

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

RESTORING OUR PLANET, ONE ECOSYSTEM AT A TIME

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About SER

Who We Are

The Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) is a global network advancing the science, practice, and policy of ecological restoration. For more than 37 years, SER has supported a growing field dedicated to restoring ecosystems while strengthening the relationship between nature and people.

Today, SER connects more than 5,200 members across 130+ countries, bringing together practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and communities to share knowledge, develop standards, and scale restoration globally. Through this network, SER supports ecological restoration that advances biodiversity recovery, strengthens climate resilience, and addresses land degradation.

Our Mission

SER advances the science, practice, and policy of ecological restoration to sustain biodiversity, strengthen resilience in a changing climate, and rebuild an ecologically healthy relationship between nature and culture.

- Science: Advancing knowledge through *Restoration Ecology*, standards, and tools that guide effective restoration worldwide.
- Practice: Strengthening implementation through standards, training, and the Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP) program.
- Policy: Informing decision-making through technical guidance and engagement with governments and global initiatives.

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Our Vision & Values



Our Vision

Ecological restoration becomes a fundamental component of conservation and sustainable development programs throughout the world by virtue of its inherent capacity to provide people with the opportunity to not only repair ecological damage, but also improve the human condition.

Our Guiding Values

Our underlying values guide and inform our work:

- Ecological restoration is an engaging and inclusive process.
- Ecological restoration requires the integration of knowledge and practice.
- Ecological restoration is policy-relevant and essential.
- Ecological restoration is practiced locally with global implications.

Letter from Our Executive Director

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF). These and other multilateral agreements, along with civil society campaigns to restore specific ecosystems such as the Freshwater Challenge and the Mangrove Breakthrough, have elevated an ambitious global target: to bring 30 percent of degraded terrestrial, inland waters, and coastal and marine areas under restoration by 2030. These efforts have lifted the restoration community, and the community has lifted them in turn, especially by deepening understanding of restoration's power to address the climate and biodiversity crises while also improving human health and wellbeing.

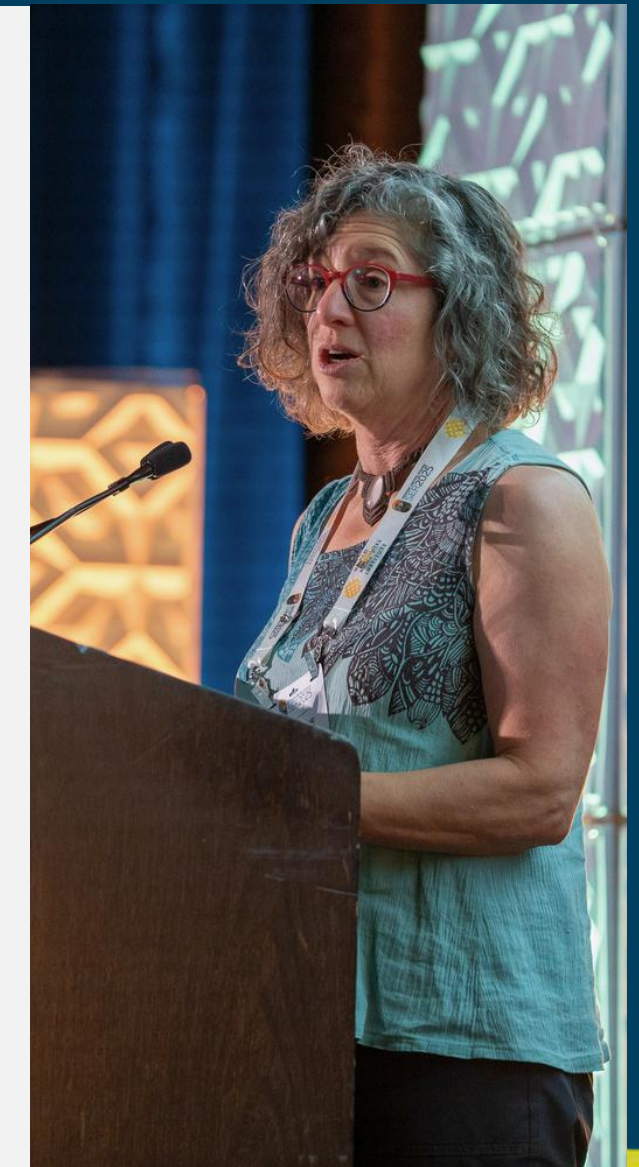
SER2025, the 11th World Conference on Ecological Restoration, marked the significance of this halfway point, both in the progress made and the profound work still ahead. Our keynote speakers addressed restoration successes and challenges across the three major ecosystem types, and our high-level panel discussed the enabling conditions needed to deliver restoration at the scale these global ambitions require. But even as we think globally, we must recognize and celebrate where restoration actually happens, at the local level. SER2025 gathered 1,400 delegates from more than 75 countries to share real-world successes and challenges in restoration practice, science, and policy. Delegates explored restoration not only practically and scientifically, but in the context of art, music, and more. The passion and energy provided a pointed reminder that restoration is the antidote to despair.

SER2025 was also the backdrop for announcing our new REVIVE initiative. REVIVE coalesces and amplifies SER's diverse programs into a coordinated effort to close some of the most significant gaps preventing restoration at scale. Recognizing that no single solution will scale restoration, REVIVE promotes

a 'silver basket' approach of integrated capacity building, research, certification, finance, and improved enabling conditions. REVIVE elevates standards-based restoration as a mechanism to build trust, reduce risk, and improve outcomes, creating net gain for people and nature.

SER2025 was a major focus last year, but far from our only work. We hosted our largest ever Make a Difference Week, reached more than 5,000 participants worldwide through our webinar series, expanded project certification through our partnership with The Global Biodiversity Standard, grew to more than 40 Student Associations, maintained a strong base of more than 5,000 members in over 130 countries, and grew our Restoration in Action program. We also collaborated with the Food and Agriculture Organization and Convention on Biological Diversity to develop curricula and deliver restoration workshops for national governments in Asia and South America, with a third in Africa in January 2026. And we coordinated a global effort to update the SER Standards, submitting the draft for peer review in the fourth quarter with publication scheduled for 2026, alongside other high-impact projects launching in 2026, including the Foundations of Restoration Ecology online course and a restoration legislation guidance document for parliamentarians.

These successes are only possible because of the extraordinary talent of SER's members, partners, and collaborators. Through your membership, you make these accomplishments real, whether by participating in a project, learning from or presenting at a webinar, contributing to chapter and section activities, volunteering at Make a Difference Week, or presenting at a conference, training, or field trip. Together we are restoring the planet. We are pleased to share this 2025 annual report to thank you, and to reflect back the collective accomplishments of this incredible restoration community.



Bethanie Walder,
Executive Director
*Society for Ecological
Restoration (SER)*

2025 in the Numbers



27 standards-based restoration projects



Knowledge & Impact

102700+ followers and subscribers engaged



700+ active CERPs and CERPITs



9,700+ volunteers

Global Reach & Community Power



5,289 members in 132 countries

8 Issues of *Restoration Ecology* published



22 live webinars with 5000+ participants

16 Regional Chapters, an Asia Network, and 3 Thematic Sections



A Global Community in Action

SER is a global network of more than 5,200 members across 132 countries, united by a commitment to knowledge-based and participatory ecological restoration. Together, SER members advance science-based solutions, restore ecosystems, and foster inclusive approaches that repair landscapes and support communities worldwide.

