

# SEACOLOGY

2017 ANNUAL REPORT





# Seacology is dedicated to protecting island environments around the world.

## Why islands?

The extinction crisis facing ecosystems around the world is most threatening on islands, where over half of all animal extinctions in the past 500 years have occurred. From coral reefs to mangrove forests, the world's islands house a multitude of unique habitats and wildlife.

At the same time, island communities are under increased

pressure to boost economic development, even at the cost of environmental damage. As many of the world's most vulnerable islands are also among the smallest, these ecological gems are often overlooked.

Our win-win approach tackles both environmental threats and humanitarian challenges, creating marine and terrestrial reserves

on islands while improving the quality of life for the local communities.

We find solutions by asking islanders to identify a communal need Seacology can provide, such as a school or a freshwater-delivery system. In exchange, the village agrees to protect a nearby marine or terrestrial area.



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Sri Lankan women meet with Seacology and Sudeesa staff members.



Board members Ken Murdock and Paul Cox speak with ABS-CBN News in the Philippines about the Seacology Prize.



Seacology staff and our project partners at Orika, Colombia.

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#### Africa

Dishon Lionel Murage *East Africa*

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 Seacology Germany





Children at Puncak Baru, Indonesia



Members of the Sri Lankan navy have become valuable partners in protecting mangroves.



Our project at Terian, Malaysia provides the village with sustainable electricity.

**W**e are pleased to share with you our progress in protecting island habitats and cultures in this 2017 Annual Report.

Seacology has emerged as the premier island conservation in the world, with over 290 projects in 60 different countries. Our projects are based on funding construction of a school, medical clinic, water supply, or other needed public good in return for villagers promising to protect a rain forest, coral reef, or other precious island habitat. In this win-win approach, island villages do not become supplicants dependent on foreign aid, but instead are full-fledged partners with Seacology in conserving precious island ecosystems.

Although we typically work with village councils and island leaders in these efforts, our most ambitious project to date has involved working with an entire island nation. In return for Seacology funding mangrove nurseries, a wonderful mangrove museum, and providing microloan assistance for 15,000 impoverished coastal women to begin their own businesses, the government of Sri Lanka is protecting all of the island's coastal forests. The Sri Lankan navy has been tasked with overseeing protection of the mangrove forests, and they are proving to be highly effective stewards of Sri Lankan biodiversity.

All of the conservation projects you will read about in this report have been administered by a very small staff at Seacology, and overseen by



William Marré

an entirely volunteer board. Seacology has, in a sense, become a highly efficient machine in translating a donor dollar into a conservation outcome.

The family of one of Seacology's cofounders and the individual who coined our organization's name, Bill Marré, can be very proud of Seacology's ongoing success. Bill died while surfing in February; we will miss him and his contributions to the world.

Sincerely,

Paul Alan Cox,  
Chair, Seacology Board of Directors



**S** eacology continues to spend the vast majority of our budget on our conservation programs, helping us to again earn a four-star rating from Charity Navigator (its highest score). In 2017, 85% of our spending went to programmatic expenses, up about 1% from 2016.

In 2017, Seacology received a nearly \$1 million grant from the Global Resilience Partnership to support our work in Sri Lanka. Various other foundations, our Seacology Fellows, individual donors, and board members contributed the majority of our other funding (see next page).

### Expenses



■ Conservation programs  
■ Management and General  
■ Fundraising

### Public Support



■ Donations and bequests  
■ Foundation grants  
■ In-kind contributions

## Statement of financial activity

January 1 through December 31, 2017<sup>1</sup>

### Support and Revenue

Foundation grants	\$1,137,537
Donations and bequests	\$1,334,509
In-kind contributions	\$820
<b>Total public support</b>	<b>\$2,472,866</b>

Expedition Income, net of expenses	(\$10,352)
Interest/investment income	\$631,885
Miscellaneous	\$1,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$622,533</b>
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>\$3,095,399</b>

### Expenses

Program services	\$2,407,209
Management and general	\$171,415
Fundraising	\$239,593
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$2,818,217</b>

<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>\$277,182</b>
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<sup>1</sup>These figures are unaudited. To request copies of previous years' audited financial statements prepared by Doran & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, please contact the Seacology office. The 2017 audited financial statements will be available in June 2018.



