

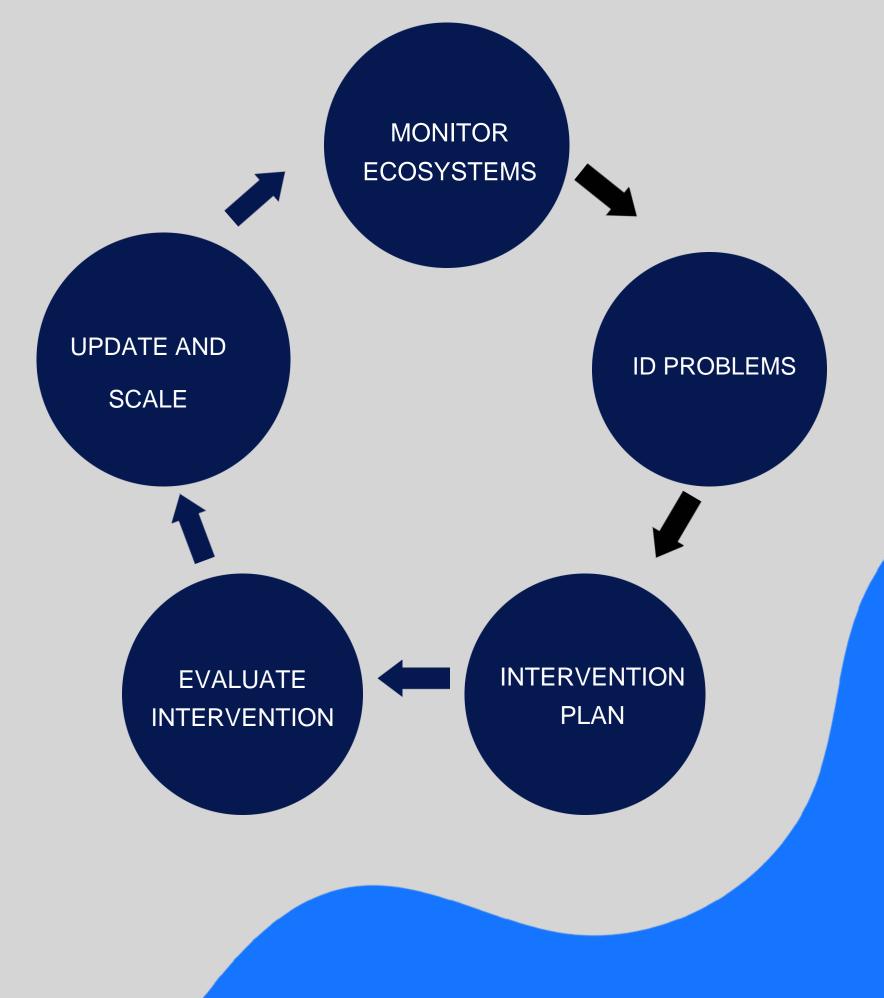
## SELECTION OF INTERVENTION SITES



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# 1 Steps for intervention

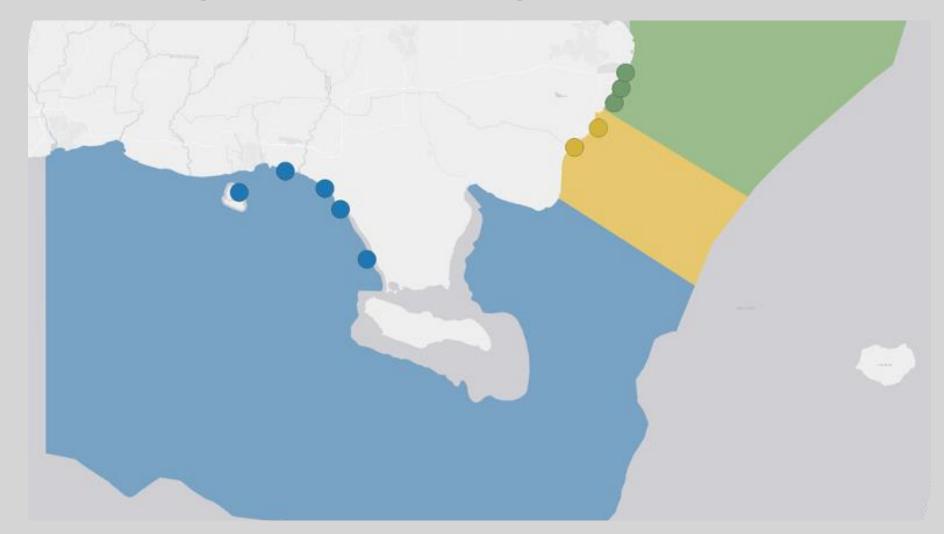


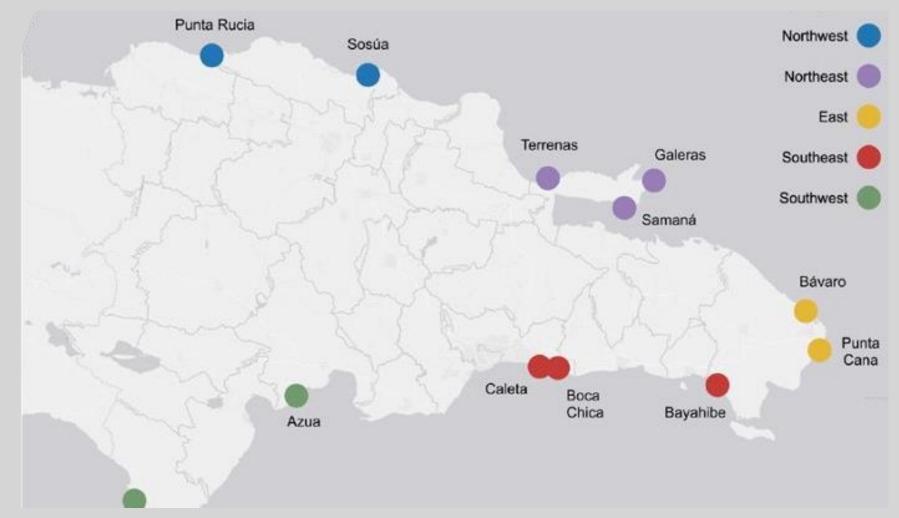


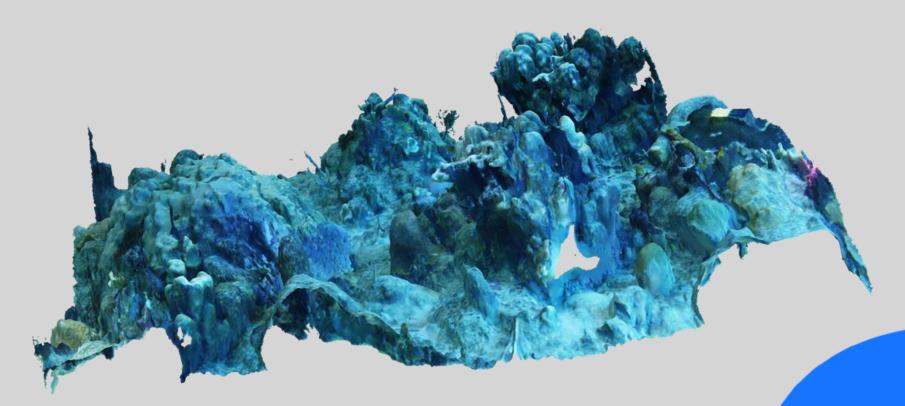


# 2 Importance of permanent monitoring



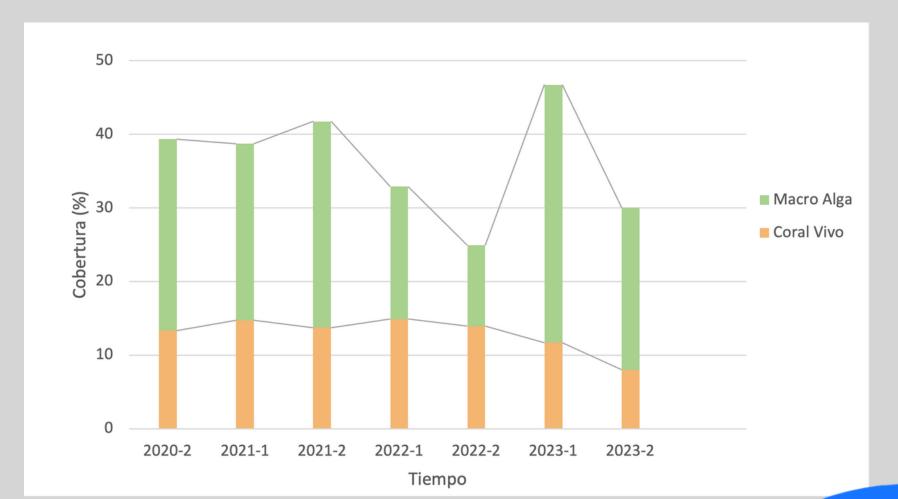








Loss of 43.7% of coral cover throughout SAMAR since the arrival of SCTLD in 2022 and massive bleaching mortalities in 2023



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### Coral reefs of southeastern Dominican Republic hit by two simultaneous epizootic events

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- Site selection criteria
  - Goal: re-populate a species,

increase coral cover, ...

