



**LIVINGSEAS**  
FOUNDATION

**Sponsorship  
Impact Report  
June 2026**



## The Situation

The coral restoration project started in Padangbai, a small fishing village located in the East of Bali, in the Karangasem Regency. The village has around 2,850 inhabitants and 850 families who strongly depend on tourism.

Padangbai experiences a lot of daily traffic as it is a boarding point for the ferries and speed boats that bring tourists to the Gili Islands, Nusa Penida, Nusa Lembongan and Lombok.

Padangbai is also highly known for its underwater scenery, attracting divers and snorkelers from all around the world.

However, 15 years ago, a large marine site called Baung Penyu was razed to the ground because of unsustainable fishing practices. Fishermen came to this hidden spot to fish for lobsters. Their lack of awareness and environmental education made them unaware that their anchoring was slowly destroying the coral reefs.

In addition, other fishermen used net fishing in this shallow area (5- 15 m depth), which also destroyed the corals by getting the net stuck in the coral branches.

Lastly, about 8 years ago, a fisherman used bomb fishing on that specific site, even though it was illegal, and destroyed the site. Consequently, all marine life disappeared from this site, leaving no space for natural recovery. Livingseas chose this specific site to start the coral restoration project in 2019.

## Objectives

Livingseas' core mission is to **restore 5 hectares** of coral reefs in cooperation with the local community of Padangbai. This objective includes the participation of the local youth who are trained to become coral planters, divers, and dive guides.

Raising their awareness of the importance of coral reefs is an integral part of their training and makes them respectful of their environment.

Livingseas uses scientifically proven methods for coral restoration, which rely on two main types of structures:

1. The reef stars: a 0.6 m<sup>2</sup> structure designed to hold 18 coral fragments
2. The nurseries: an 11.3 m<sup>2</sup> structure capable of holding 1,000 small coral fragments. A nursery is used to grow small fragments of corals until they are large enough to be transplanted onto the reef stars.



Image 1 - A reef star with 18 coral fragments attached

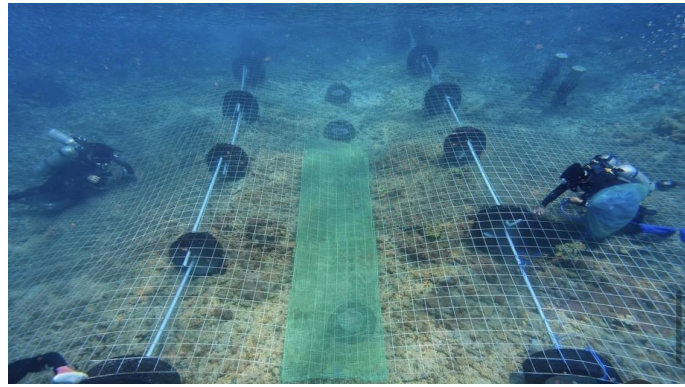


Image 2 - Nurseries being installed on the coral restoration site

## Sponsorship Impact

In December 2024, a European foundation donated a total of 60,000 €, enabling the Livingseas Foundation to scale up its coral restoration efforts through the installation of new nurseries.

