

# Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program

## RRAP Intervention Risk Review Group

Workshop, 20–24 March 2023 (Australian time)

Communique

The first in-person workshop for the Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program's (RRAP) Intervention Risk Review Group took place from 20–24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in Townsville, Australia.

The purpose of this first workshop was to bring the Intervention Risk Review Group together to commence the work of this expert group, including learning about the intervention methods being investigated by RRAP and the context for the Group's work, as well as beginning the process of risk identification and knowledge review work. The Group worked together to consider and begin reviewing real and perceived potential intervention risks, and processes to capture any risks not yet identified. A focus of the workshop was also on building a shared understanding of the Group's aims, focus, and scope of work.

Meeting in-person provided a valuable opportunity for members to get to know each other and begin working together as a team. Members also had opportunities to meet Marine Park managers, the RRAP leadership, and key scientists and engineers, as well as visit the National Sea Simulator at the Australian Institute of Marine Science.

RRAP leaders and experts were available throughout the workshop to explain the intervention methods under investigation and how they might be used, as well as the broader aspects of the Program and context for this work. RRAP team members were also able to provide input to the workshop on risks that have been identified so far for the Group's consideration.

Importantly, this workshop provided a space for the Group to deliberate and ask key questions around the interventions, the risk review process, and to raise key considerations for the risk assessment process.

The Intervention Risk Review Group will continue this initial work through a series of online meetings and in-person workshops, to be held over the next two years.

For more information, see webpages on the [Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program](#), including the [intervention options](#), and the [Intervention Risk Review Group](#).

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