Great Barrier Reef Foundation

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History

• Established in 2000 by a group of business leaders because they recognised the reef was under threat and that current science lacked coordination and was driven by curiosity

• Raised $50 million over 15 years for research into the threats facing the Great Barrier Reef

• Recognised for its strong links to the business sector, ability to leverage government funding and catalysing innovative science
Some key achievements

- Enabled and funded a system for monitoring, modelling and visualising water movement and water quality on the Great Barrier Reef and its catchments – eReefs.
- Enabled and funded the rehabilitation of Raine Island as a vital seabird and turtle habitat.
- Funded a series of pilots and innovations directed at enhancing the resilience of the Great Barrier Reef.
Looking forward

- Focus on consolidating its position as the lead charity for the protection of the Great Barrier Reef
- Through an MOU with GBRMPA, committed to ensuring all donations are directed to management facing (applied science) projects
- Remains the most successful vehicle in the world for securing non-government funds for the protection of the world's largest coral reef.