

# Developing Coral Restoration Road Maps

Learning Exchange Workshop

June 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, Key West, Florida

### DAY 4

Integrating Restoration & Management Panel Discussion
Country Presentations
Regional Collaboration Opportunities

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### Agenda & Goals

- Day 1 Restoration Techniques & Road Map Planning (Step 1)
- ✓ Day 2 Coral Rescue Café -Restoration Techniques & Road map planning (Steps 2 & 3)
- Day 3 Develop Restoration Action Plan (Step 4) & Field Trip to Mote Marine Lab
- Day 4 Integrating Restoration & Management Country Road Map Presentations Regional Collaboration























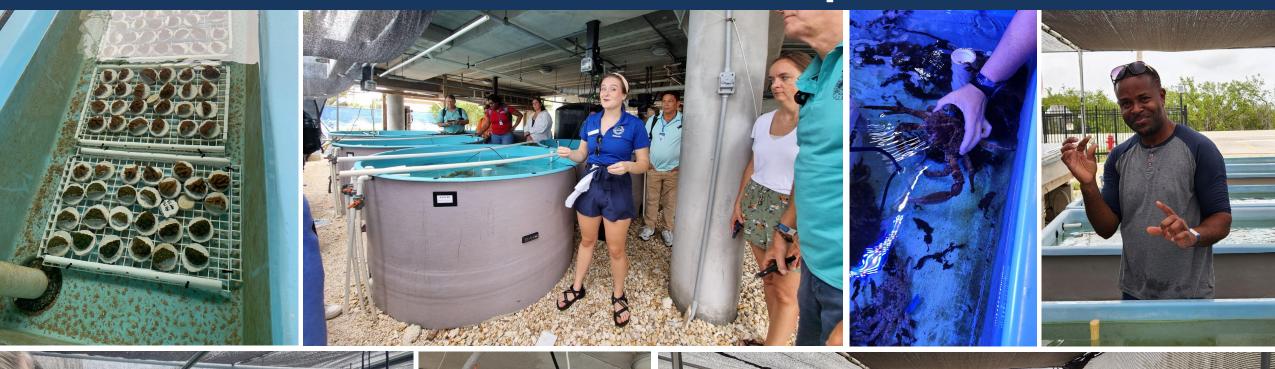




### Day 4 AGENDA: Integrating Restoration & Management Restoration Country Presentations Regional Collaboration

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast on your own	
8:00 – 8:30	Travel to Meeting Room	
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome, review of agenda Patricia Kramer & Lynnette Roth	
9:00 – 10:00	Integrating Restoration into MPA goals - Panel Discussion Dana Wusinich-Mendez & Gaby Ochoa	
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 10:30	Presentation Introduction Patricia Kramer & Judy Lang	
10:30 – 12:00	Restoration Roadmap Presentations (10min each, 5min discussion)	
	Aruba: Sietske     Belize: Alicia/Kevin     Bonaire: Danielle	BVI: Argel/Amy     Cayman: Croy     Dominica: Zethra
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 3:15	Restoration Roadmap Presentations cont. (10min each, 5min discussion)	
	Grenada: Christine Honduras: Martha/Andrea Mexico: Christian Saba: Camille St. Lucia: Makeba	TCI: Rebecca SVG: Sheldon Colombia: Elvira Dominica Republic: Rita
3:15 - 3:30	Break	
3:30 – 4:00	Regional Collaboration	
4:00 – 4:30	Restoration Roadmaps: Next steps Patricia Kramer, Lynnette Roth	
4:30 – 5:00	Closing presentation, Certificate ceremony	
7:00	Group Dinner	

