04  Supported by citizens and allies
IN BELIZE...

• Opened Belize office in 2009

• Promote the importance of protecting the more than 15,000 beneficiaries of fisheries. The use of sustainable methods and practices are critical to the sustainable development and exploitation of Belize’s coastal and marine resources.
Our long-term vision for the Belize Barrier Reef is a thriving ecosystem, capable of producing abundant, healthy marine resources that support a vibrant and sustainable economy for Belizeans.
Information was lacking for most of the 54 commercially fished marine stocks in Belize (96% have unknown overfished status, and 98% have unknown overfishing status).

While a number of entities are collecting fisheries data (namely co-management entities, fishing cooperatives, seafood business and fishers), there appears to be very limited data collection coordination and data sharing among these different groups.

Moreover, the fisheries information that is being collected is not easily accessible by the general public.

Belize has a strong foundational policy for environmentally sustainable fisheries management embodied within the Fisheries Resources Act (2020).
RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

**E-Reporting**
communicate and track fishing data efficiently

**Coordination**
continue use of Adaptive Management Framework and establish robust data collection and sharing procedures

**Capacity Building**
ensure inclusive participation by strengthening capacity of fishers and fisheries personnel
REBUILDING ABUNDANCE
THANK YOU