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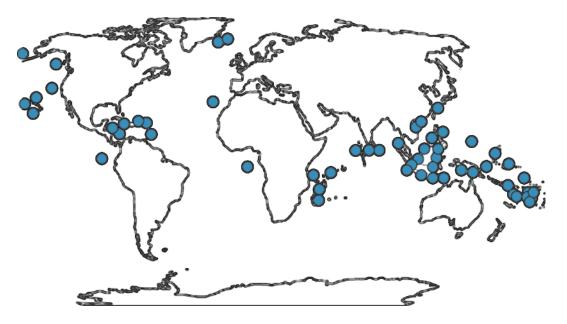




2005 Annual Report



Saving the world, one island at a time.



Seacology Projects: All Over the Map

American Samoa Andaman Islands Australia Belize (2) Cape Verde China Chuuk (2) Cook Islands Dominica East Timor Fiji (15) Galapagos Grand Cayman Iceland (2)

Indonesia (20) Kosrae (2) Madagascar (3) Madeira (2) Malaysia (2) Maldives Mexico (3) Palau (4) Papua New Guinea (6) Philippines (4) Pohnpei (3) Principe Samoa (3) Seychelles Solomon Islands Sri Lanka (3) Tahiti Taiwan Tanzania Thailand Tonga USA (5) U.S. Virgin Islands (St. Thomas) Vanuatu (2) Vietnam (2) Yap (3)

Cover photos: Top - Local volunteers relax while monitoring Madagascar Flying Foxes in Madagascar's Mangoro Region. Seacology has funded repairs to local schools and municipal offices in exchange for the protection of ten Flying Fox roosts totaling 321 acres. (Photo: Dr. Richard Jenkins.) Middle - A fisherman floats in a Seacology-funded no-take marine reserve off Sulawesi Island, Indonesia. (Photo: Arnaz Mehta.) Bottom - A group of Seacology's Japanese donors during a June 2005 expedition to Fiji. Here, Seacology Fellows Michie & Takemi Sekiguchi and Kimie Hongo are pictured with children from Veivatuloa Village. Trip participants visited the village school, distributing copies of the Fijian language version of the book "Fiji's Natural Heritage." (Photo: Atu Rasea.)

Message from Seacology Chairman Dr. Paul Cox



Dr. Paul Cox with a Nakalavu, Fiji villager. (Photo credit: Atu Rasea.)

Seacology is driven by a single purpose: to protect indigenous cultures and habitats on islands throughout the world. The model we use to accomplish this mission – building schools, clinics, community centers and other needed improvements in return for conservation covenants protecting precious rain forests, coral reefs and other island habitats - has been spectacularly successful. Over 100 projects have now been completed in island communities in 40 countries throughout the world.

Seacology appeals to both donors and indigenous peoples because we accomplish this mission with a minimum of red tape and bureaucracy, and with an extremely small but highly dedicated staff. Last year the Seacology Trustees and Fellows funded all administrative costs so that every other donated dollar could go straight to our island projects.

Part of the Seacology secret of success is building trusted relationships with village councils and village leaders. Conservation convenants are executed in the local language and according to local customs. At the time of this writing, these projects have resulted in the preservation of over 65,000 acres of forest and terrestrial habitats and over 1.7 million acres of coral reefs and other marine habitats.

I thank all of the individuals, corporations and foundations that have been so generous in helping Seacology accomplish so much throughout the world. This year, I extend a special thanks to Nu Skin's Force for Good Foundation for ten years of continuous support of Seacology projects. Thanks to all of you for making Seacology's mission possible.

Whether you are a potential donor, a foundation officer, an island leader, or just an interested individual, I invite you to join with Seacology. Please help us to save the world, one island at a time.

Paul Alan Cox, Ph.D.

Seacology Projects Have Saved:	Seacology Has Built or Funded:	
<pre>65,915 acres of island terrestrial habitat 1,716,014 acres of coral reef and other marine habitat</pre>	 67 schools, community centers, water systems and other critically needed facilities 24 scholarship programs, vital medical services and supplies, and other crucial support for island communities. 	



