





SEACOLOGY

2009 Annual Report



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Seacology's vision is to reverse the trend of island plant, marine and wildlife extinctions globally, and to assist islanders in sustaining their way of life. We have created an innovative model of ecosystem preservation that is efficient, effective, inexpensive, maintains indigenous land ownership and improves the whole island community. We implement solutions by providing a tangible benefit, such as an elementary school or a fresh water delivery system for island villagers, in exchange for their establishment of a marine or forest reserve. Seacology searches for win-win situations where both the local island environment is protected and islanders receive some lasting benefit. We work closely with islanders from the beginning, so our projects enjoy strong local support. Seacology projects are also replicable, providing potential strategies for conservation in a variety of locales. Although island ecosystems throughout the world vary dramatically, the threats they face are quite similar.

To date Seacology has launched 199 island-based projects, saving 1,814,314 acres of marine ecosystems and 161,527 acres of terrestrial habitat. In addition, Seacology has worked closely with islanders to assist them in playing an active role in protecting areas that were previously established as government reserves, but where local enforcement of environmental protections was either lax or nonexistent. Such Seacology projects have supported protection of an additional 682,280 acres of island terrestrial habitat, and 346,553 acres of coral reef and other marine habitat. In return for establishing new and supporting existing island marine and forest reserves, Seacology has helped islanders build 87 facilities such as schools, community centers, solar energy systems and other critically-needed structures; and funded 36 programs providing scholarships, vital medical services and supplies for island communities.

MESSAGE FROM SEACOLOGY CHAIRMAN DR. PAUL COX

Seacology partners with indigenous peoples to protect island habitats and cultures. Currently, we have projects on over 100 islands in 40 countries around the world, setting aside nearly two million acres of rain forests, coral reefs and other fragile ecosystems. In a time when most other conservation organizations have faced severe financial pressures, Seacology has flourished.

Part of the reason for this success is the conservation model that Seacology has adopted. Although Seacology funds schools, hospitals, water supplies and other needed public works for villagers, these efforts do not represent handouts. They instead reflect careful win-win negotiations for precious habitats. Another reason for Seacology's success is our focus on mission execution. With a very small staff and extremely low administrative and fund-raising costs, Seacology is able to save more acres per donor dollar than almost any other conservation organization in the world.

But the most important reason for Seacology's remarkable success is the continuous support of donors, both large and small, who realize an incomparable opportunity to make a major impact on improving the world by making significant gifts to Seacology. This annual report demonstrates Margaret Mead's dictum, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has." Thank you for joining with us to change the world, one island at a time.



Dr. Paul Cox with healer Lemau Seumantafa in Falealupo Village, Samoa (photo credit: Yoshiko Fukada).

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Paul Alan Cox Chairman of the Board

Seacology Projects Have Saved: 161,527 acres of island terrestrial habitat 1,814,314 acres of coral reef and other marine habitat Seacology Has Built or Funded: 87 schools, community centers, water systems and other critically needed facilities 36 scholarship programs, vital medical services and supplies, and other crucial support for island communities.

2009 SEACOLOGY PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

The following projects were approved by Seacology's Board of Directors during 2009. Support for asterisked projects is provided fully or in part by the Nu Skin Enterprises Force for Good Foundation.

CARIBBEAN ISLANDS – "Bottle Bead" Sustainable Livelihood project in exchange for the protection of sea turtles. One of the most serious challenges to sustaining sea turtle conservation in very poor nations is that coastal people have few alternatives to killing sea turtles for food and/or cash. Sea turtles are severely depleted on Caribbean islands due to unmanaged exploitation as well as the loss of important nesting and foraging habitat due to coastal development. The Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST) is launching a pilot project to produce Beach Bottle Beads. The objective is to use discarded or recycled bottle glass to make beads and jewelry to sell in local gift shops. Three communities will be selected to receive training based on their capacity to sustain the project, market the beads and demonstrate that the new skills will reduce pressure to kill sea turtles. This highly replicable project has the potential for expansion throughout the region, with the result of boosting rural incomes and protecting endangered sea turtles. (Funded by Seacology Japan.)

