

SUMMER IMPACT REPORT

April 2025 - Sept 2025



WATERSTART

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Students Who Attended
30 Lionfish Training Sessions



382 Total visitors



109 Summer Program students

“The **strong foundation and advanced skills** my son developed through his years at Waterstart were key factors in earning his place at the BIOS Marine Science Internship, which has now set his sights on marine science and geography as a possible future career path. **Waterstart consistently delivers transformative experiences that create lasting opportunities for young people.** We’ve seen firsthand how the programme nurtures existing talents and opens doors to incredible possibilities.”

~ Parent of Intern

872 Total In-Person Days of Student Engagement
(each student counted once for each day they attended)



“**Waterstart has made me into the person I am today,** and the only thing I would change if I could go back in time is to spend longer here.”

~ Dive Master Intern

“Breathing underwater is so surreal to experience. **I am most proud** of completing my open water and all the skills I accomplished. **I also feel much more confident in myself after this week.**”

~ Beginner Student



10,000+ Atlantic Pearl Oysters counted in grow out nets for ongoing restoration project



200 Mangroves measured
20 Planted using new method

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~ UPDATE ON OUR GOALS FOR 2025/26 ~



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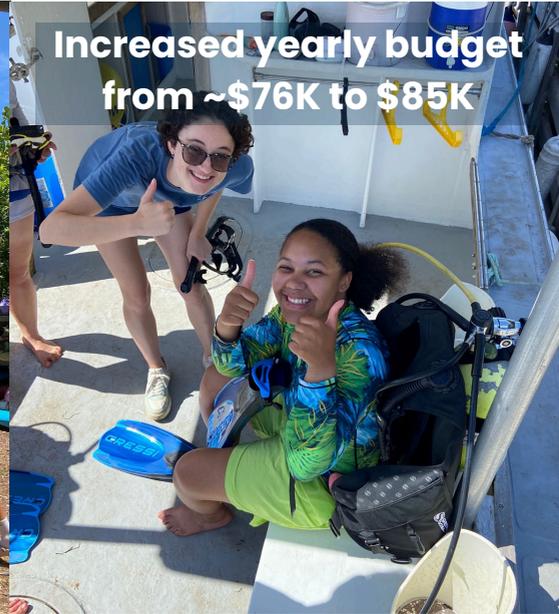


**10 female seasonal staff
6 in senior roles**



18 interns in diverse diving, media, & conservation leadership roles

101 Diving/First Aid Certifications



Increased yearly budget from ~\$76K to \$85K



Further promote female leadership



Increased access to marine careers & enhance technical skill development

“ I would like to sincerely thank you for the generous bursary and internship opportunity my daughter received this year. Your support has been great for her educational and personal development...We truly appreciate Waterstart's commitment to empowering youth. ” ~ Parent of Rescue Student

“ To sum up my internship, the absolute best 4 weeks of work someone could have...The environment at Waterstart for both students and interns is a comforting one, providing a safe space to grow and push yourself out of your comfort zone. ” ~ Media Intern



Expand financial aid budget & deepen connections with local schools

“ Thank you so much for allowing my grandson to have these excellent experiences this summer. He has spoken continuously how much he really enjoyed the courses and staff and how much he learned. ” ~ Family of Scholarship Student

We are ACTIVELY FUNDRAISING for Phase 2 Renovations!



Provide shelter during field work and data collection

The preliminary designs for the dock renovation have been finalized and are currently undergoing the approval process!

Thank you for supporting Waterstart and our mission to inspire environmental awareness and personal growth through hands-on learning in nature!