# Mote Marine Lab Field Trip Review





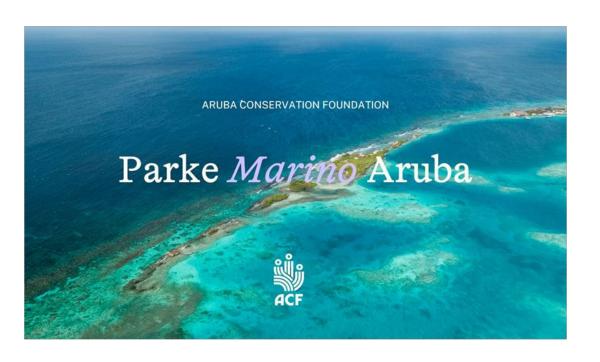




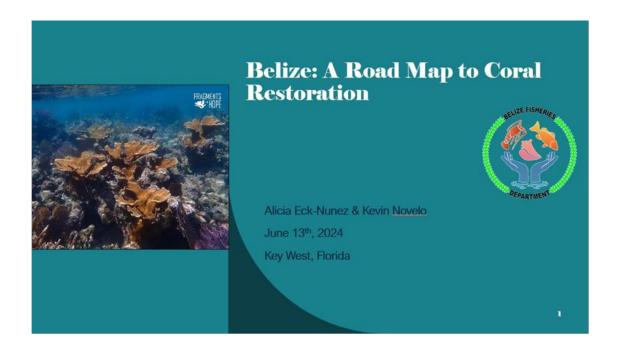


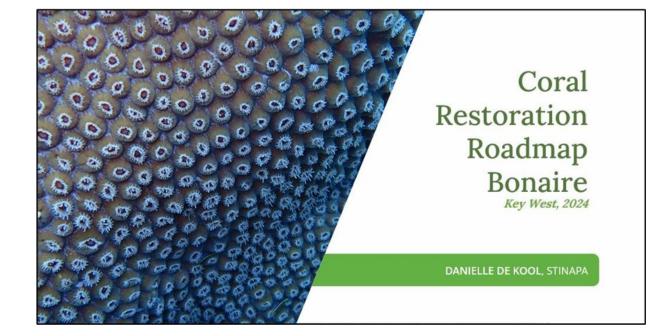
# Restoration Country Presentations

- I. What is your goal? Why and How? (Steps 1A & 1B)
- What are your potential sites and coral species?(Step 2)
- 3. What is your potential restoration intervention?(Step 3)
- 4. Develop a draft restoration action plan & next steps (Step 4)
- 6. Who are your potential stakeholders?









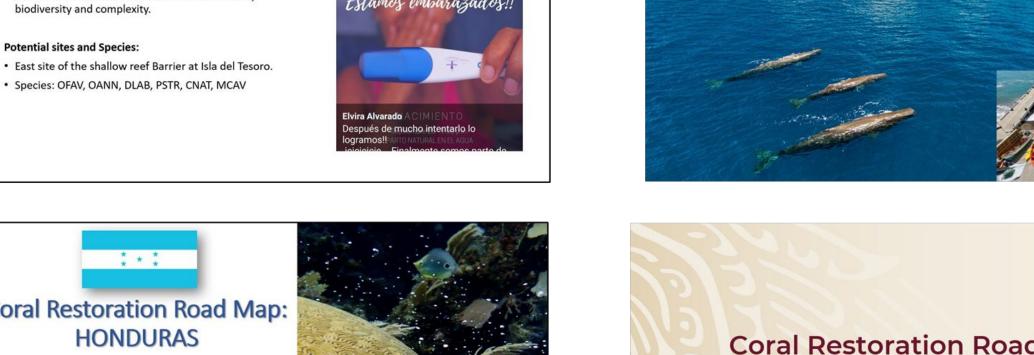
### Colombia

#### Goal:

• By 2054, 1 hectare of Isla Tesoro, Colombia will be restore to recover functions of three dimensional structure,









#### Presented by:

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Program Manager

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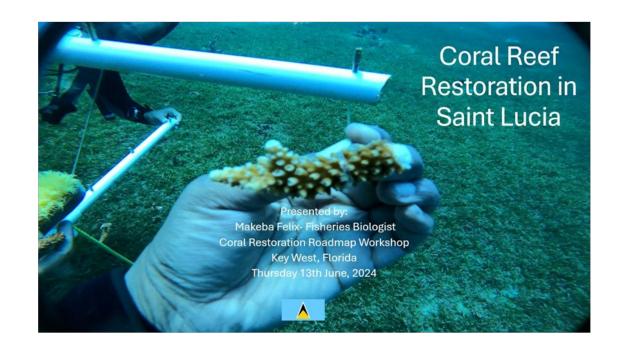
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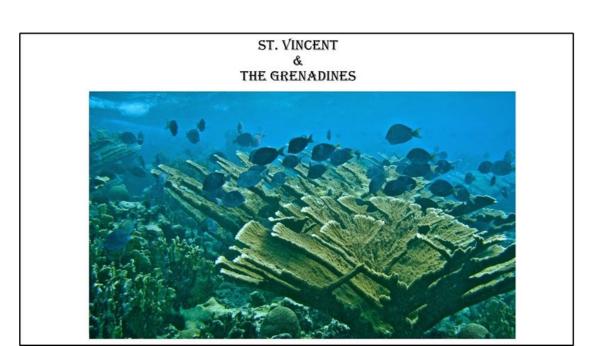