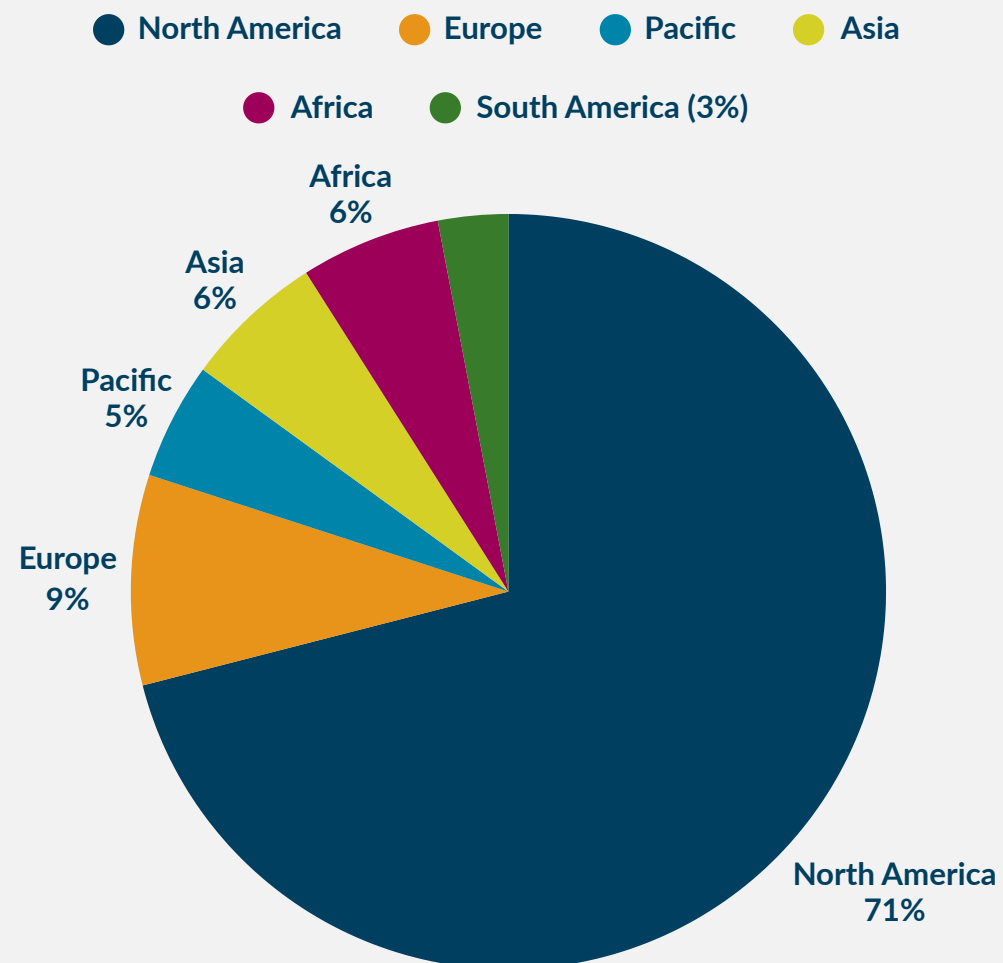
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Membership Statistics

