



G20 Coral Research
& Development
Accelerator
Platform

**Corals can still have
a future**

– if we act now.

**CORDAP Decision Support System for Coral reefs (
CDSS-C) 2026
Call for Tenders**

Proposal Submission Deadline – May 20th 2026 (6PM UTC)

Welcome to the CORDAP – Coral Decision Support System Webinar

Please submit questions through Zoom questions or chat; if we do not get to all questions today, we will update the FAQ with the outstanding ones.

We will answer questions at the end of the presentation.

Please read the call documents carefully before developing your submission – it is critical to address the objectives of the call and ensure that you meet the criteria!

We will post this recording online to be shared with those who could not attend.

Please send any further queries to pcn@kaust.edu.sa

Full proposal documents are available at:

<https://cordap.org/call-for-tenders/>

⊖ Timeline and deadlines

CORDAP CDSS-C applications open for Submissions	March 18th
Q&A Webinar	April 09, 2026, 12:00 UTC Register here
Submission Deadline	May 20, 2026, 18:00 UTC
Anticipated Notification Date	August 2026

⊕ Application material

⊕ Funding policies

⊕ Submission assistance

⊕ CORDAP Strategic Plan 2022-2025

Welcome to the CDSS-C Webinar

- CDSS-C Webinar Presentation Outline (Duration: 30 minutes + Q&A 20 Minutes)
- 1. General Introduction about CORDAP
 - What is CORDAP?
 - Mission and vision
- 2. Aims and Objectives of CORDAP & Overview of Activities
 - Core objectives of CORDAP
 - Current initiatives and global impact
- 3. About the Decision Support System call (CDSS-C)
 - Purpose and importance of CDSS-C
 - Target audience and eligibility
- 4. Key Funding Policies of CDSS-C
 - Key guidelines and funding policies
 - Compliance and reporting requirements
- 5. Application Process
 - Step-by-step guide to the application process
 - Important deadlines and evaluation criteria
- 6. myCORDAP Online Proposal Submission Walkthrough
- 7. Conclusion & Q&A, Open floor for questions through [chat](#)





The Coral Research & Development Accelerator Platform (CORDAP)

Launched in 2020 by the G20, is the only international organization fully dedicated to funding global research and development for tropical and cold-water coral restoration and conservation.

We believe research and development can shift the boundaries of what is possible, ensuring that our ambitions for the future of corals aren't limited by the technology.





The vision

CORDAP's vision is thriving corals and reefs, fully protected in perpetuity, for the benefit of nature, communities and humanity.



The mission

CORDAP will unite the world to accelerate global coral research and development to provide the technologies and innovations needed to safeguard the future of corals and reefs in a deteriorating ocean, to preserve the benefits they provide for the environment and humanity.





Focused on R&D

We are the only international organization fully dedicated to funding coral conservation and restoration R&D.



Transdisciplinary collaborations

We will integrate the abilities of the world's best scientific minds in collaborative projects to develop effective solutions for coral conservation practitioners.



Committed to scalability

CORDAP-funded projects will deliver innovative coral restoration solutions suitable for large-scale intervention.



Accessible by everyone

Our open-source platform will allow any organization to advance and use its technologies.

CORDAP at a glance

Since 2021, CORDAP collaborated with 666 institutions from 115 countries and territories

- Projects
- Governance
- Workshops
- Partners

 **45** Projects funded

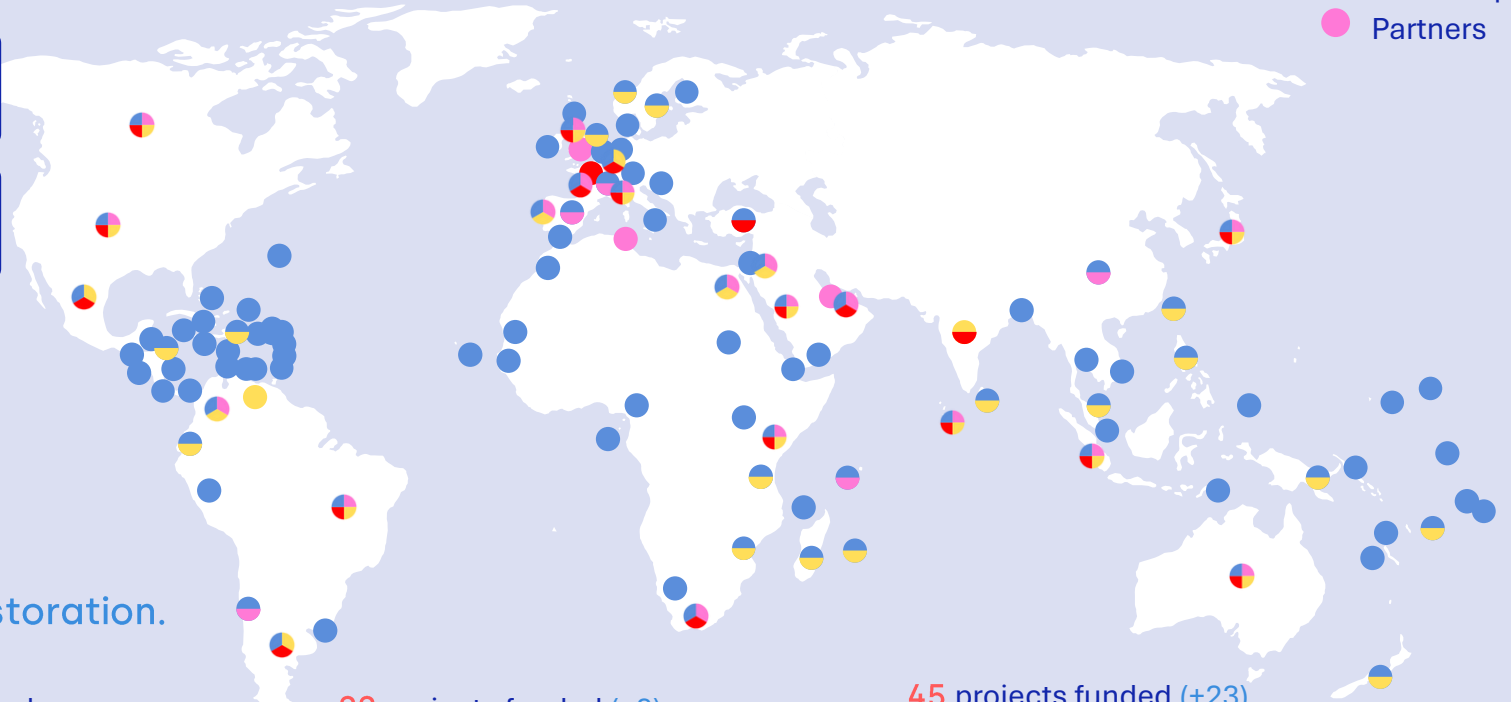
 **7** Scoping studies

 **2000+** Researchers and research teams

 **6** Technology roadmaps

>US\$ 38m

Committed for coral research and restoration.