COOK ISLANDS, Manihiki Atoll - Purchase of two UV water purification units and pump system including spare parts in exchange for the creation of a 72-acre marine reserve for a duration of 30 years. Manihiki is a small atoll in the Northern Cook Islands, approximately 550 miles north of the capital Rarotonga. The extremely low-lying atoll has a population of 400 persons living on the two inhabited islands. As is common with small isolated communities, water is a major concern on Manihiki, where the only source of potable water is rainwater stored in tanks. Due to prolonged periods of storage, this water can become contaminated and poses a health risk. Seacology has provided the community with two ultraviolet water purifying units and pump systems - one for each village - with spare parts. In exchange for this funding, Manihiki has declared 72 acres of their lagoon as a marine reserve for a duration of 30 years.

FIJI, Tokou Village, Ovalau Island, Lomaiviti Group – Construction of a community hall in exchange for the establishment of a 365-acre marine reserve for a duration of 10 years. Tokou is a beachside village located approximately three miles from the old Fijian capital, Levuka, on the island of Ovalau. The population of the village is approximately 700. Seacology is providing partial funding for the construction of a much-needed community center in exchange for the establishment of a 365-acre marine reserve for a

duration of 10 years. The community center will host cultural and social events, and will provide a place for village women to produce handicrafts and organize fundraising activities for the village.

FIJI, Yasawa I Rara Village, Yasawa Islands - Purchase of a solar-powered water supply system for a Seacology-funded community center. In 2002, Seacology funded the construction of a community center in Yasawa I Rara. However, it rarely rains in the Yasawas, and often the community does not have fresh water reliably available. Seacology has provided funds for the purchase and installation of a solar water pump system for the community center in support of the community's continued adherence to protecting the original conservation area.

INDIA, Kavaratti Island, Lakshadweep Archipelago – Construction of an environmental education center in exchange for the establishment of a 500-acre marine protected area for a duration of 10 years. The Lakshadweep Archipelago lies in the Arabian Sea at a distance of 155 to 280 miles from the west coast of India. Lakshadweep is considered the smallest Union Territory of India with a population of approximately 60,000 people inhabiting 11 of the 36 islands. Kavaratti is the archipelago's capital. The reefs and lagoons are under severe threat, namely increased lagoon fishing, waste release and increasing tourism activities. Lakshadweep Marine Research and Conservation Centre (LMRCC) is a local organization committed to conservation and sustainable development. LMRCC is receiving support from Seacology to construct an environmental education center. In exchange, the local community has set aside 500 acres of Kavaratti Lagoon as a marine reserve, where marine species will be protected for a minimum duration of 10 years.

INDIA, Minicoy Island, Lakshadweep Archipelago – Construction of a natural and cultural heritage museum and two guard posts in exchange for the establishment of a 2,471-acre marine and mangrove protected area. Minicoy is the southernmost island of the Lakshadweep Archipelago, with a total population of approximately 10,000. It is the only island in Lakshadweep that supports mangroves and salt marsh ecosystems. The Centre for Action Research on Environment Science and Society (CARESS) is working in partnership with Minicoyans to revive traditional management systems for protecting the reefs and lagoon. Minicoyan leaders have committed to creating a no-take marine protected area for a minimum of 10 years, encompassing a 2,471-acre marine area and mangrove ecosystem. In exchange, Seacology is funding the construction of a natural and cultural heritage museum, as well as two guard posts for the marine protected area.

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Left: Seacology Vanuatu Field Representative Kevin Tari and a village leader at the opening of the Abwantuntora, North Pentecost Nakamal (Chiefs' Meeting House) (photo credit: Kevin Tari). Right: Young villagers on Manihiki Atoll, the Cook Islands celebrate the completion of their Seacology-funded water purification and pump systems (photo credit: Allan Tuara).