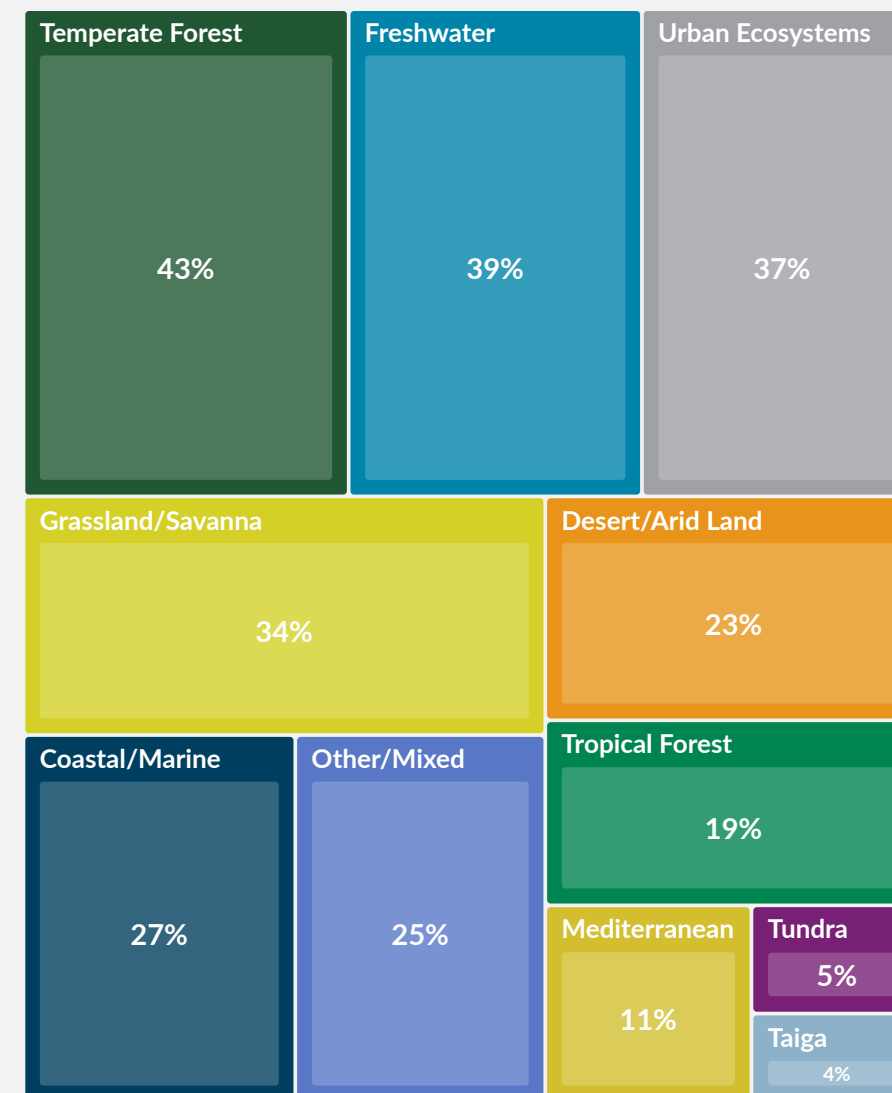
Members by continental region

In 2025 we had 5,289 members in 132 countries



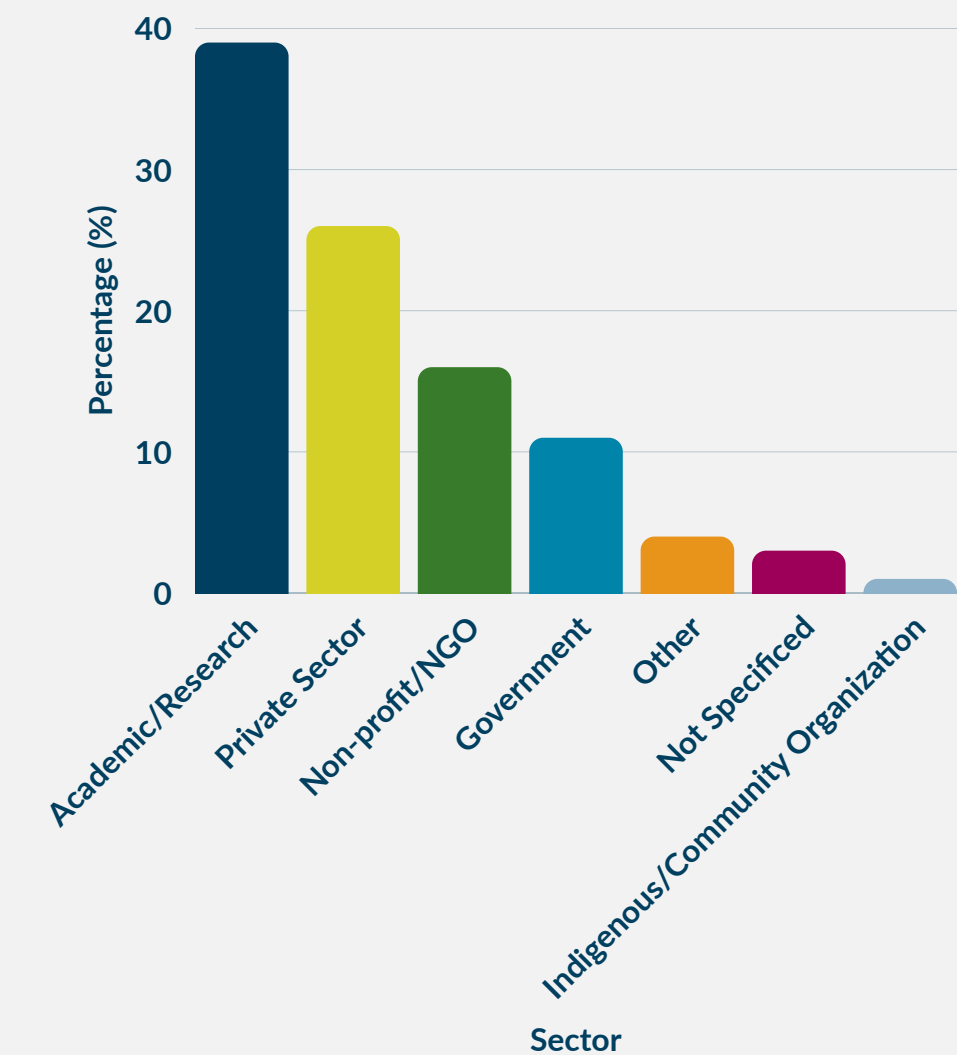
Ecosystems We Restore

Members work across all major biomes



Members by Sector in 2025

Members represent a diverse range sectors



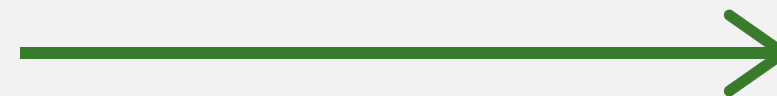
Membership Impacts

Through the Members in Action series, SER highlighted the diverse contributions of its global community. These spotlights showcased how members are advancing ecological restoration in their regions and contributing to the broader field.

In 2025, featured members contributed to ecological restoration through global leadership, applied practice, research, and community engagement. This included shaping international dialogue through SER2025, advancing restoration projects on the ground, supporting certification and training, and strengthening connections between science and practice. Their work reflects a shared commitment to collaboration, knowledge exchange, and building capacity across regions and ecosystems.

At the same time, members led local initiatives, supported student and early-career engagement, and contributed to education, policy, and outreach. These examples represent only a small snapshot of the impact of SER's global community, illustrating how members are driving meaningful restoration action.

2025 Members in Action include



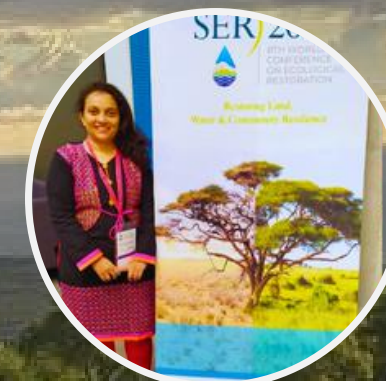
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SER Chapters, Sections & Student Associations

Chapter Activities

SER's 16 Chapters (4 continental and 12 North American) served as regional hubs for events, webinars, workshops, field activities, and networking opportunities throughout 2025. A key milestone was the Chapter Leadership Meeting at SER2025 in Denver, which brought together Chapter leaders from across the network to share priorities, strengthen collaboration, and align efforts across regions. Chapters also supported regional conferences and engaged students and early-career professionals through training and leadership opportunities.

www.ser.org/chapters

Thematic Section Activities

SER's three thematic Sections continued to advance specialized areas of restoration practice and research: the International Network for Seed-Based Restoration (INSR), the Large-Scale Ecosystem Restoration Section (LERS), and the Natural Regeneration Network (NRN). Across 2025, Sections facilitated webinars, knowledge exchange, and collaborative discussions, including engagement at SER2025, helping connect thematic expertise with the broader SER network.

www.ser.org/sections

Student Association Activities

SER's Student Associations, now numbering more than 40 globally, continued to grow in activity and reach. In 2025, student engagement was strengthened through expanded participation in SER conferences, mentoring opportunities, and campus-based activities. The program also saw increasing momentum, with growing interest in the formation of new student-led associations and strengthened leadership development within existing groups.

www.ser.org/studentassociations

Partnership Fund

To strengthen regional capacity, SER continued to invest in its community through the Partnership Fund, delivered in collaboration with the Chapter Relations Committee. These grants support chapters and sections in expanding their reach and delivering programs aligned with SER's mission.

In 2025, 5 chapters and 1 section received Partnership Fund grants totaling \$18,649 USD. Since the program's launch, SER has awarded \$77,590 USD to support community-led initiatives, with individual grants ranging from \$800 to \$5,000 USD.

These investments have supported activities such as membership outreach, scholarships, webinars, and communications, helping strengthen restoration capacity across regions.

2025 Grant Recipients



World Conference Global Gathering

SER2025 was held in Denver, Colorado from 30 September to 4 October 2025, bringing together more than 1,400 delegates.

The conference provided a global platform to share knowledge, strengthen collaboration, and advance restoration practice. The conference marked a pivotal moment with the launch of SER's new global initiative, REVIVE, to equip the global restoration community with additional knowledge, tools, and resources to scale standards-based restoration.

Other conference highlights include the presentation of SER awards, the 2nd Restoration Film Festival, a UN Decade Pavilion, high-impact plenary sessions, and the launch of new and innovative restoration tools and resources.

The conference ended with an urgent call to action for governments, civil society, and businesses to mobilize ecological restoration as transformational change.

SER2025
DENVER UNITED STATES
Call to Action



**11th World Conference
on Ecological Restoration**
30 September - 4 October 2025



World Conference Highlights



800+ Presentations



1400+ Delegates
representing 75
countries



8 Film Festival
Films

17 Field Trips



10 Workshops



SER2025 Conference Co-organizers



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More Events



6th Global Forum in Denver

In parallel, SER convened the 6th Global Forum on Ecological Restoration in partnership with IUCN and other collaborators. The Forum focused on advancing restoration at landscape and seascape scales, with an emphasis on ecosystem interactions, spatial planning, and outcomes for both nature and people.