35 countries involved
57 institutions involved

14 project funded
564 researchers supported
3 scoping workshops
1 roadmap published
65 countries involved (+30)
379 institutions involved (+322)

22 projects funded (+8)
1270 researchers supported (+706)
6 scoping workshops (+3)
4 roadmaps published (+3)
88 countries involved (+23)
477 institutions involved (+98)

45 projects funded (+23)
2067 researchers supported (+797)
7 scoping workshops (+1)
6 roadmaps published (+2)
115 countries involved (+27)
666 institutions involved (+185)



2022



2023

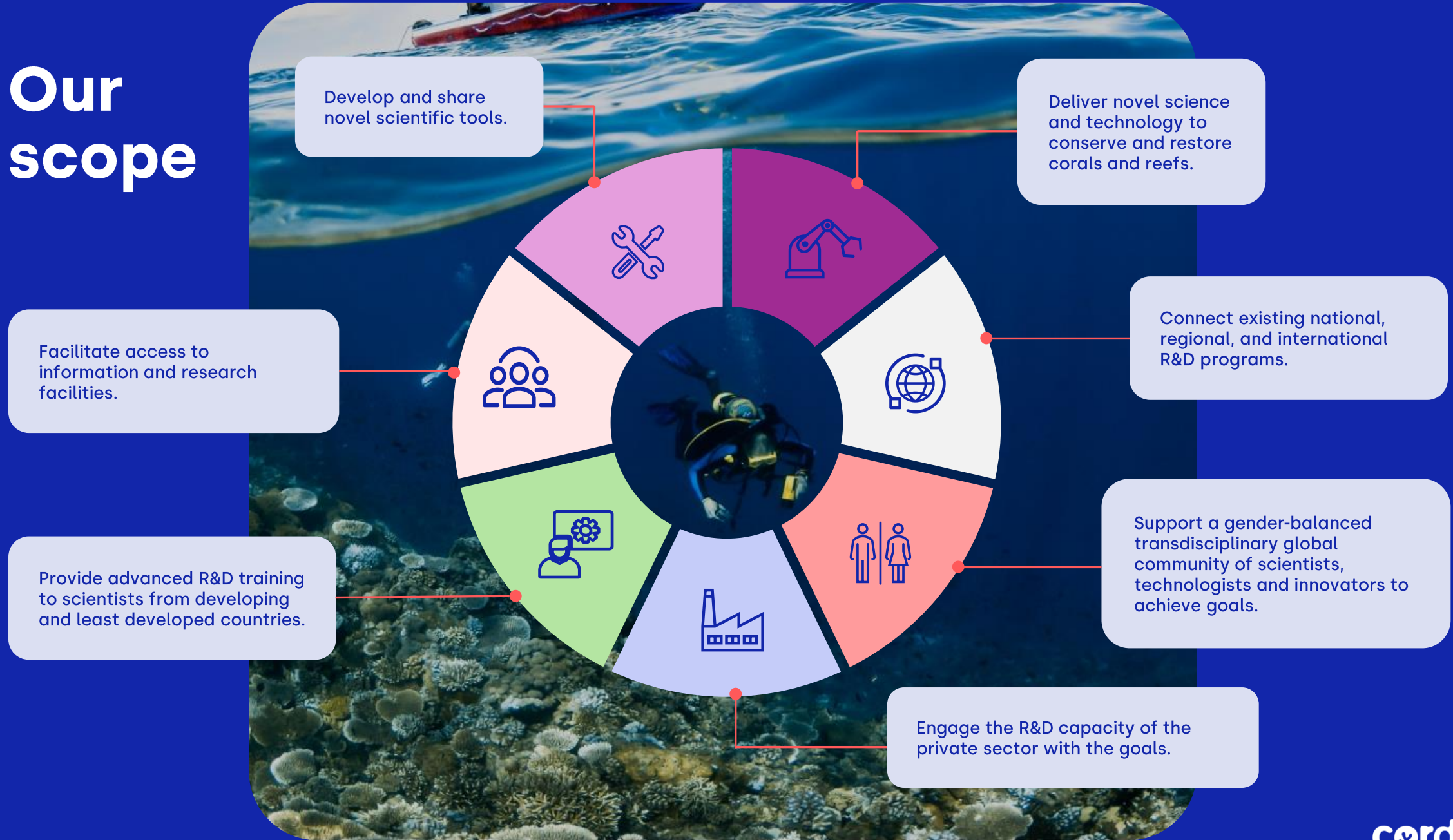


2024



2025

Our scope



How CORDAP operates

Through a dedicated foundation, all donations and contributions will go directly to coral and reef restoration R&D activities



CORDAP supports scientific projects

selecting through global, targeted calls for proposals and reviewed by an international Scientific and Advisory Committee.



Our projects are open to scientists

from all nations of the world.



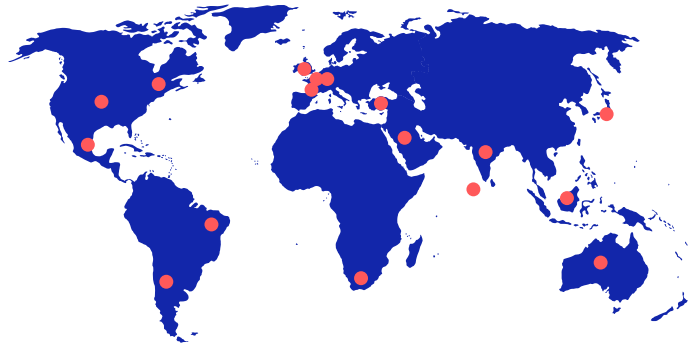
Saudi Arabia and King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) fund and support

all aspects of CORDAP's administration costs.