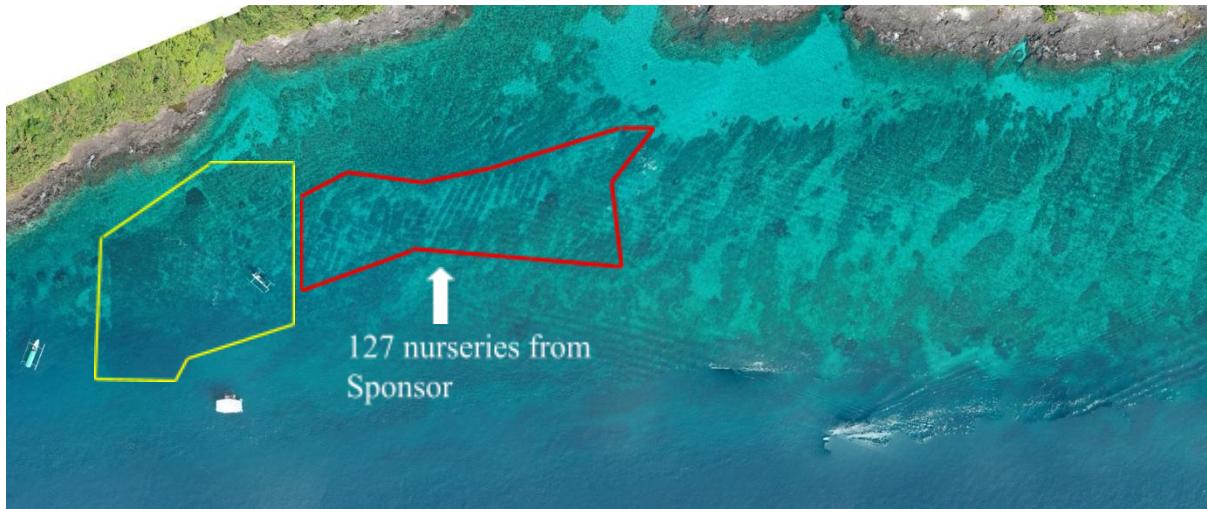
In total, 127 nurseries were installed, and 127,000 coral fragments were planted in just 4.5 months. Another way to put it is that **this donation increased the coral reef's restored size by 25.6%.**

It also enabled the hiring of 10 additional staff, further accelerating the pace and scale of coral restoration.

As illustrated in the drone image below, the coral reef has expanded significantly. The corals are currently thriving, and the nurseries are now almost completely covered by corals.

|                                | Before Donation<br>(Dec 2024) | Sponsorship Impact (May<br>2025)               | Today (June 2026)    |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Coral fragments planted</b> | 129 366                       | 266 366<br>+ 127 000                           | 443 309              |
| <b>Nurseries</b>               | 12                            | 139<br>+ 127                                   | 276                  |
| <b>m<sup>2</sup> planted</b>   | 3 694 m <sup>2</sup>          | 4 964 m <sup>2</sup><br>+ 1 270 m <sup>2</sup> | 8 961 m <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Staff</b>                   | 24                            | 34<br>+ 10                                     | 41                   |

Table 1 - Summary of the impact of sponsorship donations. Structures such as Reef Stars, Super Stars, and Bottles are not listed in the table but are included in the total count.



*Image 3 - In yellow, the main site before this sponsor's funding, in red, the 127 nurseries installed with this sponsor's funding*

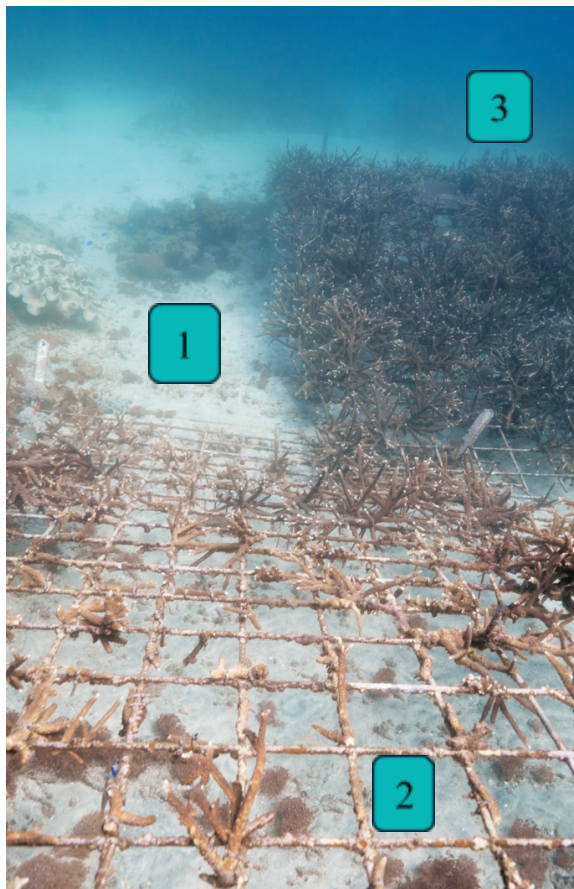
With this donation, the sponsor has helped Livingseas meet three main aspects :