First-ever Restoration Hackathon

In September 2025, SER hosted its first global Restoration Hackathon, engaging 72 participants from more than 45 countries. The Hackathon broadened the reach of SER2025 by enabling global participation and bringing diverse perspectives that were featured at the conference. Participants worked in teams to develop Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) solutions aligned with SER's Standards.

Fourteen teams developed tools designed to strengthen how restoration outcomes are tracked, validated, and communicated. The winning project, Integrated MRV Kit for Riparian Restoration, was selected by conference delegates. The solution focused on practical, low-cost tools for use in remote and resource-limited settings. Congratulations to Adeshola Kukoyi, Aruni Kadawatha, Dorothy Janick, Mae Whyte, Taryono Darusman, Zu Dienle Tan.

Awards & Recognition

2025 Awards Overview

In 2025, SER recognized contributions to ecological restoration through awards presented at SER2025, including:

- SER Awards
- Bradshaw Medals
- Student Awards
- Restoration Hackathon Winners
- Film Festival Awards

These awards highlight leadership, innovation, and impact across restoration science, practice, and communication, recognizing excellence in academic research, student contributions, applied restoration practice, collaborative problem-solving through the Hackathon, and creative storytelling through film and other forms of public engagement.

2025 SER Awards & Bradshaw Medals

SER Awards

SER Awards recognize individuals and organizations advancing ecological restoration through science, practice, and community engagement. 2025 recipients included:

Regional Awards

Environmental Learning Center Flow Restoration Project (USA)
Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area (Canada)

John Rieger Award

Kevin L. Erwin

Full Circle Award

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

Theodore M. Sperry Award

Pedro Henrique S. Brancalion
Peggy Olwell

Communications Award

#RestoreNature campaign

www.ser.org/awards



Bradshaw Medals

The Bradshaw Medals recognize outstanding publications in *Restoration Ecology*. 2025 recipients included:

The sound of restored soil: using ecoacoustics to measure soil biodiversity. Authors: Jake M. Robinson, Martin F. Breed, Carlos Abrahams

Inoculating native microorganisms improved soil functions and altered the microbial composition of a degraded soil. Authors: Frederick A. Dadzie, Angela T. Moles, Todd E. Erickson, Nathali Machado de Lima, Miriam Muñoz-Rojas



Awards Student and Film Festival

Second Restoration Film Festival

The SER Film Festival continued to demonstrate the role of storytelling in advancing restoration. Winning films highlighted restoration efforts across marine, freshwater, and terrestrial ecosystems, as well as community-led and Indigenous initiatives.

Student and Ecological Professional

Restoring a River: Tawatinaw Watershed's History & Future

Feature Film

Pedder – The Fault in Tasmania's Wilderness

Short Film

Seaweed, a Love Story

Indigenous Perspectives

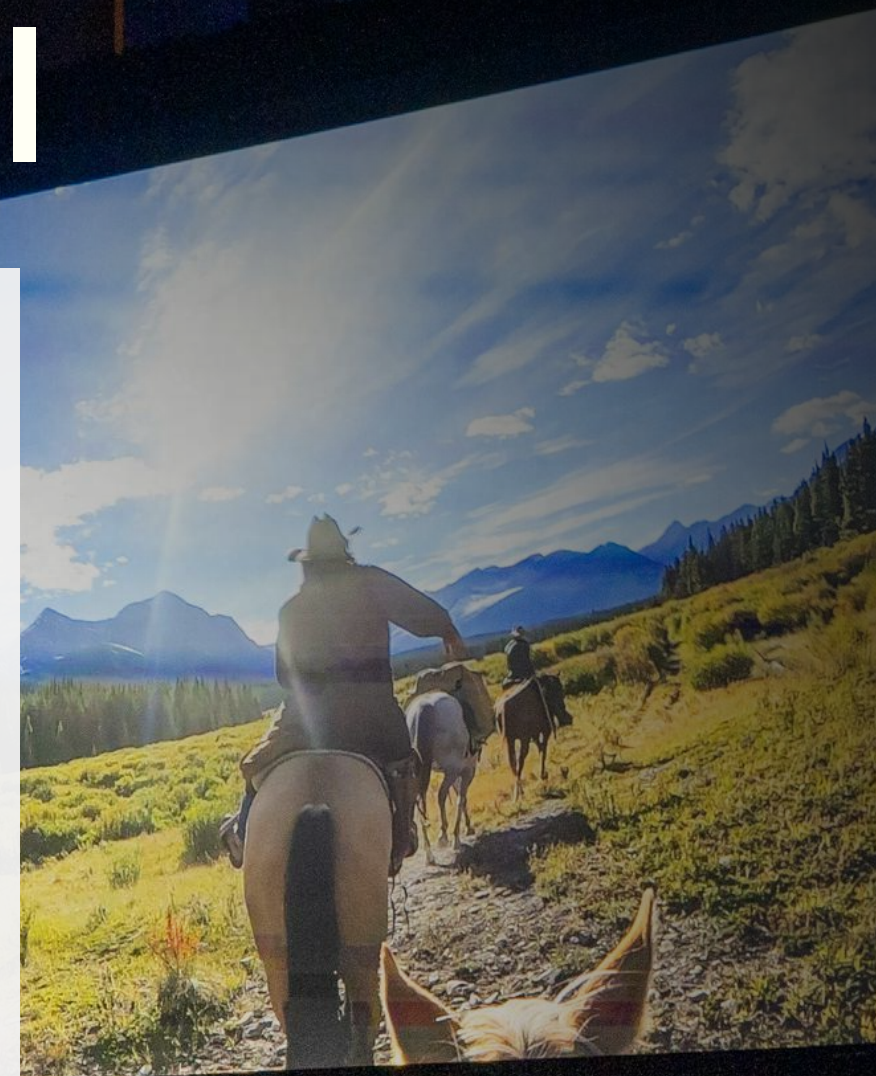
Enraizados (Our Roots Remain)

SER Student Awards

SER Student Awards highlight emerging leaders contributing new knowledge and ideas to ecological restoration. At SER2025, student posters and presentations were recognized for their clarity, scientific rigor, and relevance to restoration practice.

- Poster Winner: Emily Hamant
- Poster Runner-up: Alejandro Torres
- Oral Presentation Winner: Molly Reichenborn
- Oral Presentation Runner-up: Evie Furness

These projects addressed key restoration challenges, including biodiversity conservation, pollinator dynamics, grassland recovery, and seagrass restoration. Together, they reflect the next generation of leadership in the field.



Make a Difference Week

Global Community Restoration Action

Make a Difference Week is SER's annual global initiative that encourages people everywhere to participate in local restoration projects. Launched in 2021 by SER alongside the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, Make a Difference Week highlights the critical role of ecological restoration for the health of people and the planet.

Organizations and volunteers around the world host events and work on hands-on projects that improve ecosystems while strengthening community connections. Since its launch, over 22,400 volunteers have worked 140,000 hours on 825 projects in 55 countries.

Make a Difference Week demonstrates how coordinated global action can yield tangible ecological and social outcomes.

www.makeadifferenceweek.org

218 events
across 42
countries



8,300+
volunteers
engaged



2025 Results



33,641 kg of
invasive
species
removed

69,500+
plants
established



33,000+
hours
contributed

48,077 kg of
waste cleared

Science, Practice & Policy Highlights

Advancing ecological restoration science, practice, and policy remains central to SER's mission. In 2025, SER led and contributed to initiatives that strengthened standards, supported innovation, and advanced enabling conditions for restoration at scale.