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INDONESIA, Benteng Dewa Village, Flores Island - Community health clinic to help children in support of approximately 14,826 acres of no-take forest reserve. Benteng Dewa, located on the southwest coast of Flores Island, was formally established in 2004 and has a population of 1,580 people in 300 households. The spirit of community volunteer work and traditional law is still strong in this village. Benteng Dewa is one of 27 villages located around the 63,738-acre Mbeliling Forest. The village is situated about a 30-minute drive from the nearest town and is separated by a river located about 1.8 miles from the village, which is impassable by vehicle. Sometimes the villagers cannot access medical care because of this obstacle. Furthermore, malaria is common, and health care is severely lacking. Seacology has funded a community health clinic in support of 14,826 acres of forest as a strict no-take zone for a minimum of 10 years. Birdlife Indonesia has drafted a Nature Protection agreement with the involvement of all 27 villages around the Mbeliling Forest in their local dialect that encompasses rules and sanctions of the protected forest. *

INDONESIA, Cunca Lolos Village, Flores Island - Village fresh water system in exchange for support of 12,355 acres of no-take forest. Cunca Lolos Village was recently established in 2001 as a farming settlement and is comprised of a small population of just 152 people, and is located around the 63,738-acre Mbeliling Forest. A public works fresh water project for the village took place in 2006, but unfortunately the water was not suitable for consumption. Currently, water for cooking and drinking must be handcarried from a river located more than one half mile away from the village. The villagers must first cross the busy Trans-Flores highway in order to get to and from the river, which is of considerable risk to the children who collect water for their families. Seacology is funding a fresh water system in support of 12,355 acres of forest as a strict no-take zone for a minimum of 10 years. Since 2007, the villagers have played a major role in monitoring the condition of the forest and in planting trees around the water spring where the well is to be located. Birdlife Indonesia has drafted a Nature Protection agreement with the involvement of all 27 villages around the Mbeliling Forest in their local dialect that encompasses rules and sanctions of the protected forest. *

INDONESIA, Mandalamekar Village, Java - Multi-Purpose Community Building for children and others in support of replanting 72 acres and protecting a total of 267 acres of no-take rainforest. Mandalamekar Village, located in the highlands of West Java, is home to 3,200 people who are mainly engaged in farming. Mandalamekar Village recently created its own protected forest area of four sections totaling 267 acres. In 2008, the village took it upon

itself to reclaim 74 acres of community land and replanted about 12,000 native tree seedlings. They plan to expand tree-planting activities to cover another 72 acres of degraded forest with about 15,000 seedlings. The village wants to protect this forest into perpetuity. The forest features several significant waterfalls and is important habitat for several primate species and many kinds of birds. Seacology is funding a multi-purpose community building for village meetings, art, culture and recreation. The village government, village police, village civil defense force and an informal community group called Mitra Alam Muggaran will conduct patrols and build a communication system to facilitate the patrols.*

INDONESIA, Pulau Banyak Islands, North Sumatra - Soccer fields for Teluk Nibung Village and Ujung Sialit Village, community meeting hall for Pulau Balai Village, and storm gutters for Suka Makmur Village in exchange for a total of 1,924 acres of protected land and marine habitats for a duration of 10 years. Pulau Banyak ("Many Islands") is a cluster of about 40 islands located in the special autonomous region of Aceh. The islands support a population of 7,000 people, all of whom live within seven villages on only three of the islands. Four of the seven villages in Pulau Banyak propose the creation of no-take areas in their respective jurisdictions. In Desa Teluk Nibung, Seacology is funding a soccer field in exchange for protection of 1,008 acres of coral reef and 12 acres of forest; in Desa Pulai Balai, Seacology is funding reconstruction of a village youth meeting hall in exchange for protection of 217 acres of coral reef and five acres of adjoining land; in Desa Suka Makmur, Seacology is funding concrete gutters in exchange for protection of 94 acres of forest, 106 acres of mangrove forest and 114 acres of marine area; and in Desa Ujung Sialit, Seacology is funding a soccer field in exchange for protection of 326 acres of coral and seagrass, and 42 acres of mangrove forest.

