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## FADs retrieval in the coastal marine zones of the Galapagos Islands

Results 2022 – 2025 (may)

Initiative for the recovery of  
FADs in the Eastern Pacific  
Ocean



Galapagos Islands

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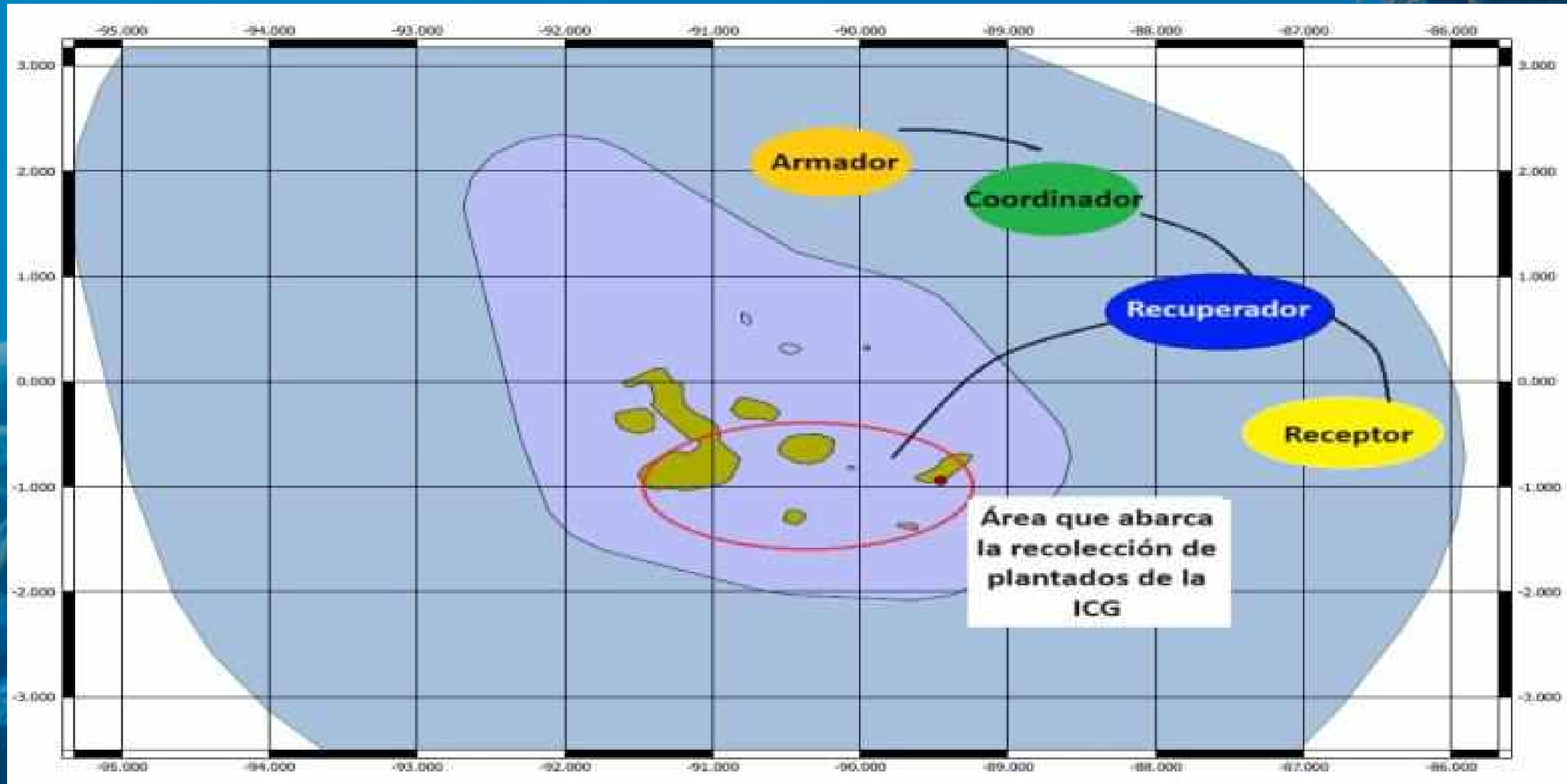


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A FAD will be reported when the position record of your buoy indicates:

1. which is 15 miles from the coast
2. or it is concluded that its stranding is imminent



