

VIP DONOR PROGRAMME

PROTECTING CORAL REEFS FOR THE FUTURE

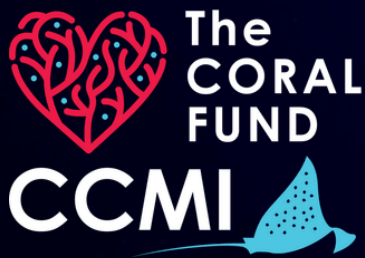


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HELP US BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE



The Coral Fund

CCMI has expanded our footprint with the acquisition of our new building; however, we are not finished growing our facilities yet. The new facility needs amends to meet our specific needs for classroom and meeting spaces as well as accommodations for visiting students, researchers, and citizen scientists.

We will update our original facility by expanding our kitchen and dining spaces, adding solar panels, and developing additional lab space for research efforts.

Over the next few years, we will raise an additional US \$3-4 million to support the renovations, upgrades, and enhancements to convert the current home into a fully functioning research and education residence.

Our increased space doubles our capacity for important research and education programmes, growing our impact for coral reefs and ensuring CCMI remains a regional leader in the field, and we will continue to make improvements that ensure we support the vital work of the researchers, students, and citizen scientists who use our facilities.



Photo: Diana Schmitt



HEALTHY CORAL REEFS FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

The Central Caribbean Marine Institute (CCMI) was founded in 1998 to protect coral reefs through research, education, and conservation. In 2005, we opened the flourishing Little Cayman Research Centre (LCRC). At the groundbreaking for the centre, HRH Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex (now The Duke of Edinburgh) and CCMI Royal Patron, dedicated the site “to sustain biodiversity so that the children of the world may forever discover the treasures of the sea.”

The reefs around Little Cayman truly are treasures of the sea and offer insight for coral reefs globally. They are among the most biologically diverse reef systems in the Caribbean and one of very few locations in the world showing coral reef regeneration on a positive trajectory.

The Little Cayman Research Centre has grown into a world-class research and education facility, which has been made possible by our generous benefactors. Our talented teams of resident and affiliated researchers have discovered new species and critical habitats, addressed global issues such as climate change and ocean acidification, threats to endangered species and factors that improve reef resilience.

With your help, we can bring research into action to protect, restore, and regenerate coral reef ecosystems. We invite you to help create a hopeful future for coral reefs by becoming a CCMI VIP donor.





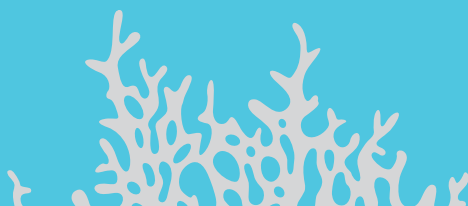
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REEF RESILIENCE RESEARCH

The CCMI team launched a renewed focus on the restoration and resilience research projects in December 2018, at the private dinner hosted by CCMI's Patron, His Royal Highness the Earl of Wessex (now, the Duke of Edinburgh) at St James's Palace in London. In 2020, CCMI launched the Coral Reef Ecology and Evolution Laboratory (REEL) under Director of Research, Dr Gretchen Goodbody-Gringley, expanding our remit yet remaining focused on key themes and goals:

- Significantly accelerating research findings on critical scientific questions in our key programme areas: Resilience & Restoration Ecology, Sustaining Biodiversity, and Science & Society
- Undertaking promising new research on the ecology and evolution of coral reefs to build on our 25 years of work with the aim of unlocking the secrets to coral reef resiliency
- Expanding our ocean and climate science literacy campaign so we can deliver education programmes that reach more children and diverse populations in Cayman and abroad each year
- Amplifying the impact of our work through superb communications and collaborative partnerships
- Building a region-leading facility that focuses on cutting-edge and innovative research

If we unlock the secrets of reef resilience and inspire our children to love and protect the ocean, there is a hopeful future for corals and the great web of life that depends on them. Thank you for your consideration and support.





TRAINING & INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

CCMI takes current research findings and pairs it with immersive and engaging initiatives, bridging the gap between research and education. We provide a range of learning and training opportunities for local and international students, from primary to tertiary level.

Scholarships

CCMI has provided more than 1850 scholarships since our first big grant in 2007. We invest US \$150K per annum in scholarships for local students via residential programmes. Our Young Environmentalist Leadership Course provides dive training, education and job skills to students (ages 16-20) and introduces them to the basics of marine ecology and the importance of coral conservation. Our Marine Ecology

Courses support students from ages 10-18 who learn about the marine environment while staying at the Little Cayman Research Centre.