## CHIEF ULU FELLOWS

(\$25,000 or more)

Anonymous  
Argus Fund  
Robert Epstein and Amy Roth  
Maja Kristin  
Alice and Leslie E. Lancy Foundation  
William and Eva Price  
Suriyakumar Family Trust  
Nadine Tang and Bruce Smith  
Stephen Silberstein  
Newman and Zeneth Ward Family Foundation

## ISLAND FELLOWS

\$10,000-\$24,999

Anonymous  
Albert Chao  
Robert Dion and Mary O'Malley  
Friedman Family Foundation  
Robert and Rosemary Heil  
Arthur Kern  
Mariposa Fund  
Anne Symchych  
Paul and Leigh Tischler

## SEACOLOGY FELLOWS

\$2,000-\$9,999

Anonymous  
Yvonne Adams and Jeremy Green  
John and Betty Altman  
Larry and Wendy Barels  
Linda Benge  
Renee Boicourt  
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Pete and Mimi Buckley  
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Mary Love May and Paul Gabrielson  
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Patagonia.com  
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Kathryn and Charley Selvidge  
Ruth Shapiro  
Duane Silverstein and Marcia Stewart  
Judah Slavkovsky

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Christine Symchych and James McNulty  
Maria Taft Swanson  
Cherri and Randall Tom  
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Todd Werby and Nonie Greene  
Wayne and Julissa Westerman  
Gregory and Patti White  
Scott Wilson and Lucy Cummings

*Seacology is fortunate to receive many gifts under \$2,000. Space limitations prevent us from listing the name of each donor, but we deeply appreciate every contribution to Seacology. Each gift we receive is important to our efforts to protect the world's islands.*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2017, all Seacology Board members made generous personal gifts. Board contributions represent a significant portion of Seacology's total fundraising. We are most grateful for the generosity and leadership of each Seacology Board member.





#### CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS

Anonymous	Gartner Inc.	Now & Zen
AmazonSmile Foundation	Global Resilience Partnership, the Global	Nu Skin Enterprises
Anthesis Group	Resilience Challenge Water Window,	Force For Good Foundation
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Baugh Foundation	Hellman Foundation	Reef and Rainforest
Bernard Osher Foundation	International Foundation	ShipWrecked Supplies
The Bruning Foundation	Jamieson Foundation	Sidley Austin
The Keith Campbell Foundation	Just Give	Smart Family Foundation
for the Environment, Inc.	Lawrence Foundation	Sony Music Entertainment
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East Bay Community Foundation	Matson Foundation	Newman and Zeneth Ward
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Flora Family Foundation	Moore Family Foundation	Wild Geese Foundation
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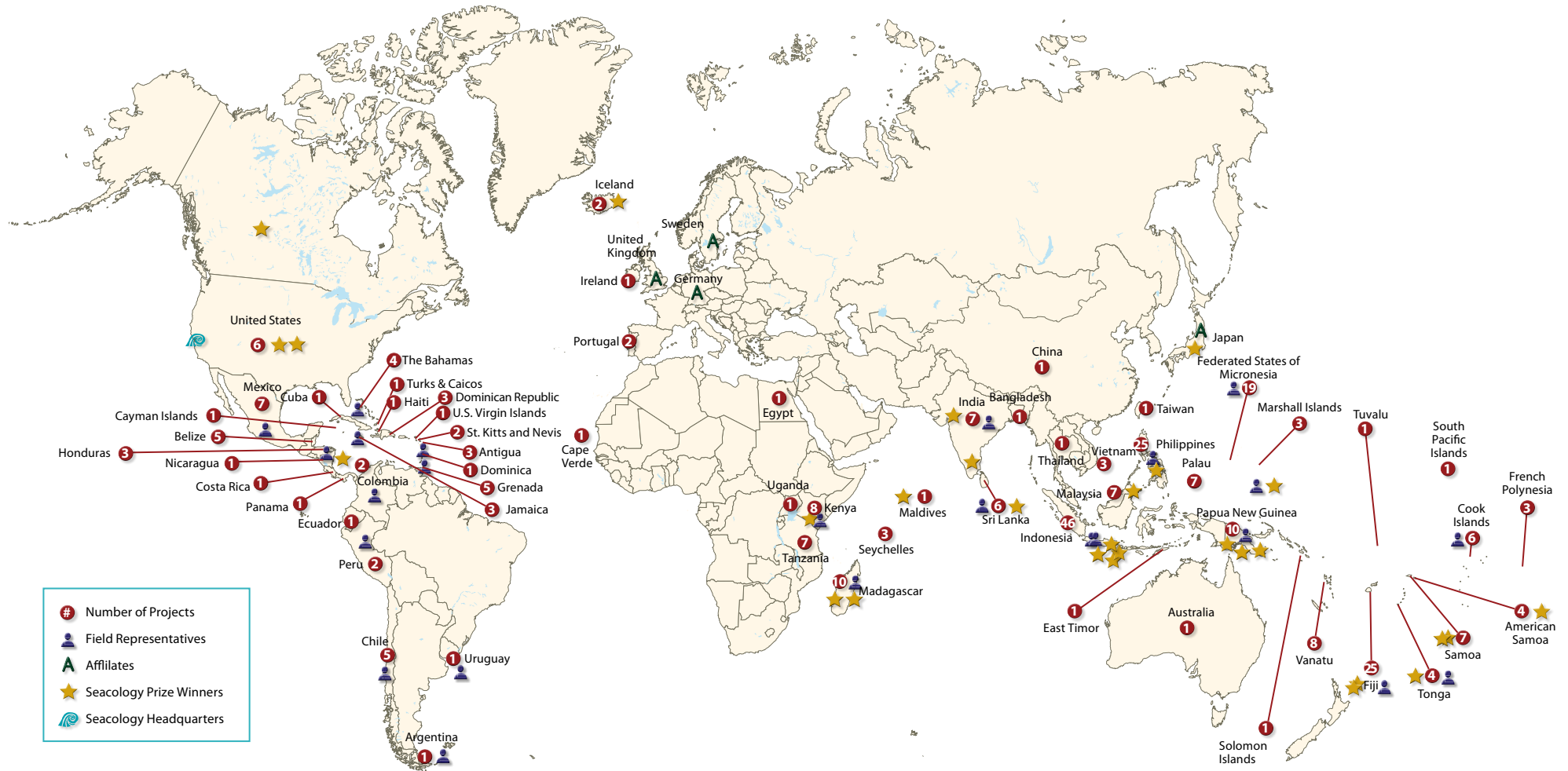
Anonymous	Doug and Leni Herst	Joseph and Catherine Scalzo
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Members of the Island Legacy Society have made a commitment to protecting islands for future generations to enjoy by making a planned gift to Seacology. To join the Island Legacy Society:

- Make a gift to Seacology in your estate plan through your financial advisor.
- Contact Seacology's Development Department at (510) 559-3505 or [islands@seacology.org](mailto:islands@seacology.org), and we will send you a Letter of Intent to complete and return to us.





## SEACOLOGY AROUND THE WORLD

298 projects in 60 countries • Approximately 1.3 million acres protected •  
23 Field Representatives, four international affiliates, eight full-time staff



# SAVING SRI LANKA'S MANGROVES

2017 marked the halfway point for Seacology's five-year Lanka Mangrove Conservation Project. Our first nationwide effort continued to make steady progress toward comprehensive protection of Sri Lanka's mangrove forests. The project also promotes sustainable livelihoods in

disadvantaged communities where development might otherwise threaten these ecosystems.


The program received a major funding boost early in the year when Seacology was selected to receive a grant from the Global Resilience

Partnership's Water Window Challenge. The nearly \$1 million grant allowed us to expand the program's job-training component, fund a new training center in the country's north and supplement the microfinance program.




Sri Lankan youths help plant mangroves at a commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Montreal Protocol, which banned substances harmful to the ozone layer.





The new training center under construction in the country's northern Mannar District. This facility, funded by a large grant from the Global Resilience Partnership, will serve thousands of women annually, training them in sustainable job skills. The area was disproportionately affected by the Sri Lankan civil war, which ended in 2009.