CORDAP's Governance and Partnerships

Initiative Governing Committee

The IGC is comprised of G20 Member states, other countries and international agencies.



Chair of CORDAP IGC and CORDAP Foundation
Dr. Osama Faqeeha



Vice-Chair of CORDAP IGC and CORDAP Foundation
Ms. Jennifer Koss



Executive Director and CORDAP Foundation CEO
Prof. Carlos Duarte

Scientific Advisory Committee

A multidisciplinary, diverse group of 22 members from 14 different countries. Supports the IGC.



Advisory to the IGC



Supporting Partners



CORDAP Programs



Scoping studies

Actionable workshops and roadmaps to guide future activities and investments on coral R&D.



Coral Accelerator Program (CAP)

\$1.5m per project for up to 3 years to drive coral innovation.



Coral Local Innovation Program (CLIP)

\$100k grant per coral project in low middle income countries.



Coral Challenges Fund

Funds R&D challenges for breakthrough coral reef solutions.



Entrepreneurship Program

Turning innovations into scalable coral restoration businesses.



The Coral Academy

Train at least 1,500 practitioners to actively manage >7,500 km² of coral reefs.



Awareness Creation

Mobilizing communities to champion coral conservation.

Research and Development

Scaling

Enable and Amplify

Cross-cutting themes

Gender balance, Open access, Trans-disciplinary (scientist, innovators and technologists), Promotion of LMICs.

CORDAP's Coral Decision Support System (CDSS-C): Overview and Objectives



• CDSS-C Overview

- Purpose: To develop a high-impact, AI-powered Decision Support System (DSS) for coral reef conservation- confined to Shallow –water tropical coral reefs.
- Focus and Project Scope: To develop an AI powered decision tool to addresses urgent challenges from global coral bleaching and climate pressures impacting reefs and enable evidence-based decision making across conservation, restoration, adaptation and risk management contexts.
- Total funding available: USD 1.5 million (only one project will be selected and funded)
- Eligibility: eligible organizations include not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, higher education institutions, research institutes, and government organizations in any country
- Tool will be owned by CORDAP and made freely available for global use
- Duration of the project: minimum of 12 months to a maximum of 36 months.
- This call is strictly limited to proposals focused on the development of a Decision Support System for corals.

• Objectives

- Design and deliver a robust, scalable, user-oriented DSS tool for coral reef conservation and restoration
- Integrate diverse data and knowledge sources (scientific, environmental, socioeconomic, policy) using AI
- Enable evidence-based decision-making, scenario planning, and prioritization across scales
- Support global to local applications, including LMIC contexts, through stakeholder co-design

High-Impact AI-Powered Decision Support System

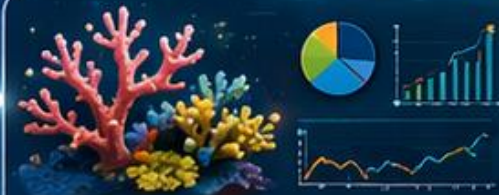
for Coral Conservation

Aims to develop a high-impact, AI-powered Decision Support System (DSS) for coral reef conservation.



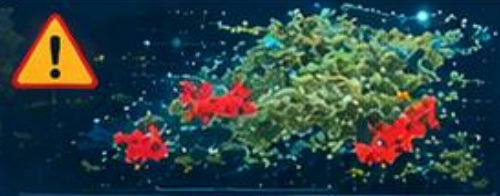
DATA INTEGRATION

AI integrates diverse data and knowledge sources, from satellite and sensor data to scientific literature and policy.



SCENARIO PLANNING

AI enables the exploration of multiple intervention strategies and their potential outcomes.



RISK ASSESSMENT

AI analyzes complex data to identify threats, predict risks, and pinpoint vulnerable reefs.

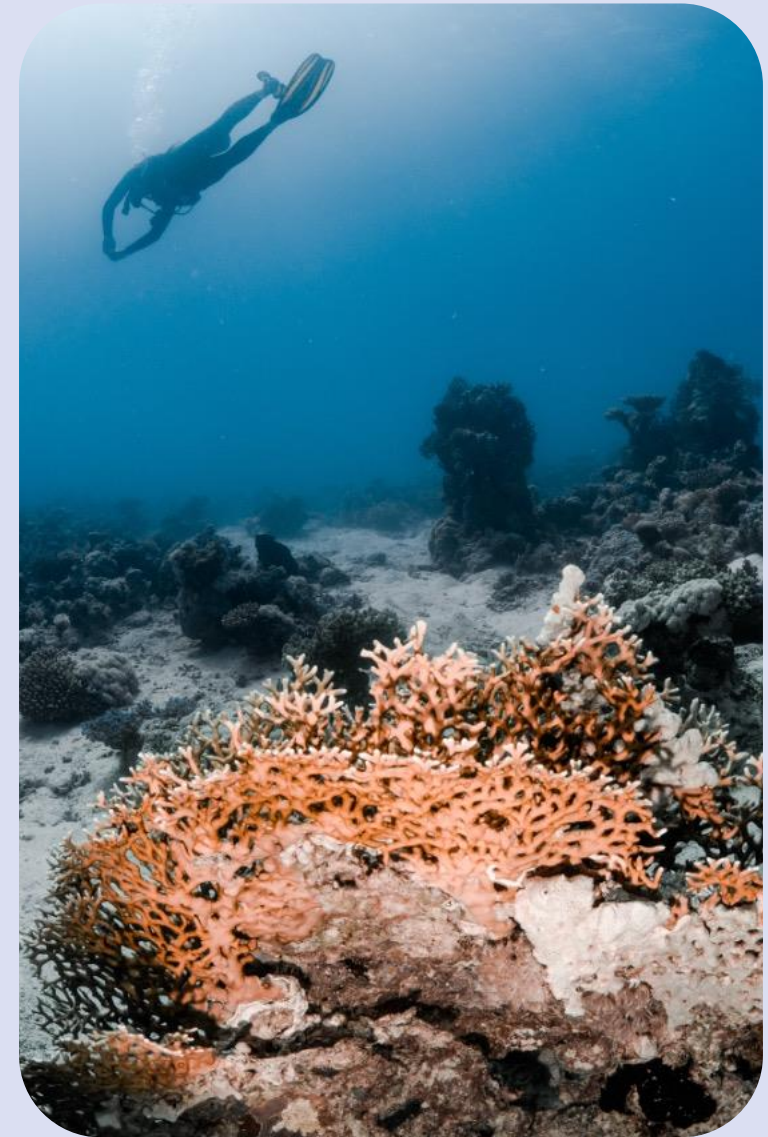


LOCATION PLANNING

AI identifies the best places to act, maximizing impact and return on investment.