Reefs Go Live

Reefs Go Live utilises streaming technology with underwater equipment to enable real time broadcasting from Little Cayman's coral reefs. Little Cayman, a Mission Blue Hope Spot, has some of the most biodiverse reef ecosystems in the Caribbean, which shows promising signs of resiliency to climate change impacts. The broadcasts and education materials connect CCMI's current research conducted in Little Cayman to the national science curriculum and key ocean literacy principles, making CCMI's work relevant and accessible to viewers of all

ages, emphasising the relationship that we all have to coral reefs, no matter where we are. To date we have had more than 400,000 views and reached viewers in 37 countries (2025).



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VIP DONOR PROGRAMME

CCMI relies upon our core donors that become trusted partners and stakeholders. Our VIP donor programme is applicable to those wishing to support CCMI over a multi-year period, providing funds that are key to our very existence. Unrestricted in nature, the VIP donor giving provides seed money for new projects, supports a new hire, or helps us fight fires in times of need. CCMI's Coral Fund will be the core recipient of VIP donations this year, helping us to evolve and grow our impact for coral reefs. The following VIP donor options are available for individuals and corporations:

AMBASSADORS: **USD \$5,000 per annum for 4 years**

NAVIGATORS:

Bronze Navigator **USD \$25,000 per annum for 3 years**

Silver Navigator **USD \$50,000 per annum for 4 years**

Gold Navigator **USD \$75,000 per annum for 4 years**

Platinum Navigator **USD \$100,000 per annum for 5 years**

We know the secret to a healthy planet is a healthy ocean. We also know that coral reefs are now the most threatened ecosystems on earth, and the window of time to reverse their decline is rapidly closing.



BECOMING A VIP DONOR

THE NAVIGATORS COUNCIL AND CORPORATE NAVIGATORS

support CCMI by pledging multi-year funding commitments of USD \$25,000 - \$100,000 per annum. Navigators are invited to participate in exclusive gatherings and briefings each year, and each Navigator receives a plan bespoke to them. Navigators are offered complimentary seats at annual special events including the annual Festival of the Seas Gala on Grand Cayman and special events with CCMI Royal Patron, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, KG GCVO.









AMBASSADORS AND CORPORATE AMBASSADORS

support CCMI by pledging 4-year funding commitments of \$5,000 or higher annually. Ambassadors are offered complimentary seats at annual special events including the annual Festival of the Seas Gala on Grand Cayman and recognised as a VIP sponsor via our communications and outreach activity, including our annual report.





BENEFITS FOR VIP DONORS*

	AMBASSADOR \$5000/YEAR 4 YEARS	NAVIGATOR - BRONZE \$25,000/YEAR 3 YEARS	NAVIGATOR - SILVER \$50,000/YEAR 4 YEARS	NAVIGATOR - GOLD \$75,000/YEAR 4 YEARS	NAVIGATOR - PLATINUM \$100,000/YEAR 5 YEARS
TICKETS TO FESTIVAL OF SEAS GALA (ANNUAL)	2 STANDARD	6 STANDARD	8 STANDARD	12 STANDARD	10 VIP
INVITATION TO ROYAL EVENT* (ANNUAL)	1	2	4	6	8
*IF NO ROYAL EVENT IS HELD IN A GIVEN YEAR, CCMI HOSTS A GCM VIP EVENT (ANNUAL)	2	4	8	10	12
SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION UPON JOINING/RENEWING	1	2	2	2	2
FEATURED PARTNER IN QUARTERLY EMAIL (ANNUAL)	-				
SOCIAL MEDIA INCLUSION - IMPACT/PROJECT COVERAGE	1	2	2	3	3
LUNCHTIME LECTURE REQUESTED BY DONOR (ANNUAL)	-				
HOLD A BOARD/TEAM MEETING ON LITTLE CAYMAN INCL LUNCH & DIVE/SNORKEL TOUR (ANNUAL)	-	1	1	1	1

***Benefits available to all Corporate Ambassadors and Navigators:**

- CCMI supporter logo
- Logo/name on CCMI homepage
- Inclusion in CCMI Annual Report (annual)
- Advance notice of CCMI events
- Opportunity to volunteer
- Complimentary weekly Friday tours for you and your party at the Little Cayman Research Centre
- 10% Discount on Caribbean Marine Ecology Camp (CMEC) registration fee
- Special end of year update (annual)
- Digital thank you image (annual)

CCMI IMPACT SUMMARY

The support from our amazing network of friends, colleagues, donors, supporters, and advisors has been the foundation for our achievements. We cannot do what we do without you. CCMI has seen outstanding growth, and we are building our impacts and achievements to become region leading in our field:

1998 – CCMI was founded by Dr Carrie Manfrino as a US nonprofit. CCMI began our coral reef monitoring programme that tracks changes in coral reef and fish health.