A photograph showing two men in a mangrove forest. The man on the left is wearing a red cap, a white t-shirt, and red track pants with three white stripes down the side. The man on the right is wearing a red and black striped polo shirt with 'BLACK WORKS' on the sleeve and blue and white striped shorts. They are both focused on a vertical concrete pillar that has been painted with alternating red and yellow horizontal bands. The pillar is positioned next to a tree trunk. The ground is muddy and covered with fallen leaves and mangrove roots. The background is filled with dense mangrove vegetation and trees.

Our project funds the demarcation of all of Sri Lanka's intact mangrove forests. In 2017, this work continued, marking the boundaries of the newly protected habitats and cataloguing where Sri Lanka's 22 native species of mangrove are found.



# 2017 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Tourists cross a bridge through mangroves built as part of our project at Setapuk Besar, Indonesia





## FIJI

Nukubalavu,  
Vanua Levu

The school building heavily damaged by Cyclone Winston has been completely repaired and expanded and is once again being used. Field representative Pettine Simpson and program manager Mary Randolph visited for a re-opening celebration in July, complete with ribbon-cutting, wonderful food, and music.





## COLOMBIA

Orika  
Isla Grande

In our first project in Colombia, Seacology is helping Isla Grande's residents establish an effective waste-management system. The island is an increasingly popular destination for ecotourism, and the people of Orika are beginning to capitalize on this potential.





## INDIA

Webi Village  
Middle Andaman Island

The Seacology-funded crafts center is now operating and hosting local events. Hundreds of people recently attended environmental education and alternative-livelihood workshops, and 75,000 mangroves grown in nurseries established by the project were planted.





## INDONESIA

Puncak Baru  
West Java

Community members repaired and reinforced a 1.5-km section of canal that supplies the rice-growing village of Puncak Baru, and will complete the project after planting this year's crop. They have also planted many trees along the canal route and are actively protecting 2,325 acres of forest in the area.





## IRELAND

### Lodge Bog

Our first-ever project in Ireland is also our first to restore a peatland habitat. Lodge Bog is an effective carbon sinks that also serve as the breeding ground for the Eurasian Curlew. These birds have experienced a major decline in population in Ireland due to habitat loss.





## KENYA

Sii Island

Seacology funded a new office, watchtowers, and community outreach programs for local rangers, to protect almost 2,000 acres of mangrove forest here. Close to the border with Tanzania, Sii Island's mangroves and symbiotic reef habitats foster 124 species of coral and nearly 250 species of fish.



## MADAGASCAR

Antsahaberaoka

Last year, Cyclone Enawo destroyed the footbridge in this remote village. It has now been rebuilt, allowing children from both sides of the river to get to school (a building also funded by Seacology, and undamaged) safely.







## MALAYSIA

Mangkadait Village  
Borneo

Our first project in Malaysia since 2009 protects 400 acres of rainforest and provides the people of Mangkadait with a 10-kilometer water pipeline to deliver a reliable source of fresh water. The installation of the pipe is proceeding after delays due to heavy rain.



## PERU

Foca Island

Our first project in Peru was completed in 2017. The rich biodiversity on and around Foca Island—which sits at the confluence of the cold and warm currents south of the Equator—is now protected by a 24,000-acre marine reserve. The Seacology-funded interpretive center on the mainland officially opened in August.





## PHILIPPINES

Taal Lake  
Luzon Island

Seacology funded repair of a storm-damaged conservation center and eco-tourism facility, in support of a 2,471-acre fish sanctuary. The building now features solar power, a rain catchment and storage system, and other upgrades.





## TONGA

'Atata Island

The people of 'Atata have long sought to rebuild their community hall, which was damaged in a cyclone in the 1980s. Now they are doing just that with the help of a Seacology grant. The project will help support fishing restrictions in a 440-acre marine reserve, which is managed by the community.



# PROJECTS BEGUN IN 2017



Photo by Mary Randolph

Traditional dancers perform at a celebration of the launch of our project at Kirepwe Island, Kenya.