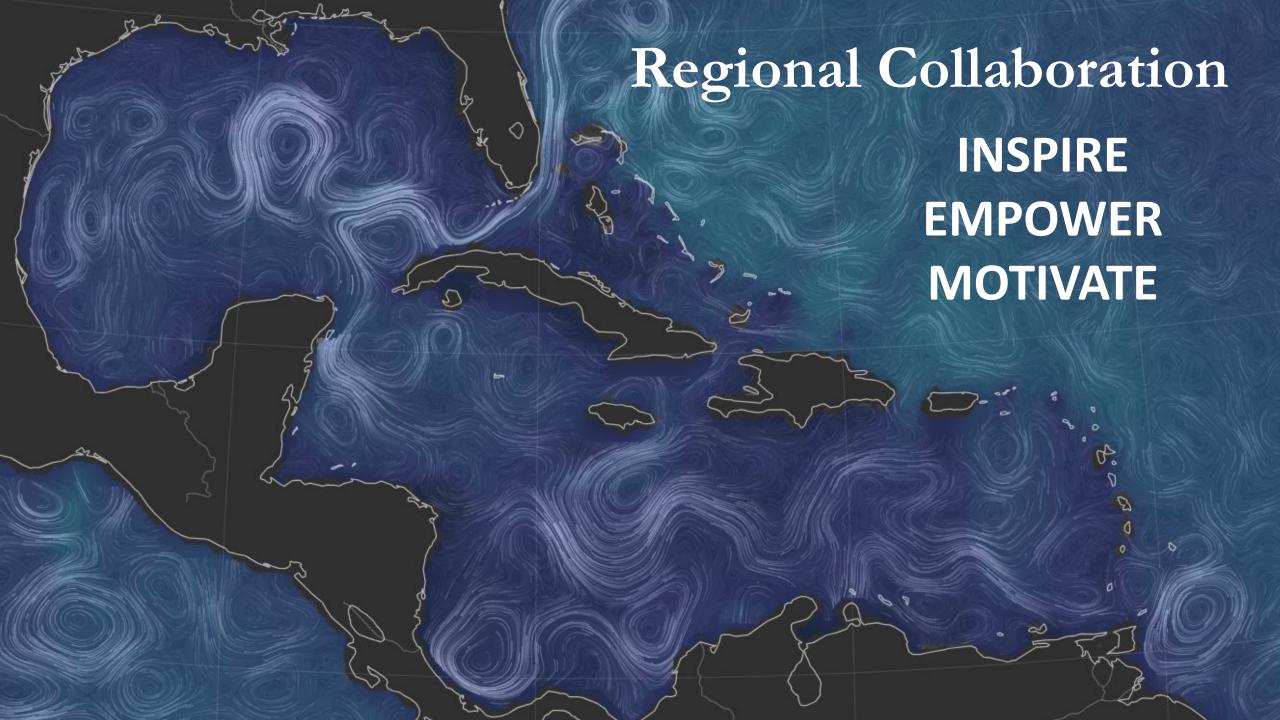
Dominica's Road Map to Coral Restoration



