REVIVE

At the midpoint of the Global Biodiversity Framework and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, SER launched REVIVE at SER2025. REVIVE is a six-part strategy to build global trust in restoration science and practice, unlocking finance and policy support for ecological restoration at scale. REVIVE connects SER's core areas of work:

- **Restore** supports high-quality projects across ecosystems and regions
- **Empower** builds practitioner and workforce capacity
- **Validate** strengthens verification and certification approaches
- **Innovate** advances tools, methods, and research
- **Value** links restoration to investment and finance
- **Enable** supports governance and policy conditions

Together, these components strengthen the foundation for effective, scalable restoration that delivers outcomes for nature and communities.



Restoration Ecology Journal

Restoration Ecology, SER's bi-monthly, peer-reviewed scientific and technical journal, supports the exchange of knowledge across the diverse disciplines involved in ecological restoration. It publishes original research, including experimental, observational, and theoretical studies, spanning both the natural and social sciences.

Addressing pressing global challenges, the journal connects international research and practitioner communities while advancing the science and practice of restoration. It remains a leading journal for sharing evidence-based insights and contributing to efforts to protect, restore, and sustain ecosystems worldwide.

Journal Statistics

Citation Impact

- 2024 CiteScore (Scopus): 5.7
- 2024 Journal Citation Indicator (Clarivate): 0.74
- 2024 Journal Impact Factor (Clarivate): 2.7

Publication

- 2025 Full Text Views: 801,088
- 2025 Total articles published: 314

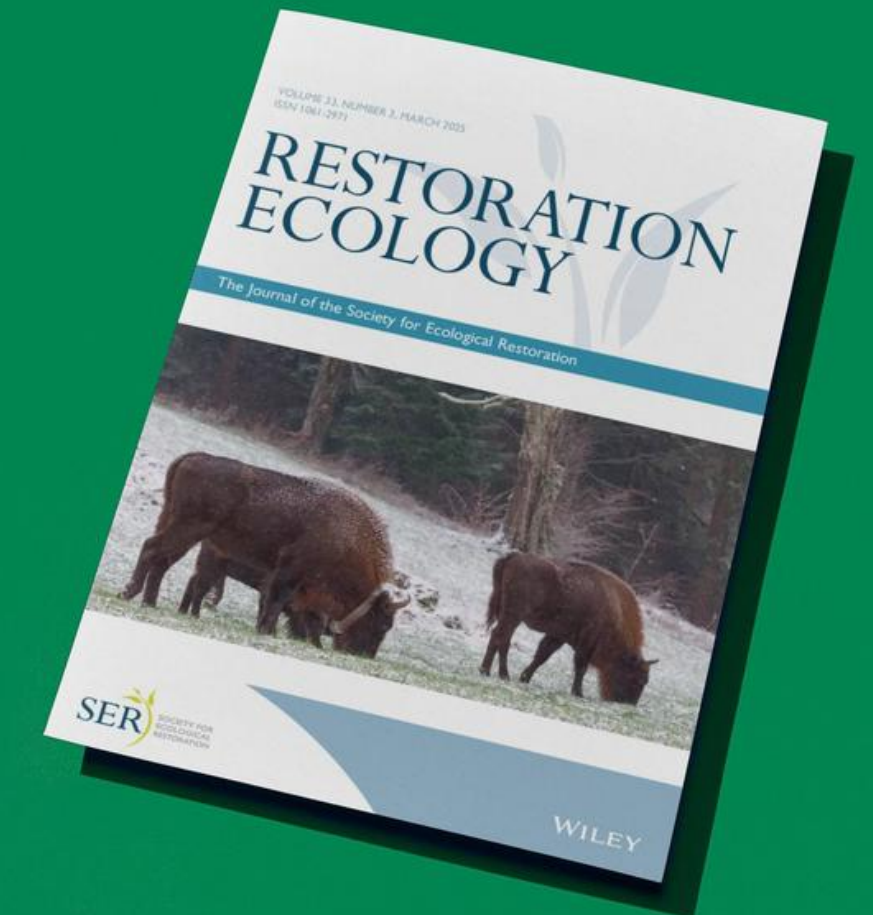
Journal Reach

Top Authors by Country:

- United States 32%
- Australia 12%
- Brazil 7%
- China 5%
- Germany 5%

Top Readers by Country:

- United States 28%
- Australia 10%
- China 8%
- United Kingdom 7%
- Canada 5%



SER Standards

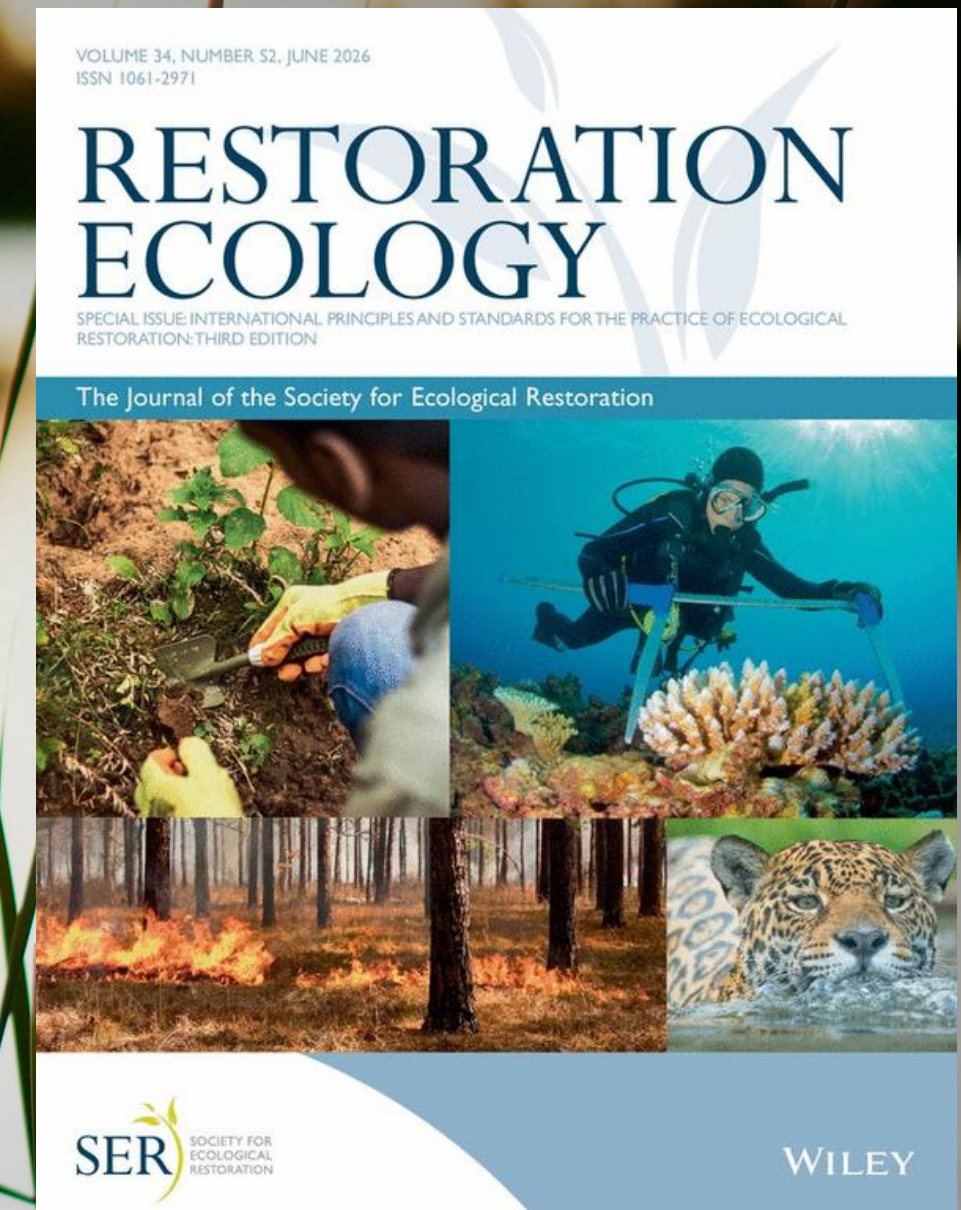
International Principles and Standards for the Practice of Ecological Restoration, 3rd Edition

