



# Fish Forever

Revitalizing coastal waters and the communities that depend on them

By empowering communities with local control over their resources, Fish Forever seeks to inspire communities, and nations, to sustainably manage coastal fisheries.

100  
partners

450  
communities

55,000  
fishers



## OUR APPROACH

### Managed Access + Reserves

**Managed Access:** a system in which local fishers receive exclusive rights to fish in a specific area, and are stewards of it.

**Reserves:** areas where no fishing is allowed, giving fish populations and marine habitats a chance to replenish and sustain local fisheries.

## THE THREE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF FISH FOREVER

### 1 Community behavior change

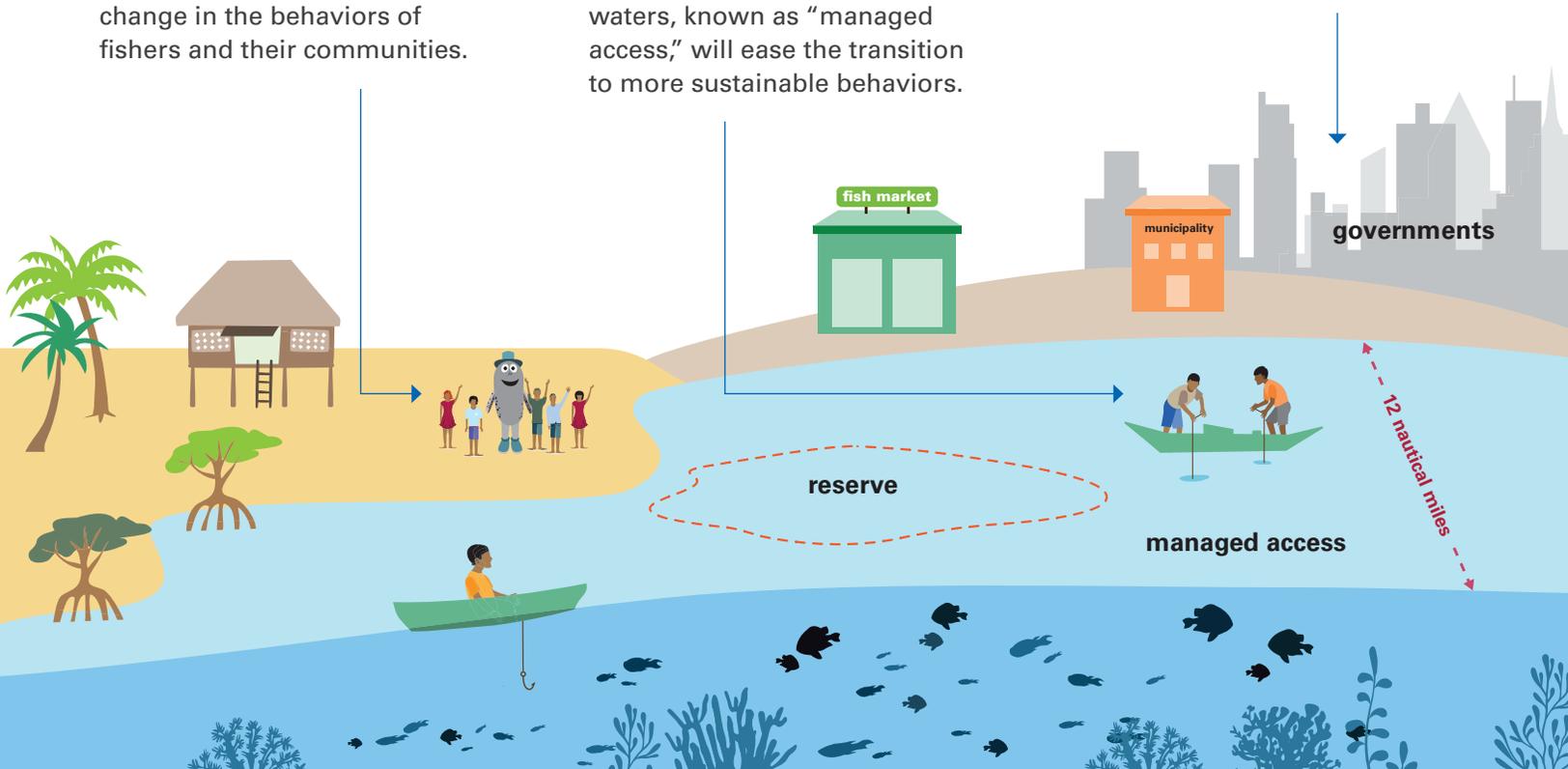
The adoption of sustainable fishing practices requires a change in the behaviors of fishers and their communities.

### 2 Rights-based management

Providing local fishers with the right to exclusively access local waters, known as "managed access," will ease the transition to more sustainable behaviors.

### 3 A clear pathway to scale

The solution must include a strategy for widespread adoption.



# Results to Date

In 2017, Rare undertook a comprehensive program review of 41 project sites in Brazil, Indonesia and the Philippines encompassing:

260  
communities

35,000  
fishers

570,000  
people

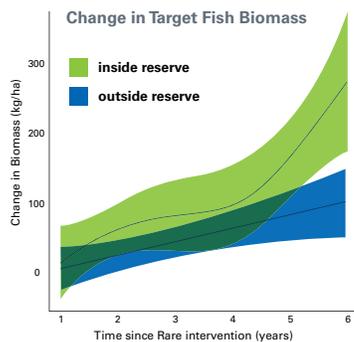
THE EVALUATION SYNTHESIZES INFORMATION FROM:

2,400  
in-water surveys of coral reefs

15,000  
household surveys

56,000  
catch records of fishing trips

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RESEARCH



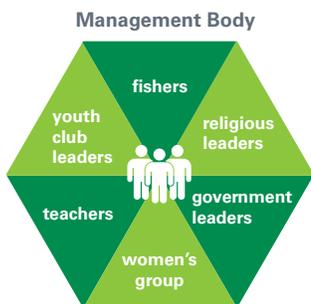
### Biological Results

**60 managed access and reserve areas built or strengthened, encompassing:**

- 600,000 hectares of coastal waters (about twice the area of Yosemite National Park).
- 27,000 hectares of fully protected reserves (about 80 New York City Central Parks).

**Fish Forever is facilitating ecosystem recovery. After three years in the Philippines and Indonesia:**

- Targeted fish populations remained stable or increased at 97% of the sites.
- Coral cover remained stable or increased inside reserves at 80% of the sites.



### Social Results

**Stronger management:** 35 legally recognized decision-making bodies strengthened and/or established to oversee managed access waters, reserves, and fishing activities.

**Communities activated:** Meeting attendance, engagement in monitoring and surveillance, reporting violations, fisher and boat registration, and participation in catch recording all show significant improvement.

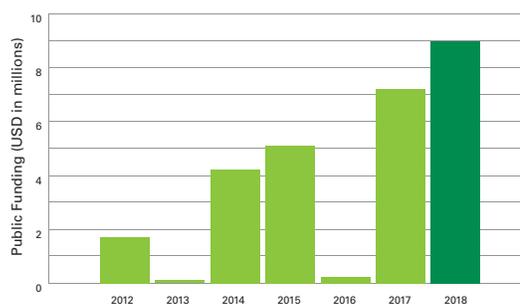
**People inspired:** Increased confidence in food and economic security.

## BUILDING GLOBAL AWARENESS

Fish Forever was featured at key global forums including:



Public funding for Fish Forever is about six times what it was in 2012



Rare has secured \$27.5M in public funds for Fish Forever (2012-2018). Dark green (2018 total) denotes funding in final stages of approval.



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