KENYA, Kiweni, Lamu Archipelago - Purchase of moorings for boundary demarcation and anchorage, and other equipment in exchange for the establishment of a 741-acre community managed marine conservation area for a minimum duration of 10 years. The Lamu Archipelago extends from the Kenya/Somalia border to the Tana Delta and covers an area of approximately 2,340 square miles. The coastal and marine resources in the archipelago are increasingly under threat from over-harvesting of resources. Lamu Marine Conservation Trust (LamCOT), a local organization, is establishing a 741-acre community-managed marine protected area encompassing ecologically fragile coral reefs. They also wish to continue support patrols and monitoring of turtle nesting sites on Lamu and Manda Islands, and education and

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Left: A local fisherman from St. Kitts, the Caribbean learns to craft "bottle beads" in a Seacology-funded program to create an economic alternative to killing sea turtles (photo credit: WIDECAST). Right: A female Seychelles paradise-flycatcher, Cousin Island, Seychelles (photo credit: Nature Seychelles).

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awareness in local schools. Seacology is providing funding to purchase boundary demarcation buoys, moorings for anchorage, snorkel gear and other equipment to support patrol and monitoring of the conservation area.

MALAYSIA, Mudung Abun, Belaga District, Sarawak - Integrated community-based micro-hydro power system in support of 1,236 acres of watershed for 30 years. Mudung Abun, which in the Kenyah language means "Cloud Mountain," describes the location of their village in the remote mountainous region of the Belaga District in Sarawak, Malaysian Borneo. The community has a population of approximately 300 people who are mostly hill paddy farmers. The Institut Pribumi Malaysia Sarawak (IPIMAS), in collaboration with fellow NGO Partners of Community Organizations (PACOS Trust), are launching a project to promote renewable energy and enhance watershed conservation by building a 50 kilowatt micro-hydro energy system. The electricity from the system will be used to light 22 homes, community verandas, a women's cooperative sundry shop, food processing center, blacksmithing and welding workshop, and a community hall. The entire 1,236-acre watershed area will be protected. The project will be coordinated by IPIMAS. Past Seacology project partner PACOS Trust will provide technical support, training and advice.

MEXICO, Seri tribe territory, Gulf of California - Environmental and information signage, and waste/recycling facilities, in support of the conservation of the 298,593-acre Tiburon Island and the 59,238-acre Canal Infiernillo. The territory claimed by the Seri tribe (Comca'ac nation) is extensive and includes Tiburon, Mexico's largest island (298,593 acres). In 1975, the Mexican government gave the Seri tribe recognition and communal property title to Tiburon Island, Canal Infiernillo (between Tiburon Island and the mainland) and 155 miles of coast. In 1978 the islands within the Seri territory became part of the Natural Protected Area "Islands of the Gulf of California;" it is also co-administered as an ecological preserve by the environmentally-oriented Seri tribal government. Tiburon Island remains one of the most intact examples of Sonoran Desert habitat. The Seri villages at Punta Chueca and El Desemboque on mainland Sonora are home to up to 700 Seri who traditionally practice environmental conservation. Seacology is funding a series of signs located on several islands, and on the beaches on the mainland, where fishermen land and depart to fish, in support of the continuation of the Seri conservation actions on their islands. As well, the two communities are receiving funds to build a facility to separate and collect their domestic trash for later recycling.

PALAU, Ngaremlengui State, Babeldaob Island - Construction of a covered bridge, welcome center and three smaller foot bridges in support of protecting the 2,176-acre Ngarmeskang Nature Reserve in perpetuity. The Ngarmeskang Nature Reserve is located in Ngaremlengui State on the east side of Babeldaob Island. The reserve encompasses the Ngarmeskang River, one of Palau's largest waterways. The Ngarmeskang River and Ngaremeduu Bay are among the areas of highest endemism and biodiversity in Palau. Fifteen of Palau's 16 restricted range or endemic birds are resident at the Ngarmeskang Nature Reserve. The forest along the Ngarmesang River is also important habitat for the two native bats (Marianas fruit bat and the sheath-tail bat), Palau's only native terrestrial mammals. The state would like to improve the trail to the waterfall on the Ngarmeskang River as part of the larger plan to develop ecotourism in the area. Seacology is funding a combined covered bridge and welcome center, and three small foot bridges to reduce environmental impact, increase ecotourism and improve the trail through the reserve. (Funded by Seacology Japan.)

