



Reef Check Foundation

Annual Report 2023

Our Mission: Empowering People to Save Reefs and Oceans

Throughout the year, Reef Check has dedicated countless hours to the vital task of monitoring coral reefs and kelp forests, restoring habitats impacted by climate change, and advocating for environmental justice and equity. Our tireless efforts have yielded remarkable results; explore some of our collective accomplishments in 2023 below.

2023 Successes



Kelp Forest Program

- [Dirk Burcham Golden Slate Award Recipients Named](#)
- [Reef Check Receives San Diego Foundation Grant for Baja Kelp Forests](#)
- [Spotted! Sunflower star in Northern California](#)

Coral Reef Program

- [Allen Coral Atlas Releases Updated Coral Bleaching Tool](#)
- [Reef Check St. Kitts & Nevis Partner Secures Funding for Programs](#)
- [Reef Check Malaysia Celebrates 16 Years](#)
- [United Arab Emirates Hosts Vital Reef Check Course](#)
- [Signs of Hope in the Maldives](#)

Restoration Program

- [Reef Check Takes Restoration Pledge in Support of the Kelp Forest Challenge](#)
- [Experiment.com: Kelp Forest Restoration and Monitoring using Community Science](#)
- [Reef Check Big Sur Restoration Efforts](#)
- [Tales From Tanker's Reef](#)

Education Program

- [First North Coast "Dive into Science" Course Completed](#)
- [Dive into Science Wraps up 2023 Trainings on Catalina](#)

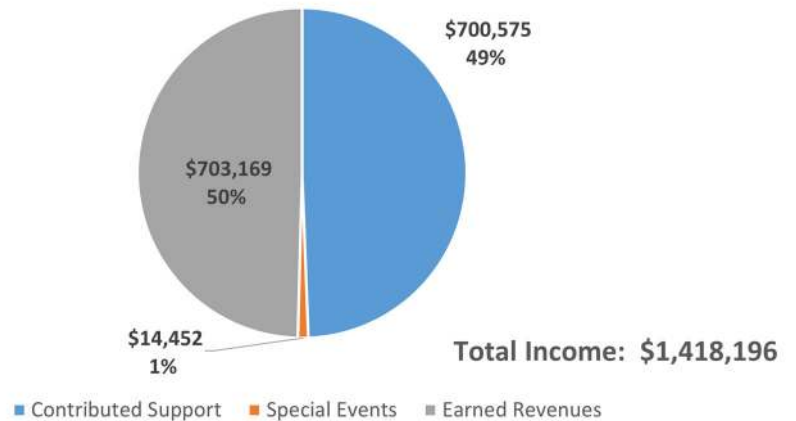
Top row: Newly certified kelp forest surveyor in San Diego (Photo: Vincent Pederson); EcoDivers from Reef Check United Arab Emirates (Photo: Emirates Diving Association); Sea otter in the Tanker's Reef Restoration site (Photo: Annie Bauer-Civiello)

Middle row: Annie Bauer-Civiello, underwater at Big Sur Reef Restoration site (Photo: Calvin Abbott); Reef Check EcoDiver in Tobago (Photo: ERIC – Environmental Research Institute Charlottesville/ Don Markham)

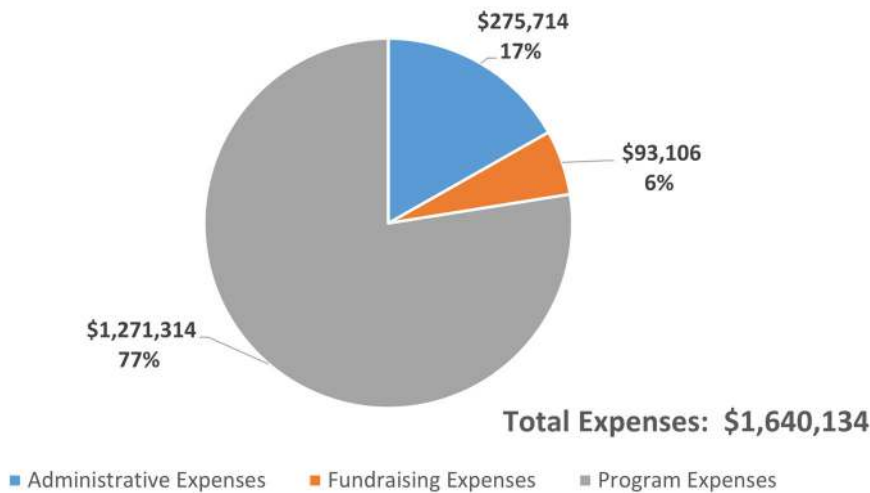
Bottom row: Dive into Science participants Dante Peterson and Carol Martinez are all smiles after a great dive (Photo: Morgan Murphy-Cannella); Reef Checkers in Washington pose for a team picture after completing their field weekend; Antelope Valley Dive into Science cohort ready to dive (Photo: Marco Mazza)

Funding

Income



Expenses



End of year net assets: \$43,305

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Many thanks to our donors, volunteers, training facilities and partners around the world!

You are the reason that the work here at Reef Check is possible— we truly could not exist without you! We may come from different walks of life and reside in different corners of the world, but we share one very important thing in common: a commitment to doing all we can to ensure the health and sustainability of our reefs for all that depend on them. We are so grateful for the trust you place in us to achieve this mission, and for the support that makes it possible. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your continued partnership.

We look forward to reaching new heights together in the year to come!