## Restoration Roadmaps

### Objectives

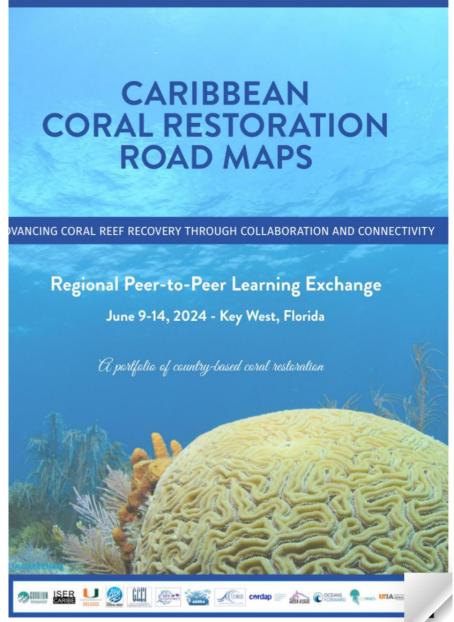
- <u>Increase</u> coral <u>populations</u> and health of SCTLD-affected corals
- Develop <u>science-based</u> and <u>management-relevant</u>
   Restoration Roadmaps with MPAS
- Share coral restoration technical expertise
- Expand restoration with MPAs in the Caribbean region

## Regional Collaboration Opportunities

- Track coral species at highest risk Map Regionally (Map)
- Tracking Coral Spawning –Regional Database and Map
- Regional Atlas of Photomosaics (all MPA connect sites?
   Restoration sites?)
- Training Courses online & field courses
- Continued Road Map Planning
- Continued conversation
- Other?

## Review Restoration Road Map Planning





Kramer et al 2024, June Restoration Workshop

## Restoration Training Hub & Opportunities













## Techniques in coral reef baseline/restoration monitoring





Course name: Techniques in coral reef monitoring for restoration, data analysis & management

#### **Course Dates:**

Part 1: Virtual Online 2024
Part 2: Field Training TBD

Credit: Certificate of Completion

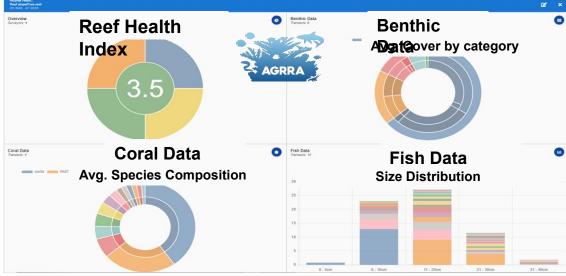
### **Course Information:**

The goals of the course are to train participants in coral reef monitoring using the Atlantic and Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment (AGRRA) Program method, with a focus on coral restoration and evaluation. Participants will learn how to assess important structural and functional attributes of tropical Western Atlantic coral reefs to track coral reef status and restoration progress.

#### **Restoration Monitoring Outplanting** Effectiveness Implementation **Ecosystem Impact** data collected every 1-2 years Mid-term Figure 5 Immediate Initial Long-term Baseline Short-term monitoring monitoring monitoring monitoring survey 7-14 days ≤3 months ≥ 5 years Pre-restoration ~12 months 1-5 years Goergen et al. 2020

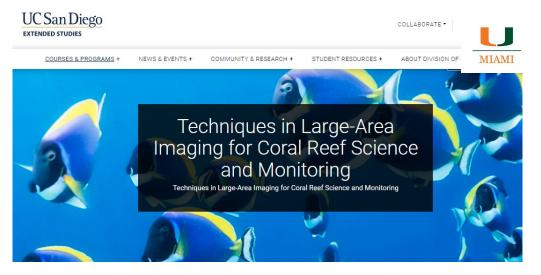






## Techniques in large-area imaging for restoration monitoring





Spring 2024

Part 1: Virtual online

Part 2: In-field follow available

Course name: Techniques in large-area imaging for coral reef science and monitoring

Course Dates: 2024

**Credit:** Certificate of Completion

### **Course Information**

The first in a two-part series, this course will teach students to apply underwater 3D imaging techniques to coral reef and restoration monitoring. This course will introduce students to Structure-from-Motion (SfM) and Large-area imaging (LAI) through the following topics: technical background and applications of LAI and SfM, how to plan and execute an LAI project, as well as the basics of 3D model generation. The second course in the series will introduce students to advanced concepts of 3D model generation and other derived products, and ecological data extraction.

Previous coral reef monitoring, research, and/or restoration experience is preferred but not required.