CORDAP DSS-C 2026– Key Dates

1. Launched on March 18th – CALL NOW OPEN
2. Call webinar – April. 09th - 12 pm UTC
3. Proposal submission deadline: May 20th 6pm UTC
4. Anticipated funding notifications – Aug 2026
5. Award activation or Project start - From October/Nov 1st onwards (TBC)



CDSS-C Eligibility

An international collaborative program:

- Each proposal must comprise a **minimum of three applicants** (lead + two co-applicants).
- Each proposal must comprise applicants from **at least two countries**, one of which **MUST** be from a low- or middle-income country (based on most current OECD list).
- All organization types are eligible (not-for-profit, for-profit, Gov, NGO, multilateral groups, etc.)
- **Applicants receiving funding must have the authority and independence to run the project within their organization.**
 - See the FAQ document for further eligibility details, but briefly:
 - An individual can only be Lead Applicant on one proposal and participate in up to a maximum of two additional proposals as Co-Applicant.
 - An organization can only be the lead institution on up to two proposals but can be a participating organization on multiple proposals.
 - If a for-profit organization wishes to submit as an applicant, then they must be willing to co-invest to the point that they are not making a profit.
 - CORDAP is unable to make grants directly to individuals.
 - There is no upper limit to the number of organizations in an application.

Important:

Eligibility Criteria: The team must consist of at least three members from a minimum of two different organizations across two countries, with at least one organization based in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC).

Use the OECD list →

<https://www.oecd.org/content/dam/oecd/en/topics/policy-sub-issues/oda-eligibility-and-conditions/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2024-25-flows.pdf>

Note that “upper middle income” countries are eligible.

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES	LOW INCOME COUNTRIES (per capita GNI ≤ \$1,045 in 2020)	LOWER MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES (per capita GNI \$1,046-\$4,095 in 2020)	UPPER MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES (per capita GNI \$4,096-\$12,695 in 2020)
Afghanistan (L) Angola (LM) Bangladesh (LM) Benin (LM) Bhutan ¹ (LM) Burkina Faso (L) Burundi (L) Cambodia (LM) Central African Republic (L) Chad (L) Comoros (LM) Democratic Republic of the Congo (L) Djibouti (LM) Eritrea (L) Ethiopia (L) Gambia (L) Guinea (L) Guinea-Bissau (L) Haiti (LM) Kiribati (LM) Lao People's Democratic Republic (LM) Lesotho (LM) Liberia (L) Madagascar (L) Malawi (L) Mali (L) Mauritania (LM) Mozambique (L) Myanmar (LM) Nepal (LM) Niger (L) Rwanda (L) Sao Tome and Principe ¹ (LM) Senegal (LM) Sierra Leone (L) Solomon Islands ¹ (LM) Somalia (L) South Sudan (L) Sudan (L) Tanzania (LM) Timor-Leste (LM) Togo (L) Tuvalu (UM) Uganda (L) Yemen (L) Zambia (LM)	Democratic People's Republic of Korea Syrian Arab Republic	Algeria Belize Bolivia Cabo Verde Cameroon Congo Côte d'Ivoire Egypt El Salvador Eswatini Ghana Honduras India Indonesia Iran Kenya Kyrgyzstan Micronesia Mongolia Morocco Nicaragua Nigeria Pakistan Papua New Guinea Philippines Samoa Sri Lanka Tajikistan Tokelau* Tunisia Ukraine Uzbekistan Vanuatu Viet Nam West Bank and Gaza Strip Zimbabwe	Albania Argentina Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina Botswana Brazil China (People's Republic of) Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Dominican Republic Ecuador Equatorial Guinea Fiji Gabon Georgia Grenada Guatemala Guyana Iraq Jamaica Jordan Kazakhstan Kosovo Lebanon Libya Malaysia Maldives Marshall Islands Mauritius Mexico Moldova Montenegro Montserrat* Namibia Nauru ² (H) Niue* North Macedonia Palau Panama Paraguay Peru Saint Helena* Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Serbia South Africa Suriname Thailand Tonga Turkey Turkmenistan Venezuela ³ Wallis and Futuna*

(1) General Assembly resolution A/73/L.40/Rev.1 adopted on 13 December 2018 decided that Bhutan will graduate five years after the adoption of the resolution, i.e. on 13 December 2023, and that São Tomé and Príncipe and Solomon Islands will graduate six years after the adoption of the resolution, i.e. on 13 December 2024.

(2) Nauru exceeded the high-income threshold in 2019 and 2020. In accordance with the DAC rules for revision of this List, if it remains a high income country until 2022, it will be proposed for graduation from the List in the 2023 review.

(3) Venezuela has been temporarily unclassified by the World Bank in July 2021 pending release of revised national accounts statistics. Estimated placement on the List.

*Countries and territories not classified in World Bank income groups. Estimated placement on the List.

Note: L, LM, UM and H shown after country names refer to the latest World Bank income classifications of: LDCs and any high-income countries that have not yet met the criteria for graduation. For the World Bank's current 2021 fiscal year, low-income (L) economies are defined as those with a GNI per capita, calculated using the World Bank Atlas method, of USD 1,045 or less in 2020; lower middle-income (LM) economies are those with a GNI per capita between USD 1,046 and USD 4,095; upper middle-income (UM) economies are those with a GNI per capita between USD 4,096 and USD 12,695; high-income (H) economies are those with a GNI per capita of USD 12,696 or more. The countries and territories within the classifications of 'Low Income Countries', 'Lower Middle Income Countries and Territories', and 'Upper Middle Income Countries and Territories' exclude those that are not LDCs.

