



Reef Check Foundation

Annual Report 2024

Our Mission: Empowering People to Save Reefs and Oceans

This year, Reef Check volunteers all over the world have dedicated countless hours to monitoring coral reefs and kelp forests. From restoring kelp along the Big Sur coast in California, to removing ghost nets in Malaysia, to training youth for careers in ocean conservation in Mozambique and starting a new program in Hawai'i, Reef Check teams around the world have achieved so much in 2024; explore some of our collective accomplishments below.

2024 Successes



corals, seagrasses and mangroves

Organizational

- Published our [2025-2030 Strategic Plan](#)
- Launched an [Adopt a Reef](#) corporate fundraising program

Kelp Forest Program

- A record number of surveys completed along the West Coast – a total of 193
- Expanded surveys further into Baja California, British Columbia, and along the open coast of Washington
- Hired new regional manager in [Baja California](#)

Coral Reef Program

- Relaunched [Reef Check Hawai'i](#) program with new Coordinator
- Reef Check data confirmed [4th Global Coral Bleaching Event](#)
- [Reef Check Malaysia](#) broadened its scope to protecting

Education Program

- Five [Dive into Science](#) programs in California from Del Norte to Los Angeles County
- 10 Dive into Science scuba courses with participants from Tribal communities and foster youth
- Two Dive into Science graduates from Kashia Band of Pomo now work as scientific divers for their tribe

Restoration Program

- [Restored kelp forest](#) in Big Sur
- Expanded work at three kelp restoration sites in Mendocino

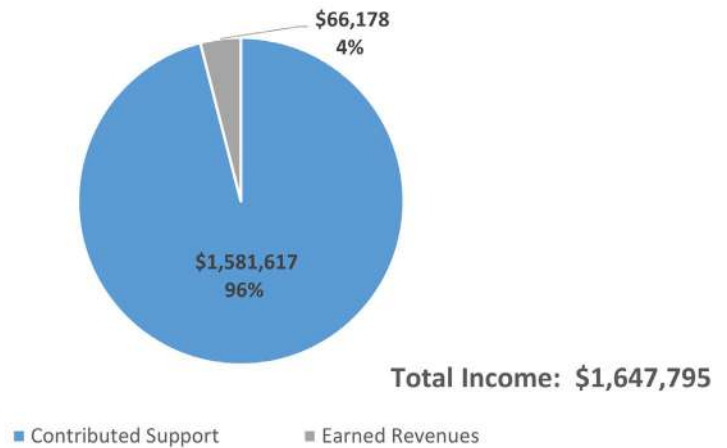
Top row: Newly hired Baja California Regional Manager Jessica Pantoja during a survey trip of the Coronado Islands (Photo: Anahi Bermudez); Reef Check Australia EcoDivers survey The Wall at Mudjimba Island (Photo: Jodi Salmond)

Middle row: Reef Check diver during a survey at McAbee in Monterey, CA (Photo: Sage Ono); Aspiring marine conservationists in Mozambique participate in a training program with Maputo Dive Center (Photo: Maputo Dive Center)

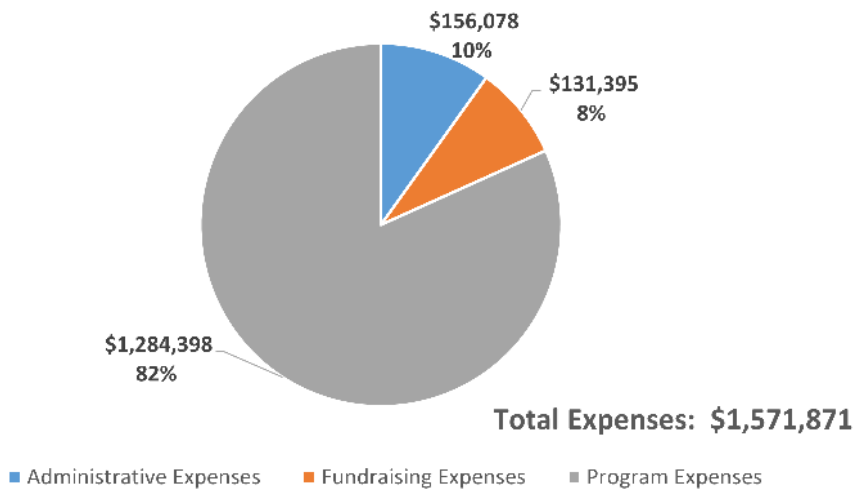
Bottom row: Participants of Coastal Chumash and Tongva Community Dive into Science Cohort #2 showing off their NAUI Open Water certificates (Photo: RCF); Big Sur kelp restoration site progress from urchin barren in 2022 to kelp forest in 2024 (Photo: RCF)

Funding

Income



Expenses



End of year net assets: \$119,229

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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!