SAMOA, Falealupo Village, Savaii – Construction of an aluminum tower for the Falealupo Rainforest Canopy Walkway. The aerial rainforest canopy walkway at Falealupo Village, on the island of Savaii, in Samoa has been one of Seacology's most prominent ecotourism projects. The rainforest walkway has been listed in nearly every guidebook on Samoa and has been visited by many tourists. All revenues from the walkway are returned to the village. The walkway currently consists of a wooden tower that rises about 10 meters, a stainless steel swinging span of about 50 meters, which connects to a large banyan tree, and then a series of stairways and observations platforms within the banyan which extend to a height of about 75 meters above the forest. However, the walkway was closed in February 2008 when rot was found in the wooden tower. Seacology is funding the replacement of the wooden tower with a specially designed aluminum tower which is stronger, and which should last for 30 to 40 years.* (Funded by Seacology Japan and Seacology Scandinavia.)

SAMOA, Satapuala Village, Upolu Island - Construction of a community hall for school and village functions, and upgrading the village water supply in exchange for the establishment of a 1,600-acre marine conservation area (240 acres no-take) for a minimum duration of 15 years. Satapuala is a coastal village on the north-western side of Upolu Island in Samoa. The village has a population of over 2,000 people and is controlled by a traditional council of chiefs. The growing population has taken a toll on the marine resources, and a conservation program to establish rotating no-take zones within the village's marine area is anticipated to facilitate the regeneration of marine resources and marine biodiversity. Seacology has funded a new community

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Left: Village volunteers take a break from working on a Seacology-funded micro-hydro power system, Mudung Abun, Sarawak, Malaysia (photo credit: IPIMAS). Right: Seacology Executive Director Duane Silverstein and Nature Seychelles Chief Executive Nirmal Jivan Shah (photo credit: Dishon Murage).

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hall for school and village functions, and upgraded the village water supply system in exchange for the establishment of a 1,600-acre marine conservation area, 15 percent of which (240 acres) will be no-take. Approximately one acre of *Rhizophora mangle* mangrove forest will also be protected. The goal is to extend the no-take section of the marine reserve to 25 percent within 15 years. The rest of the area is to be managed in a sustainable manner following the Fisheries regulations regarding size of catches and a ban on the use of illegal substances such as dynamite and cyanide.

SEYCHELLES - Signage and composting toilets for the Cousin Island Special Reserve. The Seychelles Archipelago is composed of 50 coralline and 40 granitic islands in the Indian Ocean. Cousin Island is a granitic island covering 67 acres. It became the world's first internationally-owned reserve when it was purchased in 1968 by the International Council for the Protection of Birds (now Birdlife International). The island, formerly a coconut plantation, was afforded further protection in 1974, when it was designated a Special Reserve. It is significant not only for sea birds and endemic land birds, but also as the most important breeding site for Hawksbill turtles in the Western Indian Ocean. Today, Cousin Island is managed by Nature Seychelles. The island attracts some 10,000 visitors per year. Nature Seychelles is undertaking a project to implement integrated, environmentally-friendly utilities such as clean energy, rainwater harvesting and sewage treatment. Seacology is funding one aspect of this project, eight composting toilets, in addition to funding signage to enhance the experience of visitors to the island. (Funded by Seacology Japan.)