CORDAP Funding Policies

Intellectual property (IP)

- The developed tool and the IP will be owned by CORDAP
- Owners of IP resulting from CORDAP-funded activities must provide **a free license for all commercial and non-commercial coral conservation and/or restoration use**, including free license to any background IP upon which the project relies.
- CORDAP-funded developments and technologies should be made available and accessible at an *affordable* price to all coral conservation and restoration projects.

Open-access

- Publications, and underlying data, will be immediately, freely, and openly accessible to all.
- There should be no barriers to the re-use and dissemination of CORDAP-funded publications.
- CORDAP will pay necessary reasonable open-access publication fees (include in budget.).
- Data and software should be “Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, & Reusable (FAIR).”
- We are working on a web-based means of showcasing our funded protocols, technologies, and solutions (“Coral Solutions Hub”).



What's in a proposal submission form?

A proposal is a statement of your project objectives, methodology, intended users, and estimated budget.

The narrative (8-page max.) will include an outline of:

- Background: What is the problem you are trying to solve and why is this important?
- How is it done today? What are the current limitations and what is new in your approach?
- Strategy and work plan, including risks to success, who will do what, milestones, and estimated timeline
- Expected outcomes: How will you know if the project is successful?
- Impact and pathway-to-impact: Who will use the outcomes and how will they use them? How scalable are your results and are they transferable? (be deployable across different geographic scales in support of decisions referring to coral conservation, restoration and management extending from global decisions, to regional, national and individual reef, and socioeconomic contexts, including LMICs.)
- Outline the intellectual property (IP) situation with the project: Does it rely on background IP? Is this background IP available and will it, and project IP, satisfy CORDAP IP policies?

Budget information is required for all proposals.

The budget excel sheet is to be filled and uploaded on the myCORDAP portal

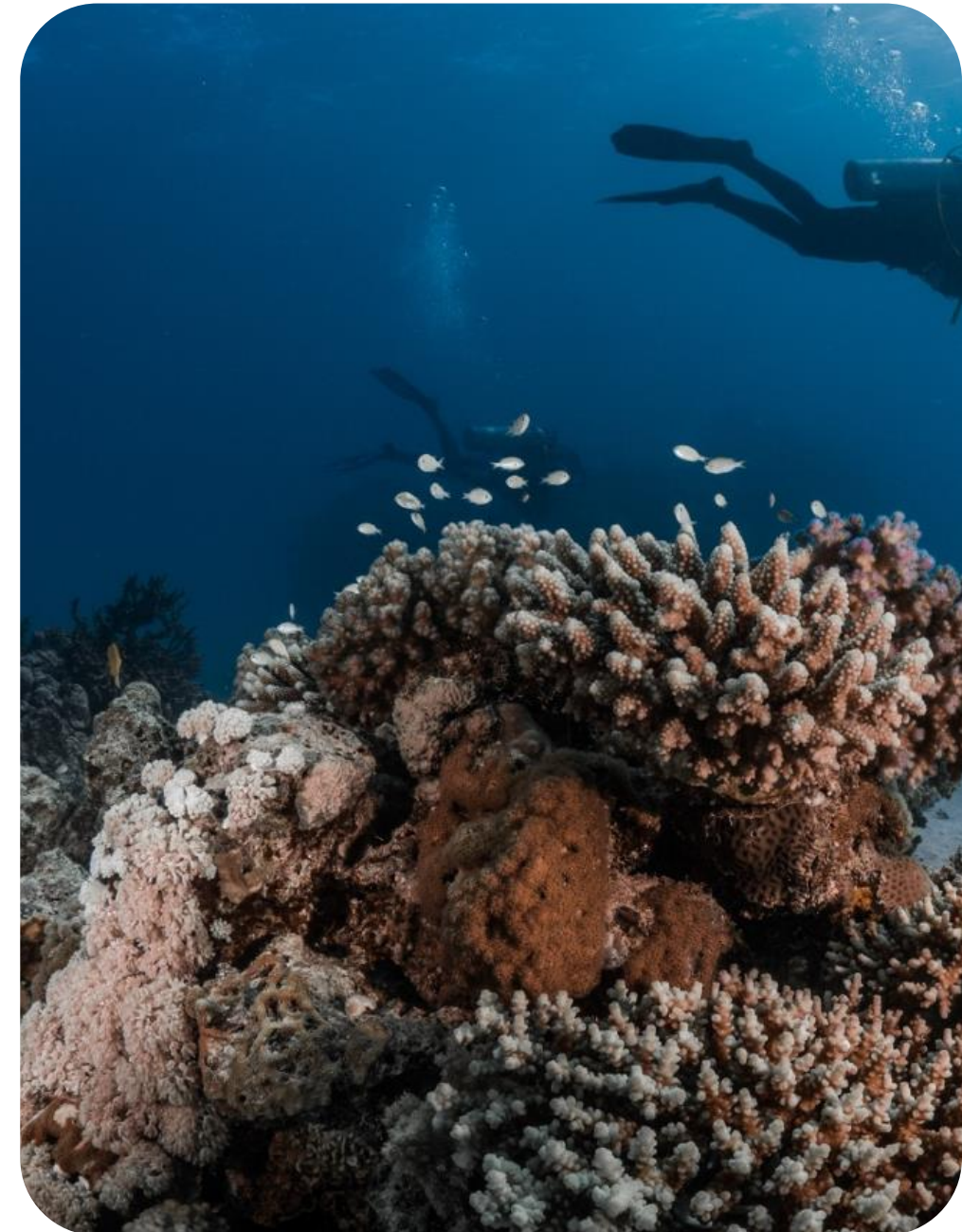
A justification towards budgetary allocations is to be provided in the relevant text box on online portal

Proposal Submission Form

Gantt Chart

Add/remove number of tasks as needed. Indicate person(s) or team(s) responsible for the task (you don't have to use our template).

TASKS & ACTIVITIES	Person or Team	Y1				Y2				Y3			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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CDSS-C – Proposal Budget

The Lead Applicant/Lead Organization will receive the CORDAP funds for the entire consortium and has the responsibility of distributing the payments received from the granting authority to the co-applicants.

Indirect costs: The maximum total cost for indirect costs cannot be more than:

- 20% of the direct research costs if the applicant is based in a low- or middle-income country
- 10% of the direct research costs if the applicant is based anywhere else

The following budget items are eligible costs but not eligible for *indirect costs* calculation: Equipment and capital expenditures over \$5K, rental costs, student tuition fees, scholarships and fellowships, and external services.

