

SPAWNING FOREST CORAL NURSERY

How it started



2018

Reef Restoration Foundation (RRF) first approached Sunlover Reef Cruises with a proposal for reef restoration services.



2020

The Australian government offered funding to operators who showed site stewardship.



2021

RRF installed its first 10 midwater nurseries at Moore Reef, which became the third nursery site.



2023

RRF shifted from reef restoration to focusing on coral reproduction, attaching coral directly to nurseries to help grow new baby corals.



2024

RRF now has 18 midwater nurseries at Moore Reef, with plans to increase to 30 anchor lines for better coral protection.



The Goal

Use these midwater nurseries to increase coral spawning, helping the reef recover naturally and with more diversity.



Protection

The nurseries can be lowered into deeper, cooler water during times of heat stress, protecting the coral from damage.



Capacity

with 30 anchor lines and up to 2 nurseries per line, the site can hold as many as 2,400 coral colonies from 240 different species.