#### The goals of this course are:

- Introduce basic LAI and SfM concepts for coral reef monitoring, research, and restoration projects.
- Demonstrate how to successfully collect imagery for a coral reef monitoring, research, and restoration projects.
- Provide training on how to create a basic 3D model in Agisoft *Metashape* and how to share that model with others.

## Techniques in Coral Spawning & Larval Propagation







Coral spawning



Course name: Techniques in coral spawning & larval propagation

**Course Dates:** 

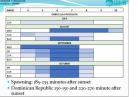
Part 1: Virtual Online 2024

Part 2: One week Field Course Aug or Sept 2024 or 2025

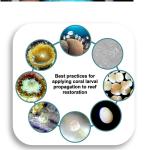
Credit: Certificate of Completion

### **Course Information:**

- 1. Coral reproduction
- 2. Coral spawning observations & calendars
- 3. Collecting spawn & assisted fertilization in the field or lab
- 4. Larval propagation & larval settlement
- 5. Outplanting & monitoring



- Spawning calendars
- Larval propagation
- Assisted fertilization



Best Practices

Banaszak, A.et al. 2023. Applying coral breeding to reef restoration: best practices, knowledge gaps, and priority actions in a rapidly evolving field. Restoration ecology, p.e13913.

## Techniques in Ecosystem-based restoration





Techniques in ecosystem-based restoration

Course Number:

**Course Dates:** 

Part 1: Virtual Online Spring 2024

Part 2: One week Field Course July 2024

**Credit:** Certificate of Completion

#### **Course Information:**

The goals of this course are:

- Focus on SCTLD susceptible corals
- Coral propagation techniques (sexual vs micro-fragmentation)
- Design, development, and maintenance of land based and in situ nurseries
- Restock Diadema & other herbivores
- Techniques to restore corals and herbivores

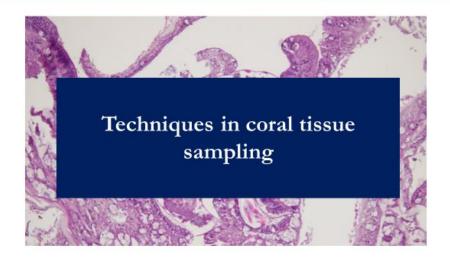






### Techniques in tissue sampling for coral disease





Fall 2024\*

Part 1: Virtual online

Part 2: Guided mentoring

Course name: Techniques in coral tissue sampling

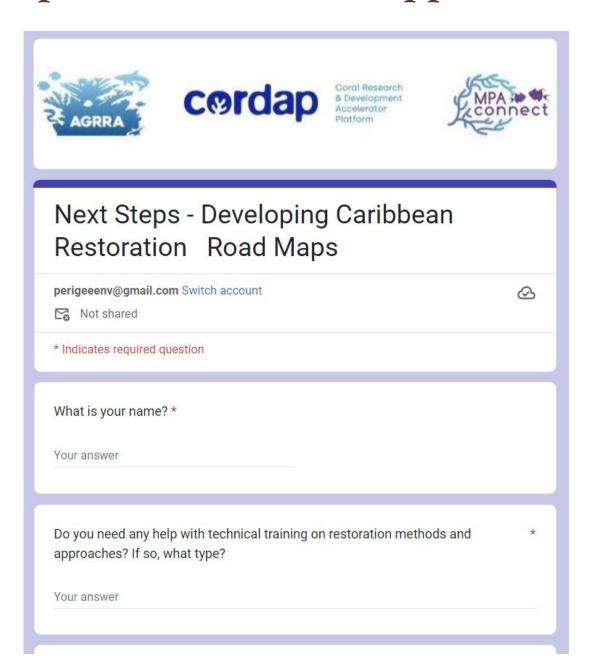
Course Dates: TBD - Fall/Winter 2024

Credit: Certificate of Completion

#### **Course Information:**

This course will cover the pre-dive, dive and post-dive tasks that need to be followed when sampling coral tissues for histopathological or molecular analyses during during disease outbreaks. Preservatives, collection vials and detailed instruction would be provided, but participants would need their own field tools, UW cameras and to keep accurate records of the photos, collected materials and metadata associated with each sampled coral.

### Next Steps – Fill out future opportunities & needs





### Advancing coral reef recovery through collaboration and connectivity