Widely recognized as the most comprehensive and robust guidelines for the practice of ecological restoration, the SER Standards provide a critical foundation for delivery of all phases of ecological restoration by reducing risk and enhancing associated outcomes across all phases of ecological restoration. Recognizing the dynamic nature of ecosystems and of ecosystem recovery, the SER Standards continue to be issued as a living document, with the first edition published in 2016 and the second in 2019.

In 2025, SER completed revisions for the third edition in close collaboration with a broad spectrum of experts, partners, and contributors from across the world. Peer review was in process as the year closed and publication of the Third Edition is expected in the second quarter of 2026.

This latest version of the Standards responds to global initiatives like the UN Decade, builds on advances in the field during the past 6 years, and supports the accelerating demand for policies, funding, and capacity to scale global ecological restoration. Standards help reduce risk and uncertainty in restoration, increasing the likelihood that restoration projects and programs will enhance biodiversity, mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change, and improve human health and wellbeing.

www.ser.org/SERStandards



Standards-based Restoration in Action

The Standards-Based Restoration in Action program, delivered in collaboration with Microsoft, supports the implementation of ecological restoration projects aligned with the SER Standards. The program combines project funding with technical guidance and capacity development, strengthening local delivery of high-quality, standards-based restoration across diverse contexts.

In 2025, the program supported 7 active projects working across a range of ecosystems including grasslands, wetlands, marine, forests and satoyama habitats. SER provided technical input and expert guidance to project partners, with a focus on strengthening ecological outcomes and supporting alignment with the SER Standards.

2025 outcomes

Four new standards-based restoration projects received funding, bringing the total number of supported projects to 27 across 11 countries, including the United States, Malaysia, Australia, Sweden, Denmark, Canada, South Korea, Brazil, Japan, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.



Grassy Plains Management Team: Establishing seed infrastructure for critically endangered grasslands, Australia

The Victorian National Parks Association and the Grassy Plains Network are implementing the Grassy Plains Management Team project in Melbourne, Australia, to establish essential seed production infrastructure and carry out restoration activities in critically endangered native grasslands.

Restoration of Taiga Bean Goose Wetland Habitat, South Korea

The Nakdong River Management Office of Busan Metropolitan City in collaboration with Birds Korea, a non-profit environmental organization, are working together to restore bird habitats and enhance biodiversity and ecological integrity in the Maekdo Ecological Park area near the Nakdong Estuary.

In addition, three smaller initiatives were supported through targeted grants, including a biodiversity and agriculture monitoring project in Denmark led by the Planetary Responsibility Foundation, a youth-led reef restoration camp delivered by Fältbiologerna in Sweden, and a mycological survey conducted by Friends of the Road to Nature, Wales.

www.ser.org/SER-Microsoft

Friends of Truganina Wetlands: Adaptive Restoration Under Urban Constraints, Australia

The Friends of Truganina Wetlands project in western Melbourne is navigating complex ecological and social challenges in a peri-urban landscape, demonstrating how adaptive management can support restoration outcomes in the face of disturbance, uncertainty, and changing conditions.

Restoring Satoyama Ecosystems for a Nature Positive Future, Japan,

The Nature Conservation Society of Japan Biodiversity Restoration Project aims to restore the traditional Satoyama landscape by managing vegetation, removing invasive species, and implementing Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in one of Japan's most significant biodiversity hotspots.

2025 Standards-based Projects

Practitioner Certification Program



The Certified Ecological Restoration Practitioner (CERP) program sets a global standard for ecological restoration practitioners. Practitioners are evaluated on ecological knowledge, field experience, and alignment with core restoration principles.

In 2025, the program continued to grow, not only in numbers, but also in geographic representation. With the addition of Bangladesh, Denmark, France, Philippines and Portugal in 2025, CERPs and CERPITs now represent 40+ countries across six continents.

2025 Highlights

- 116 new CERPs and CERPITs
- 700+ active certified practitioners across 40+ countries
- 13 Academic Alignment partners

www.ser.org/CERPProgram



The Global Biodiversity Standard

The Global Biodiversity Standard (TGBS) is a non-profit organization that manages a site-based global standard for nature-based solutions including restoration aimed at driving positive outcomes for biodiversity, ecosystems, and the communities that rely on them. The Global Biodiversity Standard was developed by Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), SER, and a consortium of technical partners and regional biodiversity institutions.

In 2025, TGBS became an independent entity, with SER supporting the transition by serving on the TGBS Board, guiding strategic direction, and reviewing foundational documents and governance frameworks.

2025 Highlights

- Advanced global adoption and strengthened credibility for outcomes-focused restoration
- Co-developed and refined an eight-lesson mentoring program with the Uganda Hub
- Expanded a network of 32 certified TGBS assessors across 10 countries
- Seven sites across three continents achieved certification including in Colombia, Bolivia, India, Uganda, and Hong Kong
- Co-hosted multilingual webinars in Spanish and Portuguese for over 200 participants, and supported regional hubs, including Indonesia

www.ser.org/TGBS



SER Webinar Series



SER's webinar series connects members with experts in restoration science, practice, and policy across academia and the applied field. In 2025, SER hosted 22 webinars that brought together restoration professionals, researchers, policymakers, and community leaders from around the world. These sessions showcased innovative approaches, emerging science, and practical solutions to advance ecological restoration across ecosystems, scales, and sectors.

The series covered a wide range of restoration themes, including digital tools, community-inclusive urban and coastal projects, Indigenous and local leadership, legal and policy frameworks, biodiversity standards, climate-adapted restoration, and long-term ecosystem case studies. The series highlighted practical solutions, cross-disciplinary approaches, and strategies to advance science-based, socially informed, and globally impactful ecological restoration.