SEYCHELLES, Mahe Island – Refurbishment of the Wildlife Clubs of Seychelles visitors center at Roche Caiman in support of a 7.5-acre reclaimed wetland. The Seychelles Archipelago is composed of 50 coralline and 40 granitic islands in the Indian Ocean. The Wildlife Clubs of Seychelles (WCS), a NGO for young people, was formed in 1994 to promote conservation action through environmental education. WCS works to implement educational programs and experience-based learning to create a sustainable future, with an emphasis on "hilltop to ocean" ecosystem management. The Centre for Environment and Education attracts a steady stream of visitors per year with approximately 50 school groups as well as other community groups. Adjacent to the garden, Nature Seychelles and WCS have collaboratively designed a 7.5-acre wetland area, the Sanctuary at Roche Caiman. Species protected at the wetland include fresh water turtles, the endemic killifish, mud and water crabs, skinks and lizards, 11 of the Seychelles' 18 dragonfly species and many migratory bird species. To better accommodate the grow-

ing number of visitors to the Centre, Seacology will fund improvements to the Centre including a redesign of the exhibition hall, displays regarding different ecosystems, a library corner, art section, audio-visual equipment and more in support of the 7.5-acre reclaimed wetland. *

TANZANIA, Chumbe Island - Life jackets, reef shoes and snorkeling equipment for schoolchildren in support of the continued protection of Chumbe Island Coral Park. Coral reefs around Zanzibar are under serious threat from destructive fishing practices, pollution and sedimentation. Chumbe Island Coral Park (CHICOP) is a self-sustaining conservation initiative that has established and manages the first private marine park in the world. CHICOP offers one-day school excursions to provide hands-on environmental education for schoolchildren. In recent years, the program has expanded greatly. Seacology has provided funding for high-quality life jackets, reef shoes and snorkelling equipment in support of continued protection of the world's first private marine park on Chumbe Island.

VANUATU, Abwatuntora, North Pentecost - Construction of a Nakamal (Chiefs' Meeting House) in exchange for the extension of an established 185-acre marine reserve as no-take for an additional minimum duration of 10 years. The Province of Penama consists of three islands: Pentecost, Ambae and Maewo, located north of the Vanuatu group. Towards the northern tip of Pentecost Island is Abwatuntora, one of the biggest communities in the area under the leadership of paramount chief Edward Rau. In 1999 Chief Rau led efforts by the community to preserve a portion of their coastal fishing ground covering approximately 185 acres as a no-take marine reserve for a period of 10 years. The marine reserve has been respectfully observed to the present day though there is no recognition from the government to support such an initiative. Abwatuntora has a population of over 300, mostly adults who have a strong respect for its chiefly systems. The community's traditional meeting house, known as the Nakamal, is in need of replacement. Seacology has funded the construction of a new meeting house as well as a water tank in exchange for the community extending the marine reserve for another 10 years.

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Left: Women create handicrafts to sell in a Seacology-funded ecotourism iniative in support of flying fox protection, Pemba Island, Tanzania (photo credit: Susan Racanelli). Right: Cook's Bay, Moorea, French Polynesia is home to the Seacology-funded Atitia Center (photo credit: Duane Silverstein).

PNG FOREST CONSERVATION LEADER RECEIVES 2009 SEACOLOGY PRIZE

Many foundations recognize exemplary achievements by scientists, educators, business leaders and other individuals who work towards conservation. Seacology has chosen to recognize heroic achieve-



Above: Filip Damen addresses community members (photo credit: Dr. George Weiblin).

ment by people who seldom receive any publicity: indigenous leaders who risk their own lives and well-being to protect their island's ecosystems and culture. The Seacology Prize is underwritten by Ken Murdock, President of Seacology, in honor of his mother, Lalovi Fish Murdock.

Mr. Filip Damen was awarded the 2009 Seacology Prize for his noble efforts to protect the low-land rainforests surrounding his home village of Wanang in Papua New Guinea. Mr.

Damen received the \$10,000 Prize on October 8, 2009 at a ceremony in San Francisco, California.

Wanang is a small village surrounded by vast lowland rainforests. Ten years ago, when the entire area of Lower Ramu was proposed by the PNG government as a logging concession, Filip Damen, an unschooled rural subsistence farmer with deep respect for his forest wilderness and traditions, recognized the threat. He taught himself to read and write, and led a group of 11 Wanang village clans to sign a historic conservation deed. This communal deed bound the clans in their refusal to allow loggers or the PNG government to exploit approximately 25,000 acres of their forests.