It is important to note that CORDAP is a charitable entity, funded by voluntary contributions, and does not have the financial capacity to match the indirect cost rates that national science funders may pay to their awardees.

Cost-sharing: Leveraging CORDAP funding with cash and/or in-kind contributions to the project are very much encouraged but not mandatory. You can elaborate on this in the Budget Justification section.

Proposal Budget: Budget Template

CORDAP- Coral Local Innovation Program 2025 - Budget Template

Fill in required cells in green

Project Title :
 Lead Applicant:
 Lead Applicant Organization:
 Start Date:

Project Total (Note: This table will autofill from the individual budget tables below)

Fill in only those tables you require for number of applicants. If you require more tables contact us.

	Months 1-6	Months 7-12	Months 13-18	Months 19-24	Total
Project Direct Costs					
Personnel	0	0	0	0	0
Material and Consumables	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Travel	0	0	0	0	0
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment (over \$5,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Student tuition fee, Scholarships	0	0	0	0	0
External Services	0	0	0	0	0
Total Indirect Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Project Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Complete cells in green shading, and the rest will autofill.

Fill in one table for each applicant/co-applicant requesting funding.

Lead Applicant:	Country:				
	Months 1-6	Months 7-12	Months 13-18	Months 19-24	Total
Project Direct Costs (USD)					
Personnel*	0	0	0	0	0
Material and Consumables*	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment (less than \$5,000 unit cost)*	0	0	0	0	0
Travel*	0	0	0	0	0
Other Costs*	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment (over \$5,000 unit cost)**	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Costs**	0	0	0	0	0
Student tuition fee, Scholarships etc.**	0	0	0	0	0
External Services**	0	0	0	0	0
Indirect Cost Rate (Overhead) %	0				
Total Indirect Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

Co-Applicant:	Country:				
	Months 1-6	Months 7-12	Months 13-18	Months 19-24	Total
Project Direct Costs					
Personell*	0	0	0	0	0
Material and Consumables*	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment (less than \$5,000 unit cost)*	0	0	0	0	0
Travel*	0	0	0	0	0
Other Costs*	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Equipment (over \$5,000 unit cost)**	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Costs**	0	0	0	0	0
Student tuition fee, Scholarships etc.**	0	0	0	0	0
External Services**	0	0	0	0	0
Indirect Cost Rate (Overhead) %	0				
Total Indirect Costs	0	0	0	0	0
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Note: The budget will be scrutinized by the reviewer panel.

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Proposal Budget Justification

- **Budget & Justification**
 - Add budget details online, including pertinent details in the “budget justification” area.
 - Upload completed Excel file.
 - **Justification:** Explain why items are essential in relation to the aims and methodology of the project as well as meeting the goals of the project. You should not merely restate the proposed expenditure.
 - Detail provided should be commensurate to the amount of the requested line item.
 - You are trying to demonstrate to reviewers that your costs are reasonable, necessary, in line with your activities, and provide good value for the funding requested.
 - A greater breakdown of costs is required at the full proposal stage.
 - Breakdown travel costs and differentiate between travel costs for meetings/conferences etc. vs. field work.
- **Additional sheet in Excel file – budget broken down by task – please estimate this as closely as possible, acknowledging the fact that resources may be shared between tasks.**

State of intent to collaborate (SOI)

- This form is **required** at the proposal submission stage.
- Lead organization accepts all funds.
- Must be signed by all authorized institutional representatives. (Digital signatures are sufficient)
- Get started on this ASAP (!!) as it can take a while.
- Remember, the authorized institutional representative is oftentimes NOT the lead PI (except perhaps for smaller NGOs).

To be completed by each participating institution

CORDAP STATEMENT of INTENT(SoI) TO COLLABORATE 2024	
Investment(Project) Type	
Proposal Title	
Applicant Name	<i>Enter Your name here</i>
Applicant Organization	
Lead Applicant Name	<i>Enter the name of the Proposal Lead Applicant here</i>
Lead Organization	<i>Enter the name of the Lead Applicant's Organization</i>

This form should be signed by a participating organization's Authorized Institutional Representative (AIR, an individual(s) who can represent, commit and legally bind the organization on applications or proposals submitted to sponsors and to represent the organization in negotiations for and administration of sponsored programs and their associated activities) is be signing this undertaking on behalf of the host institution.

- The AIR must be in a position to guarantee space and resources at the organization for the duration of the award;
- The AIR must have the administrative authority to sign up to the CORDAP's Award Terms and Conditions

Applicant			
Name	Title	Signature	Date
Authorized Institutional Representative at participating Organization			
Name (Last, First)	Title	Signature	Date
Telephone		Email	
Institutional Agreement Negotiator (if different than above)			
Name (Last, First)			
Telephone		Email	