Coral reef cleanup, Iboih Village, Indonesia. (Photo: Dodent Mahyiddin, Rubiah Divers.)



Kawangkoan, Indonesia rainforest. (Photo: Arnaz Mehta.)



Chief Rae Boe, Mbili Village, Solomon Islands. (Photo: Graham Farrar.)

*The following projects were approved by Seacology's board of directors at their January 2005 and July 2005 meetings. *Support for asterisked projects is generously provided by the Nu Skin Enterprises Force for Good Foundation.*

FIJI, **Vuna Village**, **Taveuni Island – Construction of a kindergarten in exchange for the establishment of a 4,752-acre forest preserve and two marine protected areas totaling 3,100 acres**. Vuna Village has agreed to preserve 4,752 acres of dense forest for a minimum of ten years. In addition, the village has agreed to establish two no-take marine conservation areas: one 1,483-acre area for a duration of ten years, and one 1,527-acre area for a duration of 20 years. In exchange, Seacology is providing funds for the construction of a new kindergarten and adjacent administration block.

INDONESIA, Arborek Village, Gam Island, Papua – Village-wide solar power in exchange for the establishment of 46,080 acres of no-take reef and rainforests. Arborek Village has no electrical supply and depends on burning firewood for cooking, and kerosene for light. The community is willing to establish no-take zones including rainforest on four islands, fringing reef and a bay with mangrove forest which is feeding grounds for endangered leatherback turtles. In exchange for this sacrifice, Seacology is providing 60 watts of solar power for each house and the village church, and a VHF radio unit for communication between islands. *

INDONESIA, **Iboih Village**, **Weh Island**, **Sumatra** – **Coral reef clean-up and mangrove restoration in exchange for the establishment of a 35-acre permanent no-take mangrove forest reserve.** Weh Island was spared from serious devastation by the December 2004 tsunami, but debris from the island was deposited on the nearby reefs, and a large swath of mangroves was destroyed. Seacology has provided funding to replant 14,400 mangrove seedlings and clean up the debris that has been suffocating the reefs and remaining mangrove forest. In exchange, the people of Iboih Village have created a 35-acre permanent no-take mangrove forest reserve. *

INDONESIA, Kaibolafin Village, Kola Island, Maluku – Rainwater collection system and school reconstruction in exchange for the establishment of a 500-acre no-take forest reserve. Kaibolafin Village's 55 fishing families have relied on rainwater collected from the village church roof in a single dilapidated storage tank. During the dry season, the villagers have obtained fresh water from a forest well located two kilometers away or from neighboring islands. A severely broken-down school serves the needs of 70 elementary school students. The village is creating a 500-acre permanent no-take forest reserve. In exchange, Seacology is providing a new village rainwater catchment system as well as completing construction of the elementary school. *

INDONESIA, Kawangkoan Village, North Sulawesi – Elementary school reconstruction and school furniture in exchange for the establishment of a 75-acre permanent no-take forest reserve. Kawangkoan is a large village in the Minahasa highlands of North Sulawesi. As with the majority of public schools in Indonesia, Kawangkoan's elementary school is severely dilapidated and no funding is available for renovations. The village government is designating at least 75 acres of rainforest as a permanent no-take reserve in exchange for Seacology funding the rehabilitation of the elementary school.

INDONESIA, Pinasungkulan Village, North Sulawesi – Village-scale fresh water well system in exchange for the establishment of a 191-acre no-take rainforest reserve and a 98-acre no-take mangrove and coral reef reserve. The small coastal community of Pinasungkulan is desperate for a reliable fresh groundwater supply. In cooperation with the Bunaken National Park Concerned Citizen's Forum, the village is creating two permanent no-take marine and terrestrial reserves. In exchange for this sacrifice, Seacology is providing a much-needed new well system for the village. The protected rainforest is a new addition to the Seacology-supported contiguous no-take reserves already created by Kumu, Teling and Poopoh Villages. *