# NEW PROJECTS

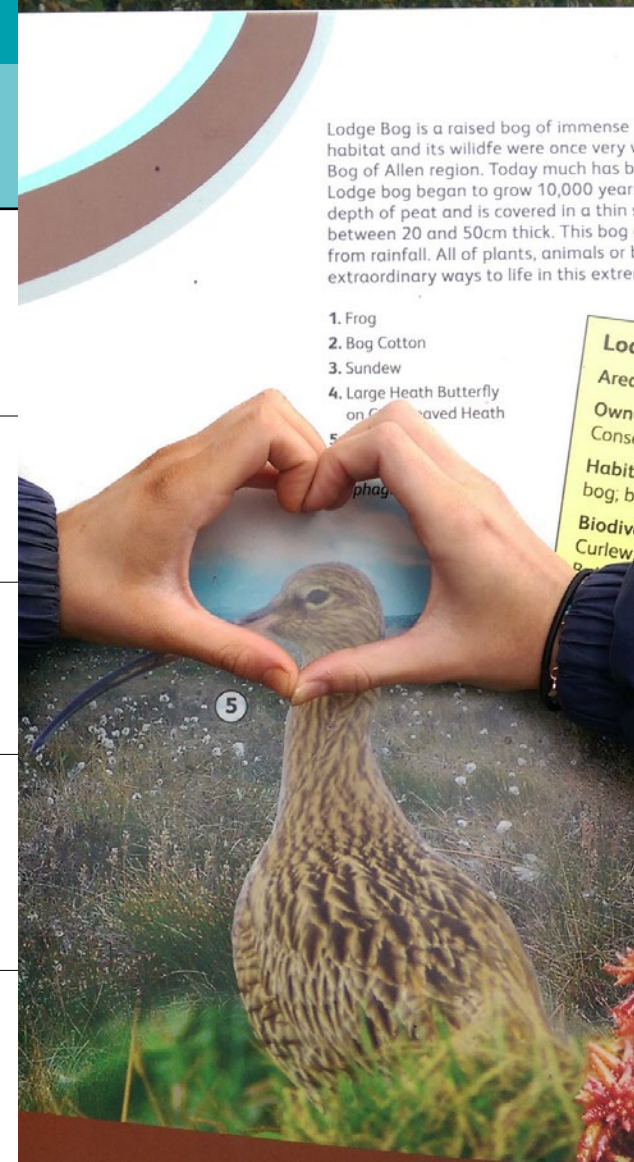
LOCATION	COMMUNITY BENEFIT	ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT
<b>Chile</b> Doña Sebastiana Island	Development of management plan, ecotourism equipment	Establishment of a marine protected area
<b>Colombia</b> Orika, Isla Grande	Waste-processing facility and management plan	Pollution reduction
<b>Colombia</b> Providencia	Education and outreach campaign	Support of a ban on catching parrotfish
<b>Cook Islands</b> Mangaia	Refurbishing of school and purchase of equipment for skilled trades courses	Protection of 4,500 acres of forest habitat of the Mangaia kingfisher for 15 years
<b>Dominican Republic</b> Las Garitas	Mangrove boardwalk for environmental education and ecotourism	Awareness and promotion of mangrove ecosystem conservation



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Seacology launched  
**21**  
new projects in 2017



# NEW PROJECTS

LOCATION	COMMUNITY BENEFIT	ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT
<b>Dominican Republic</b> Montecristi Province 	Training and employment of youth in kayak mangrove tourism	Community engagement in mangrove protection
<b>Dominican Republic</b> Oviedo Lagoon	Capacity-building and infrastructure for ecotourism	Community patrol and monitoring in Jaragua National Park
<b>Grenada</b> Carriacou Island	Materials and training for women's crafts cooperative	Mangrove replanting in 19-acre area, conservation of mangroves and sea turtle nesting habitat for 10 years
<b>Indonesia</b> Pantai Bahagia Village	Community center to promote mangrove education and water-storage tanks	Protection of 50 acres of mangroves plus replanting of 197 acres for 15 years
<b>Indonesia</b> Setapuk Besar 	Community and mangrove education center and bridge	Protection of 741-acre mangrove forest for 15 years



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**564,216**  
acres of terrestrial  
habitat protected  
by Seacology



