



OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN COASTAL RESTORATION FUND

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Marine and coastal ecosystems around the world face a decline in biodiversity and irreversible changes.

Launched in 2017, the Coastal Restoration Fund provides \$75 million over the next five years to protect and restore Canada's coastal areas.

The Coastal Restoration Fund addresses historically affected areas and important coastal environments, as well as supporting:

- Projects that contribute to coastal restoration;
- Efforts to identify restoration priorities; and
- Projects to address threats to marine species.

The first phase of the program was a success, with the Government supporting 32 projects worth \$47 million.

Note: All approved projects include Indigenous involvement in their planning and/or implementation.

The Coastal Restoration Fund supports the kind of collaborative action that:

- Helps advance strategic planning and studies in key coastal areas;
- Supports rehabilitation projects to reduce stressors affecting marine life and their habitats;
- Helps achieve the long-term health of aquatic coastal habitats through monitoring and maintenance; and
- Encourages and builds local community capacity to maintain and restore aquatic habitats.

Some of the areas the program supports include (but are not limited to):

- Fraser River, BC
- Strait of Georgia, BC
- St. Lawrence Estuary, QC
- Gulf of St. Lawrence, QC
- Northumberland Strait
- Bay of Fundy
- Placentia Bay, NFLD
- Eelgrass beds
- Coastal Watersheds
- Estuaries
- Migratory corridors for salmon and char
- Habitat needs for species at risk

Eligible categories include:

- Research and skills development related to coastal restoration;
- Rebuilding, restoring and rehabilitating aquatic habitat;
- Construction, architectural, engineering, maintenance and project design activities; and
- Capacity building to reduce stressors affecting marine life.

Those eligible to apply to the fund include:

- Non-profit organizations including environmental non-governmental organizations and stewardship bodies;
- Indigenous organizations including Tribal Councils;
- Community-based organizations; and
- Academic researchers and institutions across the country.

NEXT STEPS

Future funding will focus on key geographic areas the program has not yet addressed; and will continue to make partnerships with Indigenous groups a priority.

To learn more about the Coastal Restoration Fund please visit: <http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/crf-frc/index-eng.html>

The Coastal Restoration Fund is another action the Government of Canada is taking to protect our coasts and waterways. The Government is investing \$1.5 billion in the Oceans Protection Plan, a national strategy to create a world-leading marine safety system that provides economic opportunities for Canadians today, while protecting coastlines for future generations.