1. **Food security:** biodiversity has increased on and around the restoration site, increasing the fish population for fishermen. For instance, in the village near the coral restoration site, a strong increase in fish catch has been noticed by the locals since 2021.
2. **Entrepreneurship:** 10 new staff members have been hired, including locals in managerial positions and skilled workers such as engineers, resin workers, metal workers, and welders.
3. **Sustainability:** the coral reef is thriving and keeps expanding. To date, more than **8 961 m<sup>2</sup>** of seabed have been restored, which is 18% of the objective of 5 hectares.

Most importantly, this sponsor's donation acted as a **catalyst**: by demonstrating tangible impact through capacity building, staff upscaling, and significant site expansion, it inspired additional funders to contribute.

Most notably, the growth of the restoration site has significantly enhanced its attractiveness as a tourist destination, driving an increase in guest numbers and, in turn, boosting revenue and awareness.

## Preview



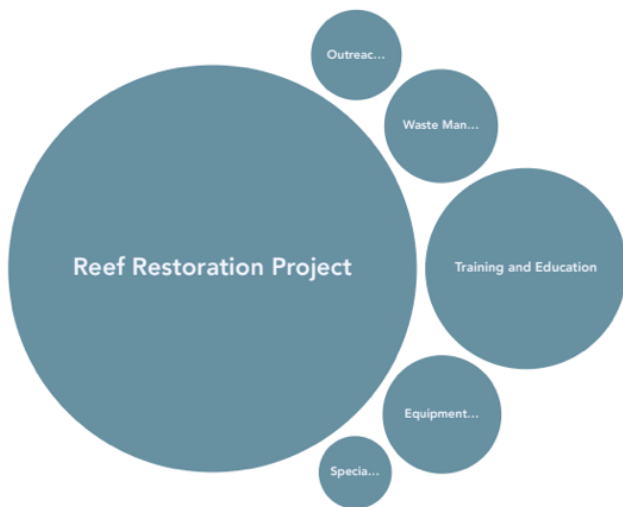
*Image 4 - This picture shows the three different phases of coral restoration. (1) The rubble area (sand), (2) the corals being planted in the nursery, and (3) the nursery completely covered by grown corals.*



*Image 5 - Close-up of a healthy nursery*

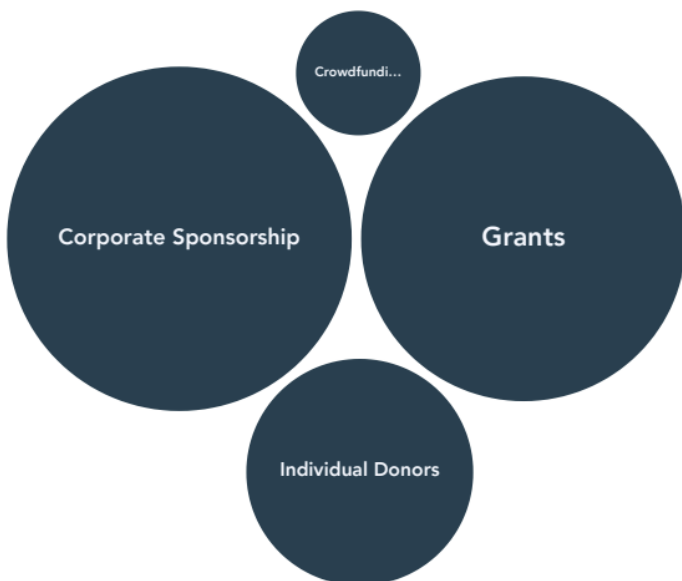
Complete recordings of the 127 nurseries can be found at [this link](#).