2002 – CCMI was incorporated as a registered Cayman Islands Charity (#NP-3)

2003 – CCMI was determined as a US 501 (c)(3) (#22-3609293)

2004 – CCMI was incorporated as a UK registered charity (#1104009)

2005 – HRH Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex, CCMI's Royal Patron, breaks ground on the Little Cayman Research Centre, which has been developed into an award-winning research facility specialising in coral reef resilience.

2007 – A flourishing research and education programme was established, including visiting scientists and groups from Dartmouth College, University of Florida, Wellesley College, Rutgers University, Keane University, University of North Carolina, etc. CCMI was awarded our first \$500K multi-year grant.

2009 – CCMI partnered with the United States National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to launch the Coral Reef Early Warning System (CREWS) as part of the Integrated Coral Observation Network (ICON). CCMI launched our Ocean Literacy programme.

2012 – CCMI was awarded a US National Science Foundation facilities grant to develop the climate change labs at the Little Cayman Research Centre. CCMI also established the first ever coral restoration research programme in the Cayman Islands in partnership with the Cayman Islands Department of Environment.

2016 – CCMI held the "Can we Save Coral Reefs" International Symposium in London, convened by HRH The Earl of Wessex, hosting scientists, policy makers and advocates from all over the world. HRH The Earl of Wessex also visited the Little Cayman Research Centre.

2017 – CCMI attended the Fourth International Workshop on Bridging the Gap between Ocean Acidification Impacts and Economic Valuation, in Monaco, hosted by Prince Albert II of Monaco. CCMI also held a Navigator event, hosted by HRH The Earl of Wessex, at Windsor Castle.

IMPACT SUMMARY CONTINUED

2018 – CCMI launched our Reefs Go Live programme, teaching students from under the ocean. 2018 also saw a 20-year coral reef monitoring follow up study across all three of the Cayman Islands. We celebrated the International Year of the Reef via public outreach and a Royal hosted event at St James's Palace, London.

2019 – CCMI hosted HRH The Prince of Wales at the Little Cayman Research Centre, including a Reefs Go Live broadcast. CCMI launched the Women in Ocean Science Award (WIOSA), to support early-career professionals and launched Vision 2025 as part of our strategic planning.

2020 – CCMI hired new Research Director, Dr Gretchen Goodbody-Gringley, who was awarded a National Science Foundation grant, CCMI's first as lead PI/Institution. CCMI championed Little Cayman as a Mission Blue Hope Spot and saw 89% success with a new coral restoration outplanting concept.

2021 – CCMI provides the most local scholarships in one year since our inception and expands the Reef Ecology and Evolution Lab (REEL). CCMI's reef monitoring indicates 27% coral cover in Little Cayman, indicating a 'healthy' reef ecosystem.

2022 – CCMI is awarded a NSF grant to expand our wet labs. CCMI is also awarded a Darwin Plus Initiative Grant to explore research offshore sea mounts. CCMI presented at the ICRI and Reef Futures Conferences.

2023 – HRH The Duke of Edinburgh launched the Coral Fund, to support CCMI's expansion plans. The CCMI Board, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, and His Excellency the Governor of the Cayman Islands broke ground on the new site.

2024 – CCMI establishes the CCMI Endowment Fund to ensure long-term sustainability of the projects and programmes of the organisation

2025 – CCMI creates the position of Head of Marine Science Education as part of the efforts to scale up our outreach and advocacy in response to the ocean crisis following the fourth global mass bleaching event (2023). CCMI also acquires the adjacent property in Little Cayman, including a 6,000 sq ft building, to expand facilities immediately.

2026 – CCMI invests US \$300,000 in scholarships to host every Year 6 student in a Cayman Islands Government primary school for the foundational level Marine Ecology Course.

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GET INVOLVED WITH CCMI

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