These webinars reached over 5,000 participants worldwide, providing a vital platform for knowledge exchange, practical case studies, and advancing standards-based restoration practice. Recordings remain available in SER's on-demand webinar library to support ongoing professional development.

www.ser.org/SERWebinars

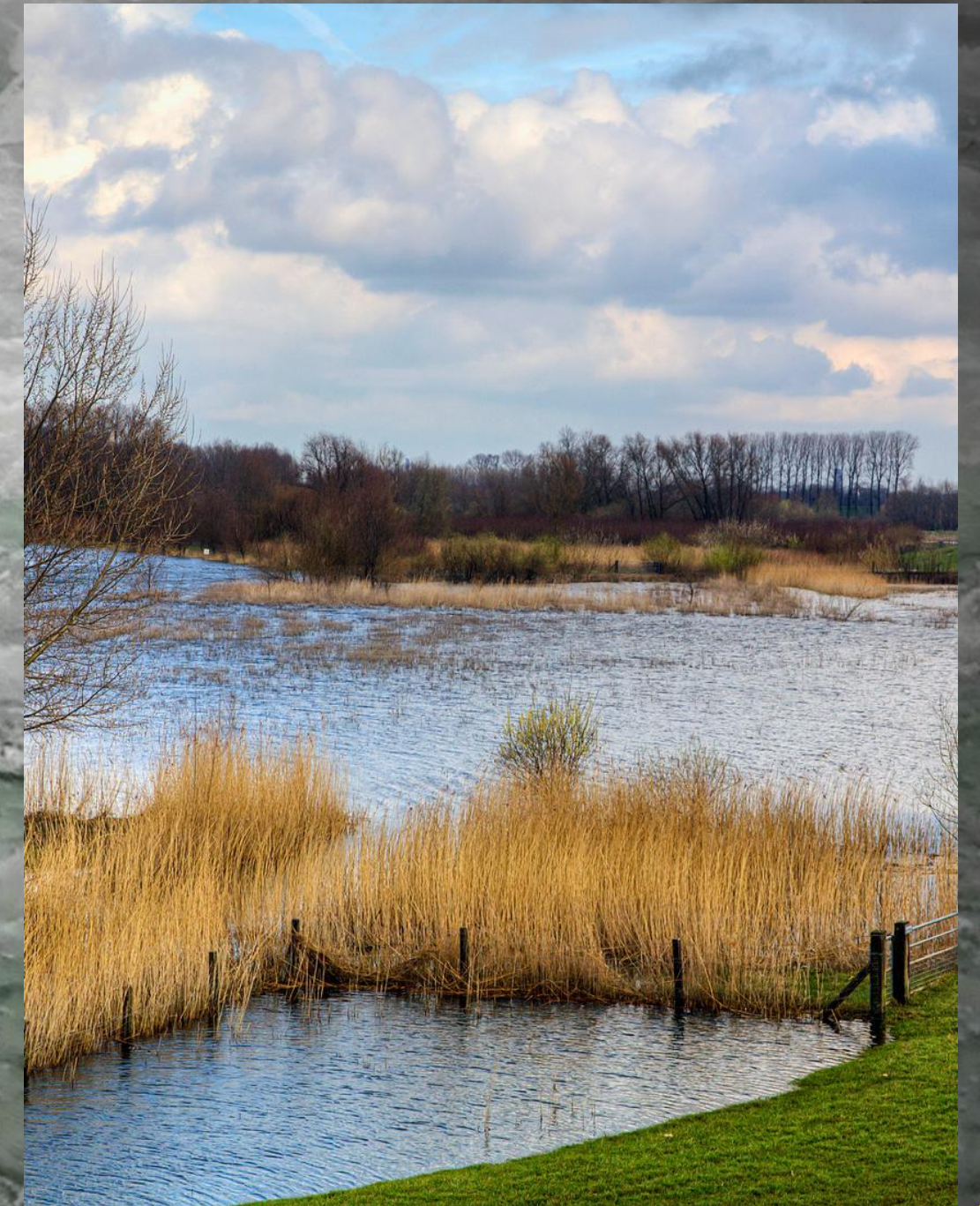
Insurance for Restoration

In 2024, SCOR launched the NatReCo initiative, a first-of-its-kind innovation in the insurance sector to cover site-level risks associated with ecological restoration projects. The 'Restore' insurance product addresses a critical gap in restoration finance by reducing investment risk and increasing confidence in project outcomes.

SER partnered with SCOR to launch the second stage of the NatReCo initiative in 2025. The 'Manage' product covers the ongoing management phase of restoration projects, maintaining and improving conditions for ecological recovery. Similar to the 'Restore' product, projects are rated using a methodology derived from the SER Standards.

NatReCo's insurance products increase the likelihood of project completion after unexpected interruptions such as fire or flood. Because project plans are verified before a project can be insured, the insurance improves confidence in project quality and supports effective risk management. The program engages CERPs and equivalent experts in both project development and claims assessment, ensuring technical rigor throughout. The first project rating under the new program was announced in September 2025.

This partnership demonstrates how insurance mechanisms can reduce barriers to restoration investment. SER looks forward to expanding the collaboration with SCOR, including development of additional products in 2026 and beyond.



Target 2 Roadmap

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) has prompted bold commitments from countries worldwide to meet its ambitious target of bringing 30% of degraded ecosystems under effective restoration by 2030 (Target 2 of the KM-GBF).

SER has been a key partner in this global effort since 2023, leading development of the Target 2 Resource Guide and helping countries move from commitment to action. In 2025, the initiative evolved into the Target 2 Roadmap, a joint effort led by the CBD Secretariat and FAO, launched at the CBD technical meeting in October 2025.

Target 2 Roadmap Focus Areas

- Monitoring & Reporting: Mobilizing expertise and developing a global restoration dataset.
- Capacity Building: Regional workshops support countries in tracking and implementing restoration goals.

2025 Highlights

- Workshops held in Bangkok (with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity) and Bogotá (with the Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute)
- Assisted with curriculum development, workshop facilitation, and development of a train the trainers manual.





Framework to Facilitate Policymaking for Restoration

Funded by GIZ and supported by the G20 Global Land Initiative, SER brought together a group of lawyers from around the globe to develop guidance for legislators and policymakers to legally obligate restoration. This guidance will fill a legislative gap and help translate voluntary restoration commitments into measurable, enforceable action. Final guidance scheduled for publication in 2026.

Key Features

- Recommends specified restoration legislation to address persistent ecological damage that is not sufficiently addressed by other legal frameworks
- Key components include agreed definitions, strong, legally binding obligations, restoration planning mechanisms, and funding and incentivization mechanisms
- Applicable at national and subnational levels, grounded in global legal and scientific relevance

Impacts

- Provides rationale and guidance for creating legal frameworks that enable or otherwise incentivize proactive ecosystem restoration at any jurisdictional level
- Supports countries in achieving KM-GBF Target 2, improving both ecological and human wellbeing



World Conference Lisbon Portugal

Restoration in Motion: Bridging Land, Water, and People



Join the global restoration community in Lisbon for the 12th World Conference on Ecological Restoration (SER2027). Under the theme “Restoration in Motion: Bridging Land, Water, and People,” SER2027 will explore integrated approaches to ecological restoration across interconnected landscapes, seascapes, and communities. Be part of the conversations, partnerships, and innovations shaping the future of ecological restoration.