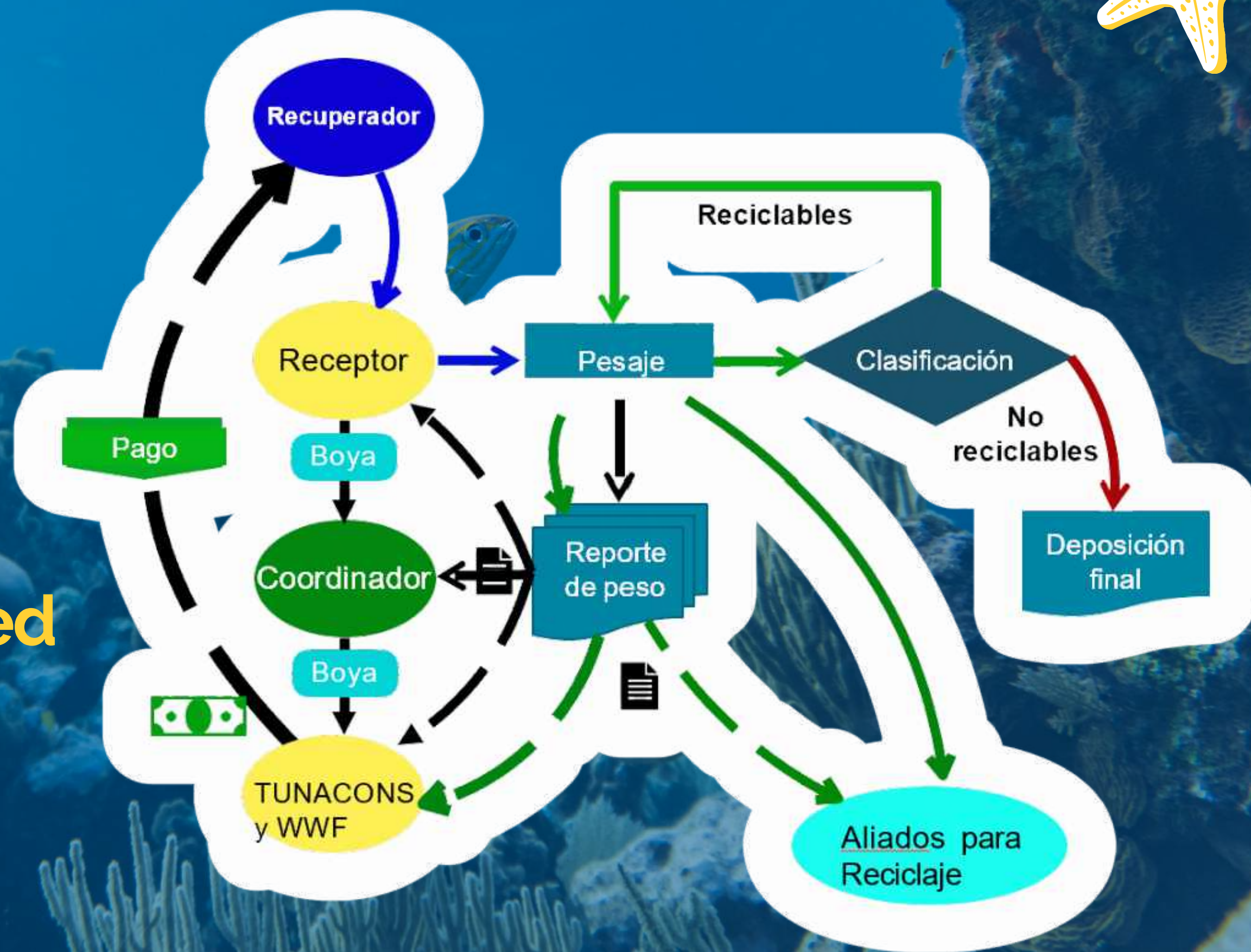
Areas covered by the pilot project





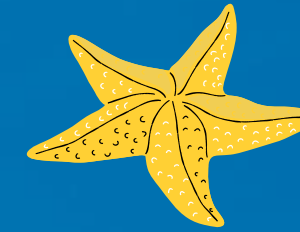
Key activities of the  
FAD recovery model:

Reception of recovered  
FADs in the RMG





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## Lost FADs Report Tutorial

- Each report will be addressed by the shipowner or his delegate to the local Coordinator, with the coordinates of the location at the time of the report, with:
  1. Coordinates
  2. time at which the coordinates were taken
  3. derived from the FADs,
  4. course and
  5. speed





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- The recovery team, made up of fishermen from the island closest to the FAD stranding, conducts a search using the coordinates received.
- The recoverers maintain communication with the coordinator until the FAD has been found.



## Recovery of FADs





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- The Reclaimer delivers all the collected FAD material to the recipient at the dock on the island to which he is assigned.





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We try to recycle all materials.

- The FADs crop is weighed and delivered to the Municipal Environmental Department for final disposal in the Galapagos Islands.
- Non-recyclable material is transferred to a final disposal site.





# Final report

- **The coordinator provides a technical sheet for managing payments to the fisherman and providing information to the company.**





## RESULTS OF FAD RECOVERIES 2022 – 2025)

**49**  
FADs

**4.98** TN

**SORT AND  
RECYCLE**

**89.1%**

of the alerted FADs  
were recovered

**SEARCH  
AND  
RESCUE**





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## From 2022 to May 2025:

- Harvest of 49 FADs equivalent to 4.98 tons.
- Recycling and delivery of FADs crops to Municipal GADs,
- Participation of TUNACONS member companies
- Approximately 85 artisanal fishermen participated aboard 20 different vessels, acting as FAD recoverers.





# RECOVERY PROTOCOL





# Thank you



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