

ABOUT ORP

The Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP) is leading the charge to restore the Chesapeake Bay's native oyster population. A true partnership, ORP combines tradition and science, food and industry, ecology and economy, for a full-circle approach to restoring the Bay's health. From its innovative shell recycling program to its oyster sanctuary restoration to its support of the commercial oyster fishery, ORP is improving the health of our waterways and making it easier for oysters, crab, fish, and other marine life to thrive.

ORP HAS
PLANTED
MORE THAN
**11.5
BILLION
OYSTERS**
(AND COUNTING)
IN BAY WATERS!

YOU CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.
GET INVOLVED.



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WHY OYSTERS?

- Oysters are filter-feeders that remove sediment and excess nutrients from the Bay.
- Oyster reefs provide critical habitat for other marine species.
- Oysters are a delicious and nutritious food source.
- Oyster harvests support waterman and oyster farmers.
- Oysters are an important part of Maryland's seafood economy and culture.



SHELL RECYCLING

Oyster shell is the building block of an oyster reef. ORP's Shell Recycling Alliance (SRA) collects hundreds of thousands of bushels of shell



from a vast network of restaurants and public drop sites in the Chesapeake region. Eating oysters at these Bay-friendly restaurants is one of the easiest ways you can help.



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Shell Recycling Alliance

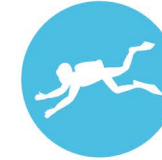


Find a shell recycling restaurant or drop site near you!



OYSTER RESTORATION & MONITORING

ORP's work includes sanctuary reef restoration, harvested oyster reef replenishment, and community-supported restoration programs like Marylanders Grow Oysters and Operation Build-a-Reef. Every year, ORP plants hundreds of millions of juvenile oysters and hundreds of thousands of bushels of shell on these reefs. ORP's scientists regularly monitor afterwards to track the progress and success of this unique restoration strategy.



Scan to learn more about monitoring.

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

ORP works with watermen, the oyster aquaculture industry, and state officials to improve the management of Maryland's fisheries. ORP supports the sustainable harvest of Chesapeake Bay fish and shellfish, which enhances a thriving seafood industry, strengthens the regional economy, and preserves the rich culture of communities surrounding our waters.



ORP works to improve management of Maryland's fisheries while supporting watermen and the growing aquaculture industry.

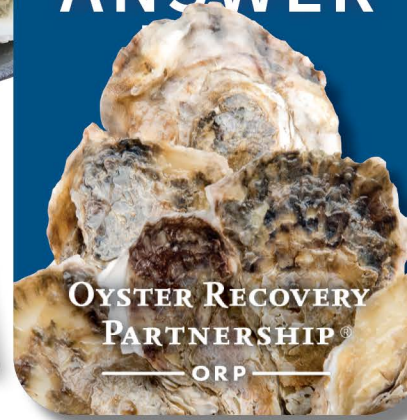


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OYSTERS ARE THE ANSWER



YOU CAN HELP RESTORE OYSTERS TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY!



Give to support our work.
\$10 plants 1,000 oysters!

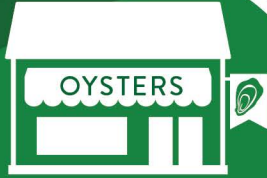
Eat oysters and make sure
those shells are recycled!

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oyster news, events, and volunteer
opportunities: @oysterrecovery

Learn more about ORP's work and how you can help: OYSTERRECOVERY.ORG



EAT
CHESAPEAKE BAY
OYSTERS!



RECYCLE SHELLS:
ORP USES
THEM TO
BUILD
OYSTER
REEFS.



Scan to see shell
recycling in action.



ORP BUILDS THE
LARGEST
OYSTER REEFS
IN THE WORLD.



OYSTERS ARE THE ANSWER

Everyone benefits from a healthy Chesapeake Bay and oysters are crucial for Bay recovery. Since 1994, ORP has planted billions – and billions more are needed to make a difference. YOU CAN HELP!



Scan to see how
shells seeded with
new juvenile oysters
return to Bay waters.



Scan to learn why
planting oysters
is important.



No shell left behind! Recycle shells from oysters you consume at home at public drop sites.



Eat at restaurants that go the extra mile to recycle shells for Bay recovery.



Oysters help the Chesapeake Bay and Maryland's economy: they filter the water, create habitat, and are delicious to eat!



Each year, ORP plants hundreds of millions of juvenile oysters in oyster sanctuaries—the largest restored reefs in the world!



Regular monitoring tracks the progress and success of oyster restoration.



ORP plants hundreds of millions of baby oysters on commercial harvest reefs each year, which supports a sustainable oyster fishery.

Learn more about ORP's
work and how you can help!

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