- Natural presence of the species
- Local threats
- Logistic cost vs restoration plan
- Economic interest: coastal

protection, tourism



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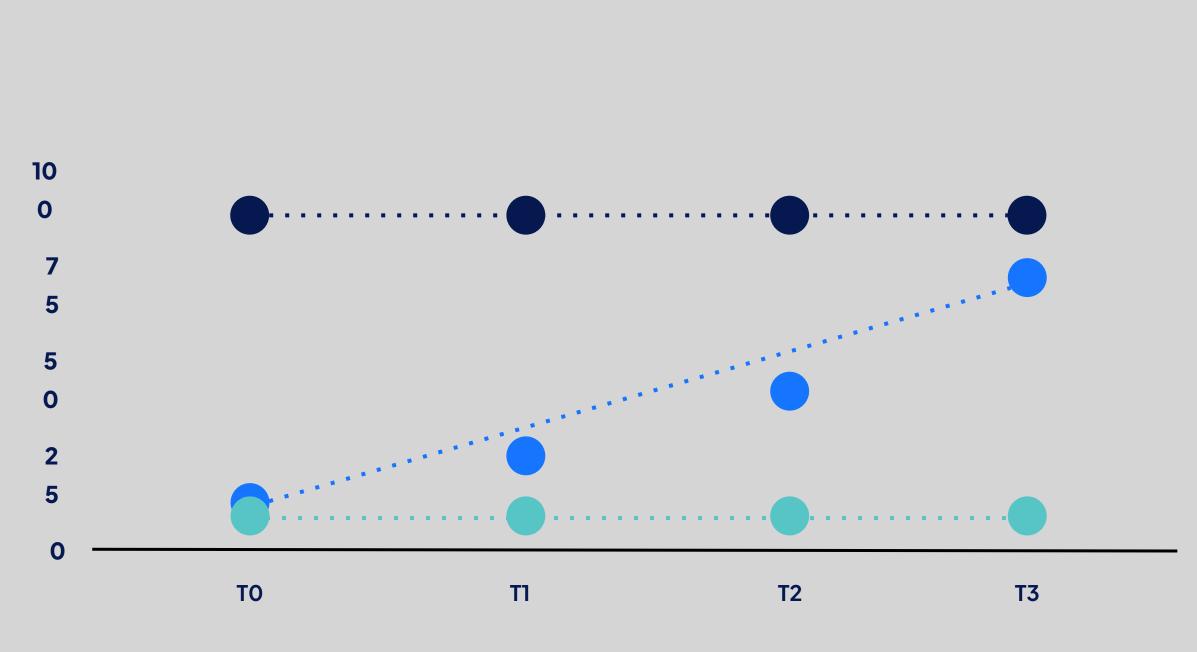
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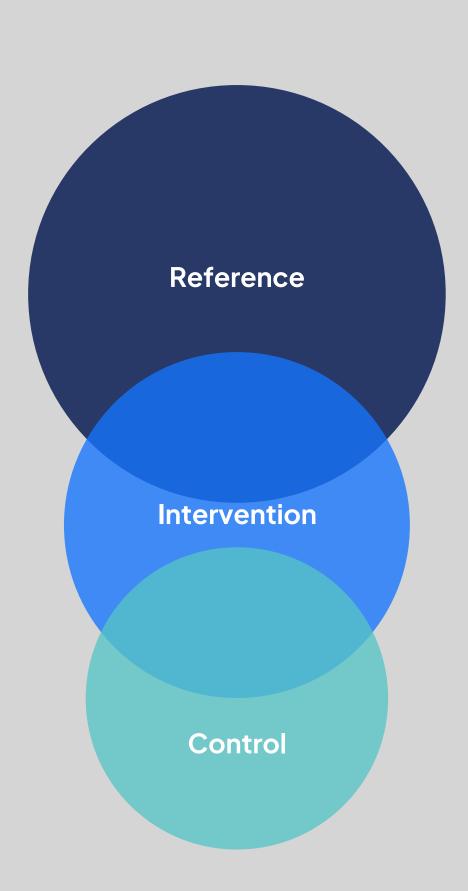