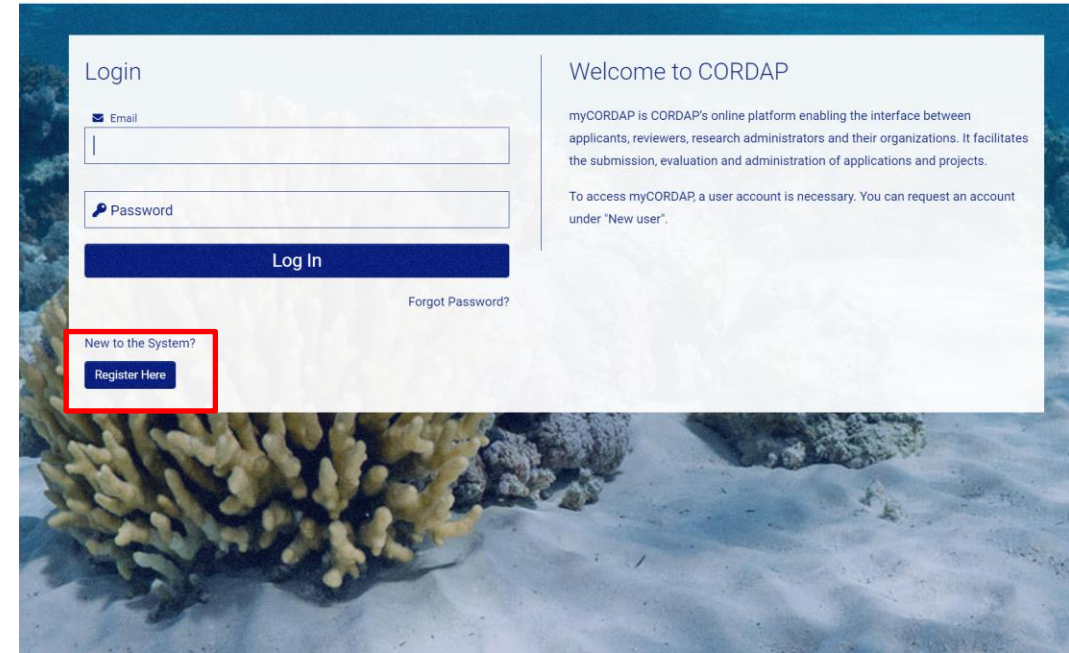
Reporting and Payment Schedule

- Many organizations, particularly those in developing countries, may not have the resources to undertake much of the project costs in advance; this is reflected in the payment made upon signing the award contract
- Payments are lump-sum payments annually upon receipt of an annual report.
- Any unspent funds must be returned to CORDAP at the end of the project.
- Brief interim updates are required quarterly, with a more detailed annual report required, as well.

	Reporting deliverable	1 year project	Up to 2 years	Up to 3 years
Upon contract signing		50% of project total	40% of project total	30% of project total
End of Year 1	Progress/ Final Report, Financial Report	Financial reconciliation – payment of remainder of project funds.	40% of project total	30% of project total
End of Year 2	Progress/ Final Report, Financial Report	NA	Financial reconciliation – payment of remainder of project funds.	30% of project total
End of Year 3	Final Report, Financial Report	NA	NA	Financial reconciliation – payment of remainder of project funds.

How do I apply?

- All applications are made through our online submission system – *myCORDAP*
- Only the Lead Applicant needs to register and complete the submission.
- There is a submission help document on the website, “**Submission Assistance**,” which will guide you through each stage of registration and submission.



At the submission stage, there are three documents you need to complete offline and upload:

- Proposal Submission Form Template
- Proposal Budget Template
- SOI forms to collaborate/participate

The rest of the information is filled in directly on the *myCORDAP* system.

You can save a draft application, leave/log off, and return to complete at any time.

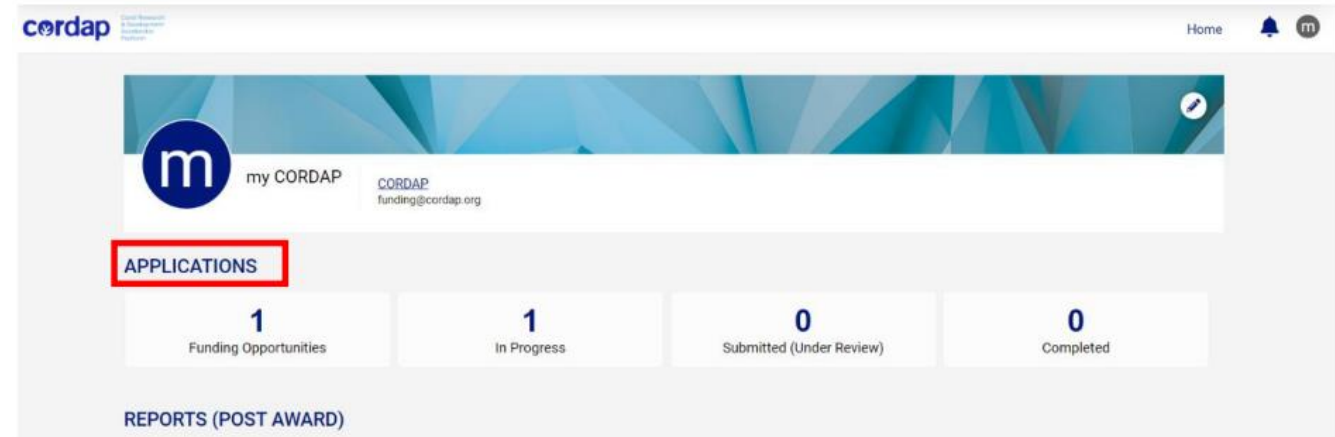
A “validate” function will check whether or not you have completed the required sections.

You can delete an application and start a new one.

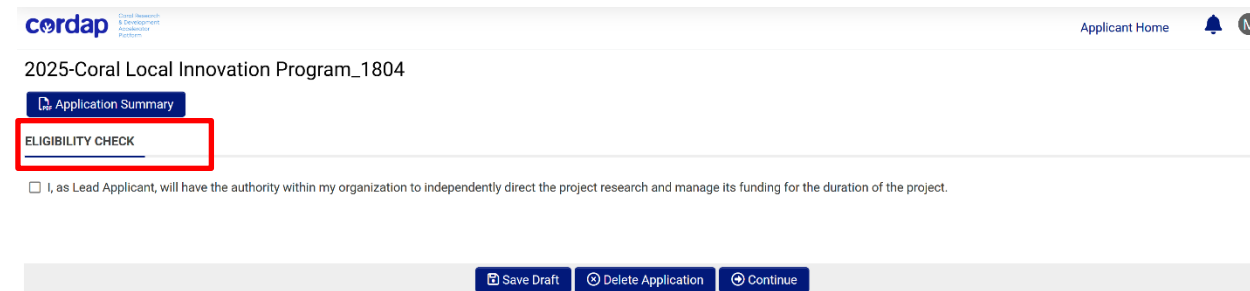
Online submission of a proposal

Once you have registered, you will be directed to your applicant dashboard:

You will see “Funding opportunities” here.



Before starting the application, you will be asked an eligibility question – ensuring you have the authority within your organization to independently manage the proposed project.



Online submission of a proposal

Logs ▾

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Invitations

Application Instructions

Coral Local Innovation Program - CLIP Application

- Please complete the questions in each of the tabs below.
 - * represents a required field
 - Use the **NEXT** button in the bottom right corner of the screen to advance to the next tab.
 - Use **Save Draft** button to save your answers.
 - Use the **Submit** button only once you have completed all tabs.
- Some of information is copied directly from your organization and user profiles and will appear in a read-only state within this form. If the information displayed is not current, please update your organization and user profiles prior to completing and submitting this form.
- You can preview your application by clicking on the **Application Summary** button.
- The **Lead Applicant** should be the Primary Contact.