Learn more at www.ser2027.org

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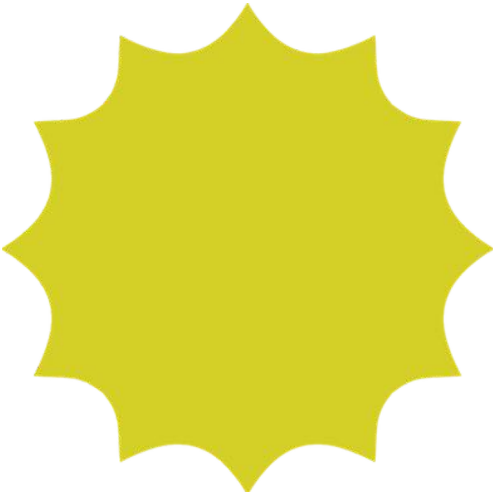
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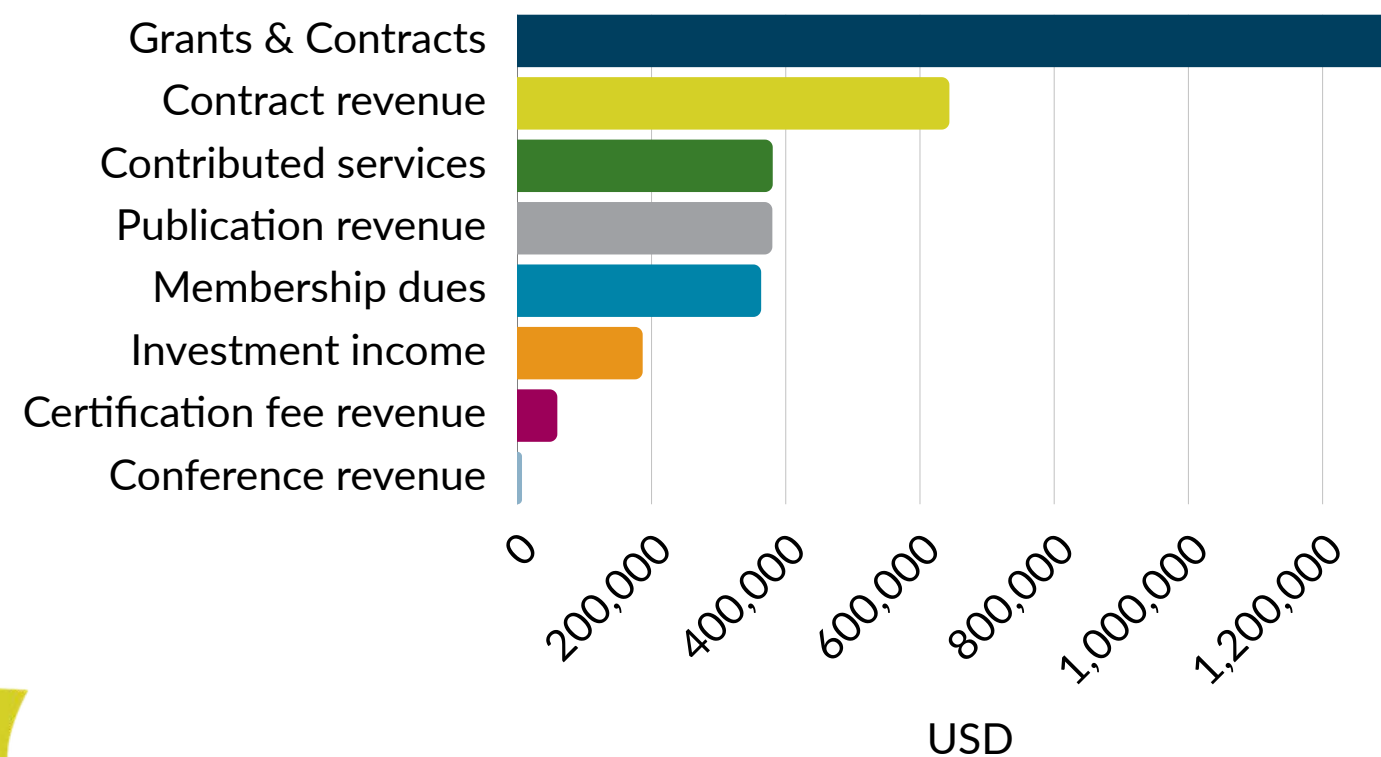
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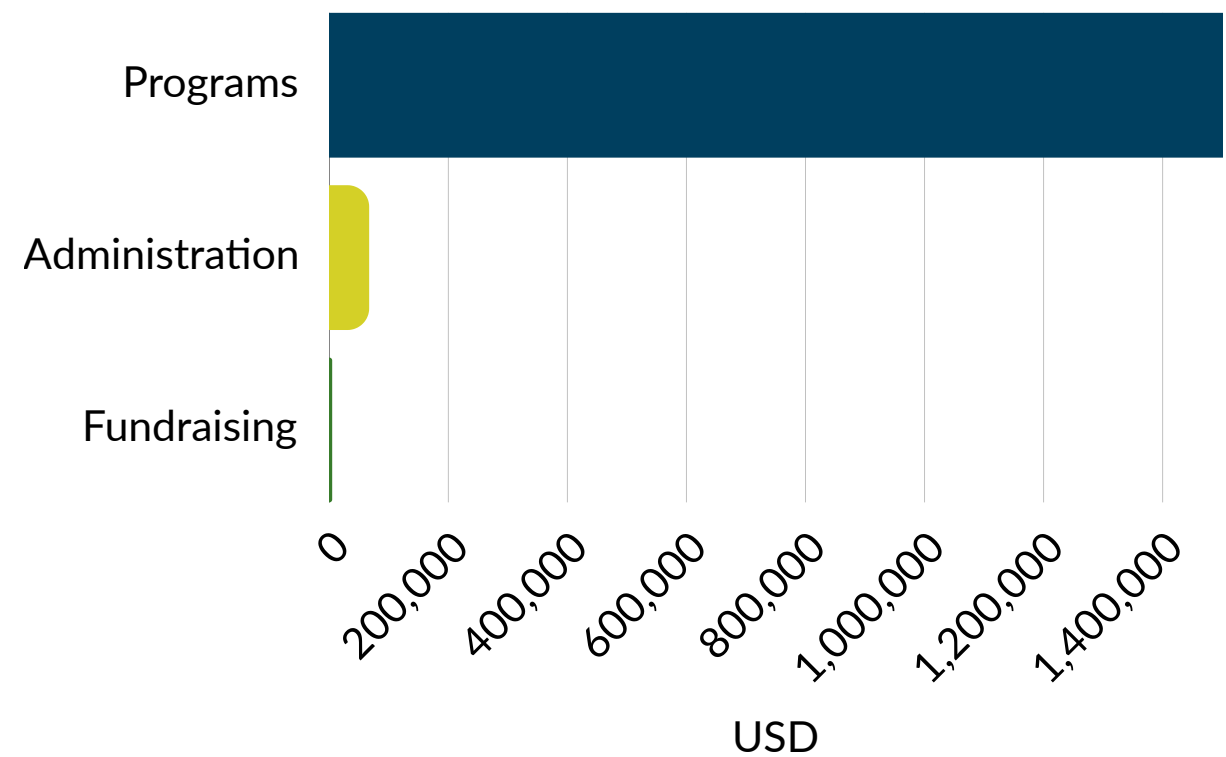
REVENUE

Grants & Contributions	\$1,307,047
Contract revenue	\$643,863
Contributed services	\$380,596
Publication revenue	\$380,036
Membership dues	\$363,341
Investment income	\$186,789
Certification fee revenue	\$59,611
Conference revenue	\$6,957
TOTAL	\$3,328,240



EXPENSES

Programs	\$3,136,565
Administration	\$66,977
Fundraising	\$4,856
TOTAL	\$3,208,398



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