Refusing logging meant a loss of potential income for the community. With extraordinary vision, Filip approached the Binatang Research Center and PNG government with an invitation to conduct long-term research in Wanang forest, on the condition that his people could engage in jobs, healthcare and schooling without losing the forest, the basis of their cultural heritage. This year, the clans also built classrooms out of bush materials, attracted two registered teachers and enrolled over 100 students, including those from villages in the logging concession.

On accepting the prize, Filip Damen thanked Seacology in pidgin. Professor George Weiblen of the University of Minnesota translated his remarks. "It all started one day when my dogs were hunting a pig and we came across recent logging where big, fallen trees blocked our path... That was when I decided to protect my forest," said Mr. Damen. "My people feared how we would get money if not from selling timber. I told them that I didn't know but asked for their patience, and now that patience is paying off."

Seacology is proud to honor Filip Damen for his dedication, leadership and bravery in protecting his community's forests for future generations.

SEACOLOGY'S INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES PROGRAM

Though we have a very small staff, Seacology is truly an international organization. In the past three years, our global presence has increased in another significant way with the creation of our affiliates program. In 2007, Seacology Germany and Seacology Japan were established to help our friends in those nations raise funds to support Seacology's island projects. In 2008, Seacology U.K. (United Kingdom) was created, followed by Seacology Scandinavia in 2009.

These affiliates help increase the visibility of Seacology in their respective parts of the world. More importantly, they raise money to fund Seacology's international island conservation projects. Seacology Japan has already funded island projects in the Philippines, the Caribbean, Vietnam, the Seychelles, Fiji, Palau and Samoa. Seacology Germany has funded projects in Madagascar, Indonesia and the Philippines. Seacology U.K. has funded projects in Kenya, Micronesia and the Philippines; and Seacology Scandinavia has supported a project in Samoa.

We would like to thank the following board members of Seacology Japan, Seacology Germany, Seacology U.K. and Seacology Scandinavia for their trailblazing efforts, which will enable Seacology to launch more critical island-based projects in the coming years.

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SEACOLOGY FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Seacology Fellows program was created to honor committed donors who contribute \$2,000 or more per year. Along with our board members, contributions from fellows fund the ongoing operations of Seacology. Admission to the Fellows Program is by invitation only and includes the following special benefits:

- A complimentary invitation to the annual Seacology Prize ceremony. Each year, Seacology honors an outstanding indigenous island conservationist. Past recipients include Mr. Kokichi Kariya for his efforts to save one of the few remaining ancient forests on Honshu Island, Japan; Ketut Sarjana Putra for his efforts to protect endangered sea turtles in his native Bali, Indonesia; and Mr. Patrick Pate for his outstanding efforts to organize local indigenous communities in the highlands of his native Papua New Guinea.
- Advance notice of all Seacology trips. Seacology holds several expeditions per year to project sites in locations such as Indonesia,
 Micronesia, Fiji, Samoa and elsewhere. These trips offer an inside look at Seacology's successful island projects, as well as provide
 ample opportunity for scuba diving, snorkeling, hiking and other recreational activities.
- Acknowledgement on Seacology's website.
- Periodic listing in our semi-annual newsletter.
- Complimentary copy of the Bay Area Backroads Seacology Fiji Expedition DVD.
- Complimentary Seacology canvas bag.
- Complimentary Seacology lapel pin.
- Periodic special reports and articles throughout the year about Seacology's island projects.

For more information on the Seacology Fellows program, please email Seacology (islands@seacology.org) or call our office at 510-559-3505.

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SEACOLOGY JOINS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY



In 2010, Seacology joins the United Nations and many international conservation organizations as a partner of the "International Year of Biodiversity," with the purposes of celebrating and safeguarding the variety of life on earth. Working within this worldwide network, we hope to hightlight the importance of preserving biodiversity, and particularly the ecological richness found on islands where Seacology works. Learn more about Seacology's projects to protect island biodiversity around the world by visiting our website, www.seacology.org. For more information about the United Nations' International Year of Biodiversity, visit www.cbd.int/2010/welcome.