PDF Application Summary

CONTACT INFORMATION PROJECT INFORMATION TEAM SUMMARY BUDGET & JUSTIFICATION UPLOAD PROPOSAL PDF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY STATEMENT OF INTENT >

Online submission of a proposal – 7 Sections to complete

- **Contact Information**
 - This information will be pulled in from your registration.
- **Project Information**
 - Project Title
 - Abstract: The abstract should summarize the significance (need) of the work, the hypothesis and major objectives of the project, the procedures to be followed to accomplish the objectives, what solutions will the project provide and what will be specific outcomes and the potential impact of the work.
- **Team Summary** - Add co-applicant details here (co-applicant level only, or team lead/investigator level), more than one applicant can be entered from each participating organization if deemed at this level.

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Application Summary

CONTACT INFORMATION PROJECT INFORMATION TEAM SUMMARY BUDGET & JUSTIFICATION UPLOAD PROPOSAL PDF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY STATEMENT OF INTENT

Organization Information
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Online submission of a proposal – 7 Sections to complete

- **Budget & Justification**
 - Add high-level budget detail online, plus the budget justification.
 - Upload completed Excel file here.
 - Justification: Explain why items are essential in relation to the aims and methodology of the project as well as meeting the goals of the project.
 - You should not merely restate the proposed expenditures.
 - Details provided should be commensurate with the amount of the requested line item.
 - At the application stage you are trying to demonstrate to the Panel that your costs are reasonable, necessary, and provide good value for the funding requested without the requirement of a lot of detail.
- **Upload Proposal PDF:** Upload completed submission template here as a single file.
- Upload the Statement of Intent (**SOI**) document

2025-Coral Local Innovation Program_1804

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Budget Summary

* Amount Requested

Total amount requested will auto fill from the budget summary table after clicking on Save Draft button.

* Upload Full Proposal Budget (Using the template in the call for proposals, upload your proposal budget as a single XLS file, inclusive of Co-Applicant budget worksheets).

Drop files here or [browse files](#)

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* Justification (Please provide justification for the budget requested, please note that there is a 700 word limit).

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And finally - you can **Submit** when your application is complete.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria and Process

This is a one-stage submission and review process - The submission and review process proposed is one stage but hybrid process. There is only one submission stage, with all proposals receiving individual reviews from panel members.

All proposals received will be checked for compliance with the Funding Call criteria, policies, terms and conditions.

All applications will undergo international peer review by an expert panel

All proposals will be evaluated against the criteria below:

- Qualifications and track record of the applicant teams and applicant diversity
- Innovation or novelty of the idea
- Potential of the project to be transformative in its field
- Targeted impact and pathway and timing to impact
- Management and coordination of the project
- Cost-effectiveness of the proposed project
- Broader impact and breadth of socioeconomic applicability

If I want to apply, what should I do first?

- Develop your ideas – think about how the outputs of a successful project would be used; are users/stakeholders involved in developing the project?
- Read the Call document : <https://cordap.org/call-for-tenders/>
- Put the team together
- Are the ideas scalable and transferrable? Explore the risks.
- Develop a first draft ASAP – don't leave it until the last minute! **Submit on Time**
- All documentation/updates will be available at <https://cordap.org/call-for-tenders/>
- **Follow the instructions and stick to the submission guidelines**
- Further queries can be sent to pcn@kaust.edu.sa

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High-Impact AI-Powered Decision Support System

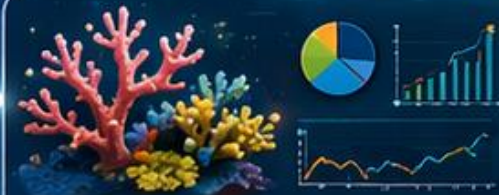
for Coral Conservation

Aims to develop a high-impact, AI-powered Decision Support System (DSS) for coral reef conservation.



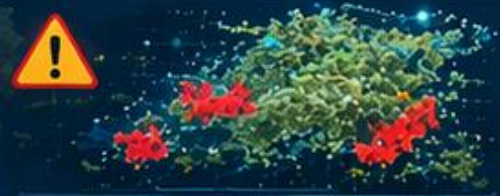
DATA INTEGRATION

AI integrates diverse data and knowledge sources, from satellite and sensor data to scientific literature and policy.



SCENARIO PLANNING

AI enables the exploration of multiple intervention strategies and their potential outcomes.



RISK ASSESSMENT

AI analyzes complex data to identify threats, predict risks, and pinpoint vulnerable reefs.



LOCATION PLANNING

AI identifies the best places to act, maximizing impact and return on investment.

AI-Powered Decision Tool for Coral Conservation



Consortium Agreement - NOTE: not required at this stage



CORDAP makes the award to the lead institution only.

Successful applicant organizations are required to sign a legally binding consortium agreement (among themselves) before funds are disbursed.

This agreement sets the framework for successful project implementation and is a private agreement between the participants to set out the rights and obligations amongst themselves; it does NOT involve CORDAP.

Consortium agreement details:

- Project implementation and division of tasks, internal organization, and management of the consortium
- Project budget and distribution of funding
- Rules on rights and obligations related to background, results, and liability
- IP management, exploitation and dissemination of results, and boilerplate provisions: duration, termination, communication, applicable law, and settlement of internal disputes, etc., must be addressed.
- A CORDAP template consortium agreement for applicants to modify for their team is available.

Some important points to note

- Innovative with high potential for impact or transformative advances – is it transferable?
- The solution is broadly applicable – not specific to your location or circumstances.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the field – **state-of-the-art and existing solutions** - why is your idea better?
- All required expertise is covered – all team members are required, integrated into the plan, and have input to the proposal; the budget should reflect this – **in particular developing country team members.**
- Clearly states the problem, solution, approach, objectives, and work plan (if featuring multiple parts, bring ideas together to form a single coherent proposal).
- Clearly state the IP situation where required.
- Good management of the project – **address the risks, both technical and operational!**
- Where relevant, discuss potential long-term plans for your solutions.

