

#ForCoral Pavilion

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Reporting template for the #ForCoral Pavilion

Two-page Maximum

Deadline: No later than 2 weeks after your event

Event Title: Coral Restoration Techniques in Colombia: Join the #EcoRockstar Movement

Date and Time of event: October 31st, 2024- 11hr00

Lead organisation: Corales de Paz

Co-organisation(s): -

of participants

- In person: 8
- Online: 2

Topics (please select as many as applicable):

- Finance
- Conservation
- Restoration
- Youth
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- 30x30
- Other (please specify): Citizen Science

Background on the event (one paragraph):

As a leading coral conservation and restoration organization in Colombia, the host country for COP16, Corales de Paz sought to participate in the Coral Pavilion to share its mission and contributions as pioneers in various conservation initiatives. This event presented a unique opportunity to connect with an international network of conservationists, scientists, and practitioners focused on coral reef and biodiversity protection. With our extensive experience in citizen science, community involvement, and coral rehabilitation, particularly through projects like MARRS in Colombia, we aimed to showcase our work, share valuable insights, and discuss current challenges in marine conservation. Our participation was not only about highlighting our achievements but also about exchanging ideas, receiving expert feedback, and exploring collaborations to enhance the impact of our efforts on preserving coral reef ecosystems. This global platform allowed us to broaden our reach and strengthen our conservation efforts through meaningful, cross-disciplinary engagement.

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Key issues discussed (5-8 bullet points):

- The importance of citizen science for coral reef monitoring in Colombia and the highlights of the approach.
- How to involve the community in coral reef restoration programs to advance at the co-management of intervention sites.
- The implementation of new and innovative technique (MARRS) for coral reef restoration in Colombia as an opportunity to advance and accelerate the recovery of important coral reef spots
- Finance opportunities for restoration projects
- Partnerships opportunities with the assistant organizations

If available, key recommendations for action (5-6 bullet points):

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Take home message(s) (5-6 bullet points):

- **Community Involvement:** Engaging locals in restoration builds strong, long-term stewardship of marine ecosystems.
- **Collaborative Impact:** Partnerships with global experts amplify restoration effectiveness by sharing best practices.
- **Innovative Techniques:** Methods like the MARRS system enhance habitat recovery and biodiversity support.
- **Science Communication:** Clear communication of scientific insights widens public understanding and engagement.
- **Monitoring and Adaptation:** Ongoing evaluation and flexibility ensure restoration efforts are resilient and impactful.

How will the outcomes of the event contribute to the vision and mission of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:

The event's outcomes will advance the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework's vision by enhancing local knowledge, engagement, and capacity for biodiversity conservation. Through citizen science and community-led restoration projects like MARRS, Corales de Paz contributes to protecting marine ecosystems, promoting sustainable practices, and fostering inclusive participation, directly supporting targets for ecosystem restoration, community involvement, and knowledge sharing.

Which Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Targets did your event cover:

- Target 2: Restore 30% of all Degraded Ecosystems
- Target 20: Strengthen Capacity-Building, Technology Transfer, and Scientific and Technical Cooperation for Biodiversity
- Target 21: Ensure That Knowledge Is Available and Accessible To Guide Biodiversity Action

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- Photos:
 - Link to photos taken during your event: [[ICRI_ForCoralPavilion](#)]
 - Please note these photos will be shared on the #ForCoral Website
- Presentations:
 - Are you happy for this to be shared in .pdf format? **Yes/No**
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