THE CORAL FUND

Support CCMI's capital expansion plans via the Coral Fund.

Help us build a more impactful organisation dedicated to marine research, education, and conservation.





INTRODUCING The coral fund

The Coral Fund will underpin CCMI's development in terms of new infrastructure and project support.

The goal over the next 2-3 years is to raise USD \$2.9 million to facilitate the next phase of CCMI's development as we continue to evolve as a regional leader in marine research. This campaign will include:

USD \$2.4 million capital campaign to expand our physical facilities, enabling us to conduct more research, education, and conservation simultaneously. The Coral Fund will also hope to raise USD \$500k to support:

Resilience and climate change research - investing in our science to become region leading.

Developing ocean stewards for the future - via cutting edge education and outreach programmes.

An early years budget - to support the new facility and these two critical project themes.



WHAT IS THE PLAN AND WHY?

This expansion project will enable CCMI to increase our accommodations, providing the capacity to allow research and education groups to operate simultaneously. We have run out of room at our current facility.

We plan to provide more international programming, increase our visitina research and education activities, and facilitate increased collaborations, as well in-house research. CCMI is as also committed to growing our local education and scholarship programmes, requiring further resources.

The current space at CCMI will be redeveloped as a 'working' space, and a new facility will be developed as residential accommodations, including a new conference/classroom. The Coral Fund is aiming to raise and apply USD \$2 million to support the expansion of the Little Cayman Research Centre by:

- Building a new accommodations facility (4000 sq ft) on a different site donated to CCMI. This site will double our present capacity.
- Re-purposing the current facility to better synchronize our local education programmes (including Marine Ecology Classes and Sea Camps), international university programmes, visiting researchers, and our expanding inhouse marine research activity. The expansion will significantly increase our studying and lab capacity.

We will also raise USD \$500k to support the new facility and critical projects in the early years.

CCMI HIGHLIGHTS

45m²

Coral outplanted to the wild (linear)

50+ PhD, MSc students, and internships

> 100+ Published scientific papers

> > 100+ Visiting scientists

\$1,000,000+

Invested in field research every year 5000+ Students hosted in Little Cayman

1500+ km Nursery grown corals (linear)

1500+

Local scholarships provided

250,000+ Reefs Go Live reach

\$23,000,000+

Raised and invested in coral reef protection for the future

If you are interested in supporting the Coral Fund, please contact: KHolden@reefresearch.org