INDONESIA, Poopoh Village, North Sulawesi – Village-scale fresh water well system in exchange for the establishment of a 500-acre no-take forest reserve. Poopoh is a small coastal village in North Sulawesi with a population of about 320 families. The community's greatest need is for a reliable fresh groundwater supply. The villagers are willing to turn approximately 500 acres of intact hill forest into a permanent no-take zone. This protected forest is directly adjacent to the protected forests recently created by neighboring Kumu, Pinasungkulan and Teling Villages (all supported by Seacology). In exchange for this sacrifice, Seacology is providing Poopoh Village with a new village-scale fresh water system. *

INDONESIA, Teling Village, North Sulawesi – Upgrading and repairing an existing fresh water system in exchange for the establishment of a 250-acre no-take forest reserve. Due to the geography of the area, Teling has experienced water supply problems for many years. In exchange for an upgraded fresh water system, the village is willing to set aside an additional 250 acres of intact hill forest as a permanent no-take zone through the expansion of an existing village ordinance that currently protects 200 acres of Manembo-nembo forest.*

MADAGASCAR, Mangoro Region – Repair to 20 primary schools and seven municipal offices in exchange for the protection of ten Madagascar Flying Fox roosts totaling 321 acres. Because of hunting, fires and logging, many roosts of the Madagascar Flying Fox, which are important pollinators, have disappeared. In Madagascar's Mangoro Region, a close network of 12 small forest fragments holds up to 4,000 of these bats. Seven nearby communities are working with local organizations Arongam-panihy – Culture, Communication and Environment (ACCE), and Lamin'asa Fiarovana Ramanavy sy Fanigy to implement a *dina*, or social contract, to protect the roosts. In exchange for this agreement, Seacology is providing funding for badly-needed repairs to each of the seven community municipal offices and 20 primary schools near the roosts, as well as a flying fox education component for the local schools. *

MICRONESIA, Ununo, Fongen, and Onongoch Villages, Fefen Island, Chuuk – Upgrade and improvement of primary water systems in exchange for the establishment of the Oroor Forest Reserve. Known as a sacred area for generations, the Oroor watershed forest contains some of the most varied ecosystems in Micronesia. In exchange for the three local communities setting up a forest reserve and marine protected area totaling 500 acres, Seacology is funding the upgrade and improvement of community water delivery, storage and sewage systems.

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Opening of the Kumu, Indonesia school. (Photo: Arnaz Mehta.)



A Locally Managed Marine Area, Papua New Guinea. (Photo: Mahonia Na Dari.)



Re-roofing marine NGO offices, Papua New Guinea. (Photo: Mahonia Na Dari.)



Kanif-Magaf Mangrove Channel, Yap, Micronesia. (Photo: Charles Chieng, YapCAP.)



School of jacks, Marovo Lagoon, Solomon Islands. (Photo: Gordon Firestein.)



Sea turtle at the Nguna-Pele Marine Reserve, Vanuatu. (Photo: Nguna-Pele staff.)

2005 Seacology projects (continued from page 5)

MICRONESIA, Hatohobei State, Palau – Construction of a community dispensary in support of the conservation of 64,742 acres of reef, lagoon, atoll and territorial waters. Helen Island is Palau's largest community-designated Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA). Realizing the positive benefits of preserving their resources, the people of Hatohobei (Tobi) Island, located 40 miles away from Helen Reef, have collectively declared the entire Helen Reef as a community protected area. Seacology is providing funding for a much-needed community dispensary in support of the conservation of Helen Reef in perpetuity. *

MICRONESIA, Kahlap Village, Mwoakilloa Atoll, Pohnpei – Cement water catchments, two kayaks for monitoring turtle nesting areas, and new batteries for solar power units, in exchange for the establishment of three protected nesting sites and surrounding marine protected areas. Mwandohn and Uhrek, both uninhabited, and Kahlap, home to around 500 residents, are the three atolls that make up Mokil. The three islands have deep, sandy beaches that are ideal for nesting Green Sea and Hawksbill turtles. Residents are setting aside approximately 100 acres of beach and marine areas as protected. In exchange, Seacology is providing water catchments as well as kayaks for monitoring the protected areas, and batteries for village solar units.*

