# Us vs. the Machine:

Making Impact Assessments More Efficient, More Accurate, and More Substantive







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## **Threats Facing Coral Reef Ecosystem**





Ocean Warming



**Ocean Acidification** 

Changes in

**Climate Change** 



Sea Level Rise



Changes in Storm Patterns



Destructive Fishing Practices



Pollution



Disease



**Coastal Development** 



Tourism

**Human Activities** 

# **Coral Reef Ecosystem Data Collection Methods**



#### **Conventional Coral Surveys**



Underwater surveys



**Remote Sensing** 



**DNA Analysis** 



Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network



Video Belt Transects



**RUV & BRUV** 



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Water Buoys



**Digital Dashboard** 



## **Coral Reef Ecosystem Data Collection Methods**





Labor intensive



#### Time consuming



Limited Scalability



# **Integration of AI and Machine Learning**



## **Integration of AI and Machine Learning Capabilities**







Calibration

Analysis & AI Model Refinement

**Prediction & Verification** 



## **Expected Opportunities**



AI-Driven Coral Mitigation and Compensation Efforts



Monitoring Overall Ecosystem Health Predicting Environmental Shifts



Enhanced Impact Assessment



## Integration of AI and Machine Learning Example

<u>Vertigo3</u> is a towed underwater device, operating on the same principles as conventional fixed-wing aircraft. It flies close to the seabed, auto-piloting itself to maintain orientation and height above the seabed.

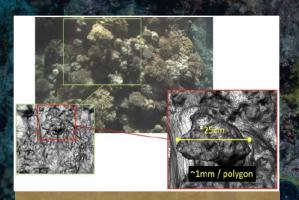


## **Outcomes of the Flying Fish Deployment**

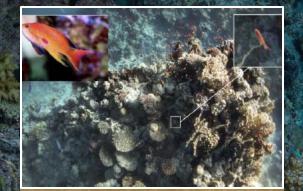




Turbidity monitoring



Photogrammetry



**Machine Learning** 



Challenge Tasks



## Integration of AI and Machine Learning Case Study Limitations



Structural Integrity of Camera Unit: Fragile glider with limited impact capacity



Image color and clarity: No camera calibration



Imagery Stability: Glider-operator dependent



**Machine Learning Capabilities:** ML developed for Australian coral database and Crown-of-Thorns recognition operational

## Recommendations



#### Human Verification

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Holistic Approach

#### **Optimal Technologies**

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