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If you are a Seacology Fellow, a longtime Seacology supporter, or are new to our cause and feel a great affinity for our purpose, perhaps now is the time for you to join the Island Legacy Society. The Island Legacy Society was created to recognize and honor individuals who treasure Seacology's mission and have expressed their commitment to ensure that our important work continues. Additionally, the Island Legacy Society is intended to encourage others to consider similar gifts that will allow future generations to benefit from our commitment to island conservation.

Here's how to join:

- Make a gift to Seacology in your estate plan with your accounting or investment professional.
- Contact Seacology's development department and we will send you a Letter of Intent to fill out and return to us.

We will acknowledge your gift by giving you recognition (with your permission) on our website and periodically in our newsletters, as well as invitations to Seacology events throughout the year. For more information on the kind of gifts you may want to make, please speak with your accounting or investment professional. In addition, our development department is available to help you with this simple process. We can be contacted via email at susan@seacology.org, or by phone at 510-559-3505, ext. 305.

We look forward to welcoming you into the Island Legacy Society soon. You will join the following dedicated members whose gifts will permanently help preserve the world's islands and their historic cultures for future generations.

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Left: Kids in Cunca Lolos Village on Flores Island, Indonesia, where Seacology has provided funding for a village fresh water system for children and others in exchange for support of 12,355 acres of no-take forest. Birdlife Indonesia has drafted a Nature Protection agreement with the involvement of all 27 villages around the Mbeliling Forest in their local dialect that will encompass rules and sanctions of the protected forest. Construction of the water system began in late 2009. (Photo credit: Arnaz Mehta.)

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SEACOLOGY PROJECT UPDATE: LAI RIVER, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Permanent footbridge in support of protection of a 10,329-acre forest conservation area for a minimum duration of 30 years.

In Papua New Guinea's western highlands, one of the nation's most remote areas, a number of small clans inhabit several valleys. Until recently, their only way of reaching neighbors, including the nearest government services, was via a multi-day trek that included crossing a narrow 262-foot cane bridge over the Lai River. The cane needed to be replaced every three months, a difficult and dangerous task. Seacology's PNG field representative Sam Moko visited the clans in late 2009 to lead the process of replacing the old cane bridge with a permanent metal one, funded by Seacology. In an inspiring display of community engagement, men, women and children from all valleys (pictured above) came together to complete the construction. Overcoming treacherous driving conditions to transport the materials, as well as several construction delays, the clans have finally completed their bridge, with impressive results (pictured right). (Photo credits: Sam Moko.)

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Public Support:

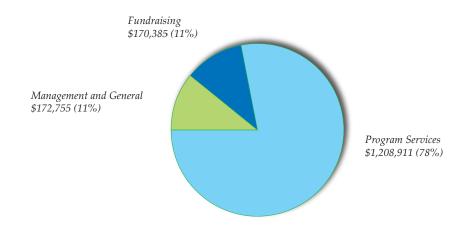
	Donations and Bequests	\$1,135,865
	In-kind Contributions	\$1,700
	Foundation Grants	\$462,619
	Total Public Support	\$1,600,184
Revenue:		
	Expedition Income, net of expenses	\$33,639
	Event Income, net of expenses	(\$15,150)
	Interest/Investment Income	\$116,271
	Income - Other	\$108
	Total Revenue	\$134,867
	Total Support and Revenue	\$1,735,051
Expenses:		
•	Program services	\$1,208,911
	Management and general	\$172,755
	Fundraising	\$170,385
	Total Expenses	\$1,552,051
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*Unaudited. The information in the 2009 Statement of Activities has been summarized by Seacology from reports on file at Seacology's office. To requst copies of previous years' audited financial statements prepared by Doran & Associates, please contact the Seacology office. 2009 audited financial statements will be available starting in June 2010.

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