MICRONESIA, Kanif Village, Dalipebinaw, Yap – Construction of the Kanif Women's Center and rebuilding of a protective sea wall in exchange for the 5.5-acre Kanif Mangrove Reserve. The 75-acre Dalipebinaw Forest Reserve was established in 2002 in exchange for Seacology's support of the restoration of the ancient Tamilyog Stone Path. The community has decided to also protect the Kanif-Magaf mangrove forest and river channel. In exchange for setting aside the 5.5-acre forest reserve in perpetuity, Seacology is helping to fund the construction of the Kanif Women's Center and the reconstruction of the sea wall protecting the area. The Kanif Women's Center will serve as a learning center for traditional arts and crafts, as well as a gathering place where government agencies can meet with local women on issues of health, sustainable income-generating activities, etc. *

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Kimbe Bay, West New Britain Island – Re-roofing of buildings housing local marine conservation NGO for the expansion of a network of Locally Managed Marine Areas. A local NGO, Mahonia Na Dari (MND), has been working with four nearby communities to assist with the establishment of their own Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMAs). In exchange for Seacology's funding urgently-needed repairs to MND's buildings, the organization is assisting the people of Patanga and Garile villages in setting aside their two reef systems totaling 75 acres. They will be added to the Kimbe Bay LMMA program, the largest of its kind in PNG, to make a total of 23 protected areas covering some 1,050 acres, involving six villages with a total population of around 6,000.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Mt. Elimbari, Chimbu Province – Construction of a literacy school for the Gaigibi community in support of a 25-acre highlands forest conservation area. Almost all of Chimbu Province's existing old-growth forest is restricted to the least accessible isolated peaks of the region. The Gaigibi community, who live on the slopes of 9,020-foot Mt. Elimbari, has set aside 25 acres of forest as a community conservation project. To support this conservation area, Seacology will

provide funding for the construction and furnishing of a school building to be used for adult and child literacy teaching. Children and adults from 19 villages, with a total population of around 17,000, will be eligible to attend the school. *

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Sariba Island, Milne Bay Province – School buildings for the community of Sawasawaga in exchange for the establishment of a 25-acre coastal conservation area. The area surrounding Sawasawaga has exceptionally high marine biodiversity and is regularly frequented by the globally vulnerable dugong, and is home to the increasingly threatened crocodile. Seacology is providing funding to construct a new school for the Sawasawaga community and rehabilitate three existing teachers' houses. In exchange, the community will set up a minimum 25-acre combined marine and terrestrial protected area, which they will commit to protecting for a minimum of 10 years.*

SOLOMON ISLANDS, Mbili Village, Mijanga Island – School in exchange for the protection of 21 acres of marine reserves. Mbili Village is located on Mijanga Island, home to Marovo Lagoon, the world's largest lagoon with a double barrier reef and a celebrated dive destination. Among the village infrastructure in disrepair is the primary school, which serves around 50 children. In exchange for the construction of a new school building, the village is willing to protect a 12-acre uninhabited island and two marine areas totaling nine acres for a minimum of 10 years.

VANUATU, Espiritu Santo – Construction of a community center in exchange for protection of a 6,735-acre forest reserve. Vanuatu, formerly called New Hebrides, is an island nation located west of Fiji in the South Pacific. Espiritu Santo is Vanuatu's largest island. The largest remaining forest on the plains of Vanuatu is the 6,735-acre Vatthe Conservation Area (VCA). The local villages are willing to extend the duration of the protected area for another 20 years. In exchange for this sacrifice, Seacology has constructed a much-needed community center.

VANUATU, Nguna and Pele Islands – Infrastructure and equipment for the Nguna-Pele Marine Protected Area. Nguna and Pele Islands are small volcanic islands surrounded by fringing reefs located approximately four miles off the north coast of Vanuatu's principal island of Efate. The Nguna-Pele Marine Protected Area (MPA) is operated by a local organization made up of nine island communities. The total area of protected reefs, seagrass beds, mangrove forests and intertidal lagoon now exceeds 7,413 acres. Many tour operators have approached the MPA regarding the possibility of offering day visits by marine enthusiasts and ecotourists. In support of the Nguna-Pele MPA, Seacology is providing funding for construction, furnishing and a solar power system for a new base office.

