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Today more than ever, your financial support is vital for the conservation of our ecosystems and climate justice.

Greetings community:

At ISER Caribe we work tirelessly for the restoration and conservation of marine ecosystems that sustain biodiversity and coastal communities in Puerto Rico. Today, we extend this message to express our gratitude and appreciation for our support network. Now more than ever, your financial support is essential to ensuring the continuity of our projects.

The recent threat of federal funding cuts in the U.S. jeopardizes the continuity of vital programs that support the resilience of our ecosystems and the communities that depend on them. If these proposed cuts take effect, they will have a significant impact on the daily operations of ISER Caribe in Puerto Rico. More than 90% of ISER Caribe's programs are funded through federal grants, meaning these reductions threaten not only our research and conservation efforts but also the salaries of our employees and the educational services we provide in Puerto Rico and the Greater Caribbean.

With your support, you guarantee the continuity of our conservation, restoration, and climate justice projects so that marine and coastal resources, as well as the communities that depend on them, continue to thrive in Puerto Rico.

All donations are tax deductible on your income tax return. Thank you for considering this urgent request.



Make your charitable donation today!

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**Over the past 10 years
ISER Caribe has played a
fundamental role in the
protection of marine and
coastal ecosystems, as well
as promoting educational
development on the island.**

We have focused on:

- _ Conservation and Aquaculture**
- _ Outreach and Education**
- _ Humanitarian Aid and Community Collaboration**

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photo: Ben Fiscella

A photograph showing two women in a nursery facility. They are standing over a large, shallow, light blue rectangular tank filled with water. The tank contains several white mesh trays, each holding numerous small, brown, circular objects, likely coral or sea urchin larvae. The facility is covered by a dark, textured shade cloth. In the background, there are green trees and a clear sky. The woman on the left is wearing a dark blue t-shirt and has tattoos on her arms. The woman on the right is wearing a white t-shirt with the text "GOOD VIBES" and glasses. The overall scene is well-lit, suggesting a bright day.

ISER Caribe has developed and operates the first land-based nurseries in Puerto Rico, housing corals, sea urchins and herbivorous crabs, supporting coral restoration efforts throughout the island.

Our nurseries in Ceiba and La Parguera are novel in Puerto Rico and the Greater Caribbean region.

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a large, brown, porous coral fragment. The coral has a complex, honeycomb-like structure with many small, circular openings. The hand is positioned at the top left, with fingers gripping the edge of the coral. Below the hand, a tray filled with many smaller, similar coral fragments is visible. The background is a light-colored, textured surface, possibly a table or a tray. The overall lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the intricate details of the coral's structure.

We have produced more than 80,000 small coral fragments in our nurseries. More than 95% of the corals we grow in our nurseries are listed as threatened or endangered.

We house threatened, *Dendrogyra cylindrus*, and endangered, *Acropora palmata* in our tanks. Some of these species are almost extinct in the wild.

We have released nearly 10,000 sea urchins of different species to coral reefs across the island.

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**Acres of coral
reef restored:**

1.3

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An underwater photograph showing several coral fragments, likely from a sea urchin, resting on a grey, textured rock surface. The coral has a brownish, spiky appearance. The background is dark and slightly out of focus, suggesting an underwater environment.

**Corals
planted:**

40,000

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photo: Sea Ventures



Species of endangered or threatened corals planted: 6



Herbivore species restored: 4

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Jobs supported:

37



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Communities benefited:

33

YOUR IMPACT ON THE MAP



ISER Caribe restoration efforts cover three main areas on the east, west and south west of the archipelago of Puerto Rico.

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Without your financial support, our most important programs could be reduced or interrupted, significantly impacting the environmental and socioeconomic well-being of our communities.

Your donation will directly support:

- **Our team.**
- **The continuation of research and restoration programs aimed at preserving marine ecosystems.**
- **The development of employment opportunities for young professionals dedicated to environmental sustainability.**
- **Educational initiatives that engage and inspire future scientists and conservationists.**

Every contribution makes a tangible difference in the continuation of our climate justice projects and the health of our marine and coastal ecosystems.

Today your support is more crucial than ever!



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