# Experimental Design, based on your goals

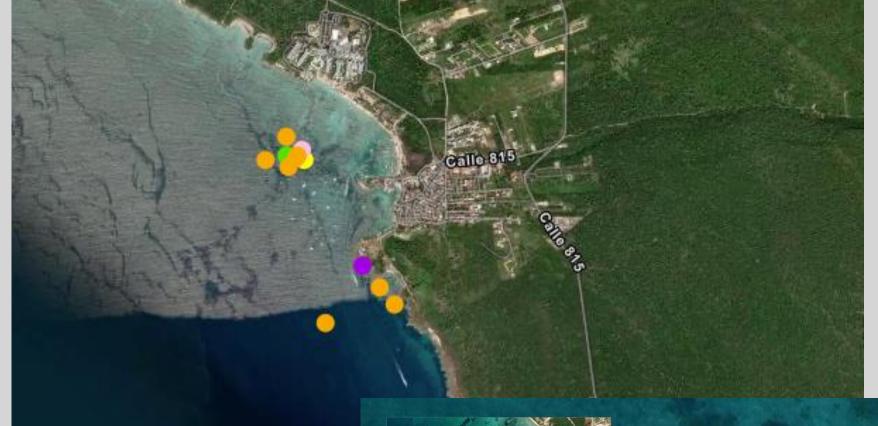




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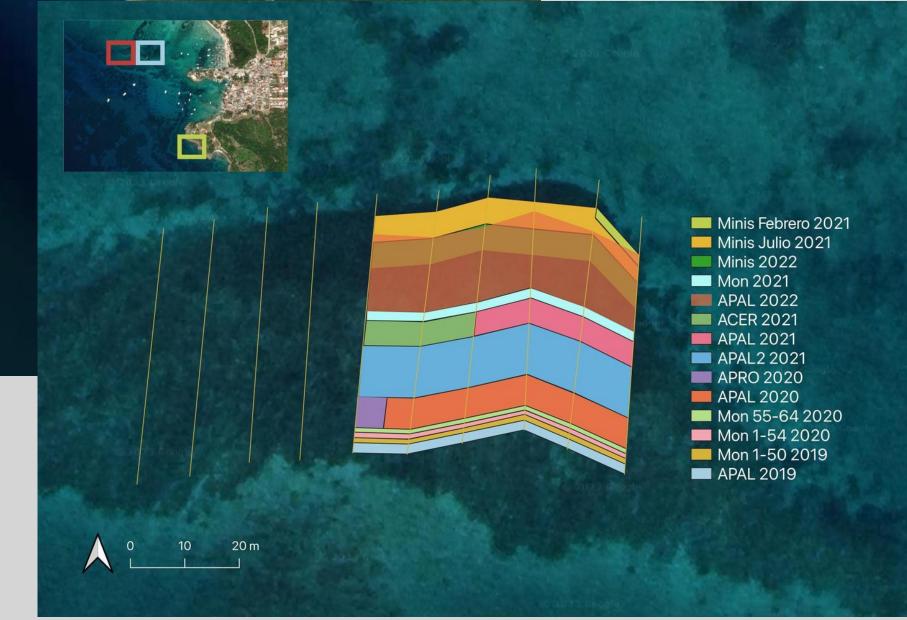








Combination of asexual and sexual techniques (recruits 2 to 5 more resilient than asexual frags and wild colonies)



## Experimental Design: intervention monitoring





**BENTHIC COVER** 



FISH COMMUNITY
STRUCTURE AND
BIOMASS



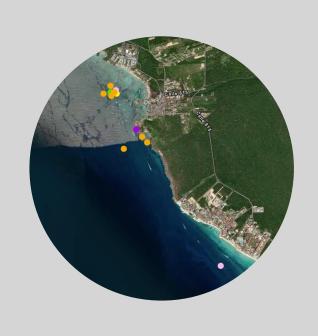
SURVIVORSHIP AND
GROWTH OF
FRAGMENTS
(ASEXUAL AND
SEXUAL)



STRUCTURAL COMPLEXITY



**FUNCTIONALITY** 



## BLEACHING/DISEASE

INCREASE GENETIC DIVERSITY

COMBINATION OF TECHNOLOGIES

OUTPLANT IN COLD SEASON

### LOST OF SPECIES

ASSITED FERTILIZATION
GENETIC BANKS



### LOSS OF CORAL COVER

INCREASE LOGISTICS (COST): MORE
SITES, MORE PEOPLE
EX. SPAWNING