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Children at the opening of the Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu community center. (Photo: Duane Silverstein.)



Seram Island, Indonesia medical clinic. (Photo: Project Birdwatch.)



Mangrove seedlings, Andaman Islands. (Photo: COPDANET.)

2005 Seacology Prize and Special Lifetime Achievement Award

At an October 25 ceremony in San Francisco, California, Patrick Pate was awarded the 2005 Seacology Prize for his outstanding efforts to organize local indigenous communities in the highlands of his native Papua New Guinea. The indigenous residents of the Mt. Bosavi region are intimately dependent upon their environment, which encompasses about 2,000,000 acres of virgin rainforest. The ecological and social integrity of the region and surrounding areas has been threatened in recent years by proposals to log over 2.5 million acres of forest. Pate has created awareness in the Bosavi area about the importance of and threats to the natural environment, and has worked to empower people to take more control over the fate of their land and livelihoods.

The Seacology Prize is awarded annually to an indigenous islander for exceptional achievement in preserving the environment and culture of any of the world's 100,000-plus islands. The recipient receives a \$7,500 award and trophy. The Seacology Prize is underwritten by Ken Murdock, president of Seacology, in honor of his mother, Lalovi Fish Murdock.

At the 2005 Seacology Prize ceremony, a special Seacology Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Felix Sugirtharaj of India for his dedication in protecting the mangrove forests and livelihoods of fisherpeople in the Andaman Islands, and particularly for his tireless work coordinating relief efforts in the wake of the devastating December 26, 2004 tsunami. Dr. Sugirtharaj received a check for \$7,500 as well as a trophy.

Seacology salutes both these courageous gentlemen for their selfless dedication in protecting the environments and cultures of their home islands.





Above: 2005 Seacology Prize recipient Patrick Pate (in headdress) during a September 2004 Seacology expedition to Papua New Guinea. Pate has been instrumental in protecting the pristine rainforests of the remote, vast Mt. Bosavi region. (Photo: Jon Stansbury.)

Left: Special Seacology Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Dr. Felix Sugirtharaj (second from left) distributes aid following the devastating December 26, 2004 tsunami. Dr. Sugirtharaj was lauded for his tireless work to coordinate tsunami relief efforts on India's Andaman Islands. (Photo: COPDANET.)

Seacology Tsunami Relief Fund Helps Rebuild Lives, Livelihoods

fter the devastating tsunami that struck Asia on December 26, 2004, Seacology took immediate action and established a Tsunami Relief Fund. Unlike other relief funds. Seacology chose to target four villages where its locally-based volunteers live and work to ensure that one hundred percent of the over \$260,000 raised went directly to assist victims of the tsunami. The four communities with Seacology projects affected by the tsunami were Kiralakele, Sri Lanka, where Seacology has funded a Mangrove Resource Center, Mangrove Products Store and library; Kendhoo Island, the Maldives, where Seacology funded the construction of a kindergarten in exchange for the village's commitment to banning the harvesting of sea turtle eggs; Trang Province, Thailand, where Seacology has supported dugong conservation and habitat protection projects; and the village of Kadachang on India's Andaman Islands, where Seacology



Local fishermen with a Seacology-funded fiberglass fishing canoe, Kiralakele Village, Sri Lanka. (Photo: Anuradha Wickramasinghe.)

has constructed a Mangrove Resource Center. In addition to other relief efforts, Seacology repaired or replaced all of these damaged projects with generous support from the Nu Skin Force for Good Foundation.

