

CORDAP Intellectual Property (IP) Policy Information Sheet

The core of CORDAP's mission is to generate innovative, practical, and sustainable solutions for further use and translation by conservation and restoration efforts across the world.

Believing strongly in the full sharing of the knowledge and innovations generated, we will therefore manage intellectual property (IP) so that it can be applied by coral restoration efforts worldwide. This will enable the resulting technologies to be accessible and affordable to those communities and populations living in poor and disadvantaged regions of the world, and within which much of the global tropical coral reefs are located.

CORDAP IP Policies:

- CORDAP does not seek to own any of the IP resulting from its funded activities. Ownership vests as agreed by the organizations collaborating on the research.
- Owners of IP resulting from CORDAP-funded activities must provide a free license for all commercial and non-commercial coral restoration use, including free license to any background IP the project relies on.
- CORDAP-funded developments and technologies should be made available and accessible at an affordable price* to all coral restoration projects.
- Publications and underlying data generated by CORDAP-funded activities will be made openly accessible, allowing others to build upon and re-use this knowledge and information.
- Management of IP arising from CORDAP funding is the responsibility of the awardees and partners once the award agreement has been executed.

As per CORDAP's award terms and agreements, applicants and their institutions must agree to grant a public license (non-exclusive royalty free) to IP resulting from any project funded by CORDAP to entities for any not-for-profit, or affordable, coral restoration use. This will include essential background IP, which is IP previously generated and which is necessary for the successful and legal implementation of the project IP.

This will not affect the ownership of the background or project generated IP in any way, nor their ability to commercialize or monetize the IP in all other fields of use.

The principle that CORDAP funded developments and technologies should be made available and accessible at an affordable price to all coral restoration projects is a guiding principle. It is an expectation that beneficiaries of CORDAP funding will act in good faith regarding this principle. This aspect will be monitored as projects and the outputs from projects, progress and are implemented.

Example CORDAP Project IP Scenarios

IP	Scenario	Policy	Reason
Project IP owned by the inventor	For use in coral restoration globally	Public license for commercial/noncommercial use	Enable CORDAP funded developments reach those most in need
	For all other fields of use	Owned by the inventor, to be exploited as they see fit	Designed to attract R&D co-investment
	Custom	Bespoke and developed as circumstances dictate	Retaining flexibility to have custom arrangements.
Background IP owned by the inventor essential to enable Project IP above to be exploited	For use in coral restoration globally	Licensed with the project IP (as above)	So that the project IP can be used where it requires background IP

Essential Background IP owned by a third party	Special (typically existing commercial IP)	Retained by third party, with no public/third party commercial or non-commercial rights other than those agreed and agreed licensing agreement	To facilitate third parties bringing existing commercial IP to the program, while following CORDAP IP principles.
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***Affordable Price** means the lowest sustainable, competitive price for the product(s) and/or technologies within a particular country, which covers the cost of raw materials, manufacturing and/or development, distribution and operational overheads, and includes a reasonable margin to help ensure the economic sustainability of the production and distribution of the product(s) and/or technologies.