## Expenditures 2025



| Expenses                           | %  | IDR                  |
|------------------------------------|----|----------------------|
| Reef Restoration PDB               | 67 | 1,055,936,140        |
| Training and Education             | 16 | 257,197,741          |
| Waste Management                   | 5  | 82,000,000           |
| Special Projects                   | 2  | 33,722,500           |
| Outreach and Community Events      | 3  | 52,000,000           |
| Equipment and Maintenance          | 6  | 89,272,500           |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                   |    | <b>1,570,128,881</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                 |    |                      |
| Habitats/Benevity/Candidasa builds |    | 444,607,478          |
| <b>Total</b>                       |    | <b>2,014,736,359</b> |

## Revenues 2025

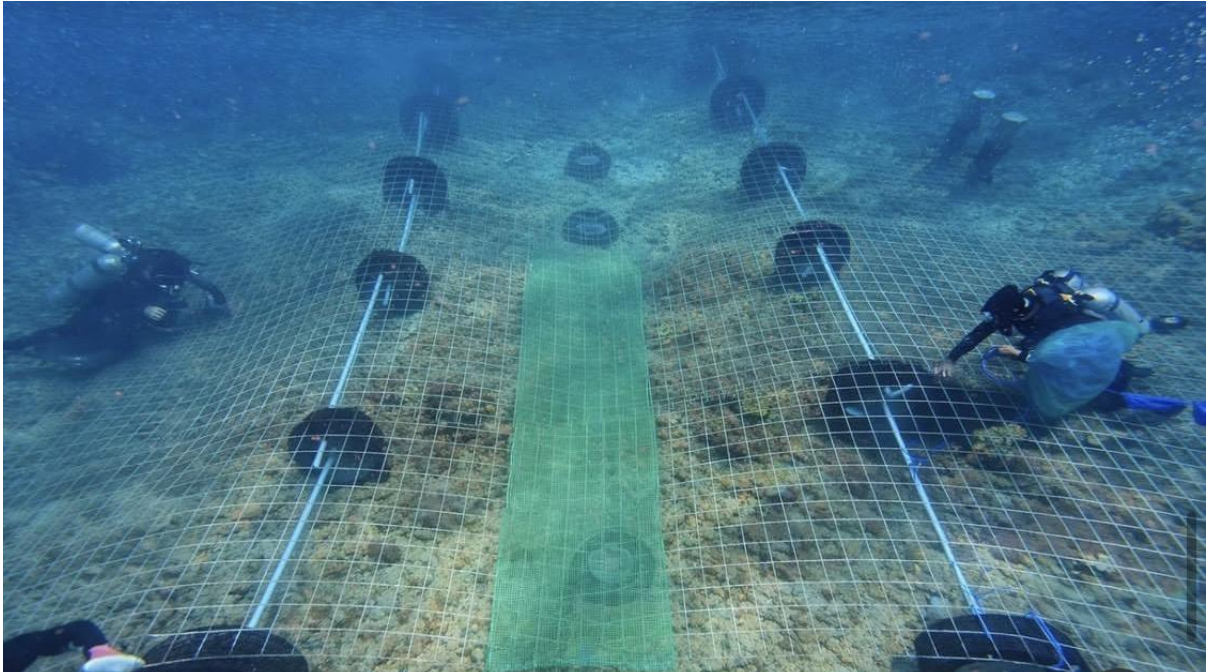


| Income                | %  | IDR                  |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| Individual Donations  | 18 | 355,813,500          |
| Corporate Sponsorship | 41 | 821,184,000          |
| Grants                | 36 | 730,369,709          |
| Crowdfunding          | 5  | 107,369,150          |
| <b>Total</b>          |    | <b>2,014,736,359</b> |

\*Income and Expenses figures 2025 not audited.

## Gallery

*April 2025*



*June 2025*



*Image 1 - The first fish coming to the nurseries*

*June 2026*



*Image 2 - A school of barracudas swimming by the nurseries*

*June 2026*