To aid the villages beyond repairing the damaged projects, in typical Seacology fashion, on-the-ground representatives were contacted and asked to determine what local residents affected by the tsunami wanted to help reconstruct their lives and livelihoods. In the Andaman Islands, villagers received chickens, goats and sewing machines for an alternative



Mrs. Mani Ali of Koh Muk Village, Thailand, one of two widows who received a new house from Seacology. Their families were ineligible for government assistance due to their status as renters. (Photo: Yadfon.) livelihood program, as well as aid for boat, house and small infrastructure repairs. In Sri Lanka, Seacology provided fishing nets and boats so that local people can once again earn a living. As well, Seacology provided funds to rebuild and repair 30 drinking wells and sanitary facilities for 97 families, and for the reconstruction of a fishing community hall. In the Maldives, Seacology's Tsunami Relief Fund provided a grant to Kendhoo to replace damaged furniture, equipment, plants and trees for village houses and the main school building. Additionally, the Tsunami Relief Fund provided a grant to purchase and install two village desalinization plants to replace the fresh water wells in Kendhoo and on nearby Kamadhoo Island that turned brackish after tsunami damage.

In Thailand, local people noted that the tsunami damage was not as great in areas where the Seacology-funded project had protected buffering seagrass beds and mangroves. Seacology's Tsunami Relief Fund provided a grant to Yadfon, the local organization that ran the Seacology project, to reconstruct houses and replace or rebuild fishing boats and fishing equipment at Koh Muk Village. As well, funds were provided to build new houses for two poor and widowed families in the area. Also provided were materials to 99 fishers to repair or replace their boats, and materials to 340 fishers to make new fishing equipment.

Seacology is grateful to the many donors of the Tsunami Relief Fund for their caring and generosity in the face of this tragic natural disaster.

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In 2005, Seacology established the Island Legacy Society to honor those who have included Seacology in their estate plans. The Society was created to ensure that coral reefs, tropical rainforests and island cultures are here for future generations. You can make a contribution in any amount in any of the following ways: bequest in your will; gift of real estate, securities or other property; charitable trust; life insurance policy; retirement plan beneficiary designation; or in some other way you choose. Contact Susan Racanelli about the many ways that you can help (tel: 510-559-3505 or email: susan@seacology.org).

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Seacology Recognized as Most Innovative Nonprofit in California

In 2005, Seacology was awarded the Achievement in Innovation Award from the California Association of Nonprofits. The award was in response to the organization's unique relief efforts in response to the Dec. 26, 2004 tsunami that devastated communities in Southeast Asia and along the shores of the Indian Ocean. The honor was presented at the association's annual meeting in San Francisco. Because major charities and relief efforts were dealing with the immediate needs of survivors, Seacology concentrated on longer-term issues, focusing their efforts on four villages (see story page 9). Every single penny of the over \$260,000 raised went directly to the villages, providing vital repairs to infrastructure, and materials and equipment with which to rebuild their livelihoods. California is home to countless innovative nonprofits. We are extremely honored to be recognized as the most innovative nonprofit in the state in 2005.

Villagers in Kiralake, Sri Lanka with Seacology-funded fishing nets. (Photo: Anuradha Wickramasinghe.)



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Statement of Financial Activity, Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2005*

Public Support:		
	Donations and Bequests	\$908,592.31
	In-kind Contributions	\$23,630.00
	Foundation Grants	\$393,961.50
	Total Public Support	\$1,326,183.81
Revenue:		
	Expedition Income, net of expenses	\$5,091.07
	Event Income, net of expenses	\$604.70
	Interest/Investment Income	\$71,337.54
	Income - Other	\$723.62
	Total Revenue	\$77,756.93
	Total Support, Revenue and Transfers	\$1,403,940.74
Expenses:		
1	Program services	\$960,495.56
	General and administrative	\$113,462.87
	Fundraising	\$149,559.42
	Total Expenses	\$1,223,517.85
Change in net assets:		\$180,422.89
Net Assets, beginr	ing of year:	\$2,197,241.00
Net Assets, end of	year:	\$2,377,663.89

*Unaudited. The information in the 2005 Statement of Activities has been summarized by Seacology from reports on file at Seacology's office. To request copies of previous years' audited financial statements prepared by Bunker & Company, Certified Public Accountants, please contact the Seacology office.

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