# NEW PROJECTS

LOCATION	COMMUNITY BENEFIT	ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT
<b>Ireland</b> Lodge Bog 	Environmental education for schoolchildren	Restoration of 86 acres of ecologically valuable peatland and increased habitat for the threatened curlew
<b>Kenya</b> Kirepwe Island	Water cistern construction and repair and mangrove replanting	Protection of a 865-acre mangrove forest for 20 years
<b>Malaysia</b> Mangkadait Village	Installation of 10-kilometer, gravity-fed pipe to provide clean water	Protection of 600-acre forest watershed for 20 years
<b>Mexico</b> Cozumel	Video for visitors to Cozumel on best environmental practices	Environmental education
<b>Mexico</b> Holbox Island	Toilet facilities with rainwater collection and storage system and solar-powered water treatment system	Pollution reduction and replanting of 2.5-acre deforested area



**735,473**  
acres of marine  
habitat protected  
by Seacology





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## NEW PROJECTS

LOCATION	COMMUNITY BENEFIT	ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT
<b>Palau</b> Ngerkeklau Island 	Environmental education, construction of pier, plant nursery, and storage for educational equipment	Permanent protection of 37 acres of dugong and sea turtle habitat
<b>Peru</b> Whalebone and Love Islands	Interpretive center in Puerto Pizarro, trash collection, and interpretive trail on Love Island	Protection of 1,235 acres and reforestation of five acres of mangroves for 15 years
<b>Philippines</b> Agdangan Municipality	Construction of an environmental education center and 400-meter mangrove boardwalk	Protection of two no-take fish sanctuaries (301 acres total) and 124 acres of mangroves for 15 years
<b>Philippines</b> Batuhan, Mindoro Island 	Daycare center for village children	Protection of 132 acres of mangrove forest for 30 years and mangrove nursery
<b>Tonga</b> 'Atata Island	Alternative livelihood program and rebuilding of community center	Support of a 440-acre fish habitat reserve for 15 years



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2017 SEACOLOGY PRIZE WINNER

**GINA LOPEZ**

Our 2017 Seacology Prize recipient sacrificed political power to stand up to powerful mining interests

## SEACOLOGY Prize

**G**ina Lopez has long been an outspoken champion of social and environmental causes in the Philippines. As chair of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, she led the cleanup of 17 tributaries of the badly polluted Pasig River. Her leadership revitalized the La Mesa Watershed, the last remaining rainforest in metro Manila, and removed pollution from a reservoir that supplies drinking water to 12 million Filipinos.

As a leader of the Save Palawan Island movement, Lopez lobbied against powerful and environmentally destructive mining interests in the country, putting her at odds with an influential force in the nation's legislature.

The dispute intensified in 2016, when Ms. Lopez became acting secretary of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). She established the first-ever forums for consultations between the DENR and indigenous groups, and shut down illegal fish pens in the country's largest lake. But her strongest actions were directed squarely at mining operations, especially heavily polluting nickel mines. She banned open-pit mines and moved to shut down more than half of the operations of the country's mining companies.

These bold actions cost Ms. Lopez her job. In May 2017, the members of a congressional commission on appointments—some of whom had ties to the mining industry—voted her out. But inside government or out, she has vowed to keep fighting. She has already started I LOVE (Investments in Loving Organizations for Village Economies), to lift Filipinos out of poverty by building green businesses at the grassroots level.

### ABOUT THE SEACOLOGY PRIZE

Many foundations recognize exemplary achievements by scientists, educators, business leaders, and other individuals who work toward conservation. Seacology has chosen to recognize heroic achievement 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, Vice Chair of Seacology, in memory of his mother, Lalovi Fish Murdock.



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Duane Silverstein: mangrove conservationist

*East Bay Times*, March 14, 2017  
Berkeley conservation group seeks support for Chile project

*Santa Cruz Sentinel*, March 16, 2017  
Earth Matters: Conservation group's winning strategy to protect island communities

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Berkeley conservation group wins \$1 million grant for Sri Lanka project (reposted at Daily Mirror)

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U.S. nonprofit organization Seacology wins \$1 million grant for Sri Lanka mangrove conservation project

*The Source Magazine*, March 20, 2017  
Water Window Challenge winners announced

*Devex*, March 21, 2017  
Why the momentum for mangroves?

## Climate concerns fuel more travel to fragile corners of the world



As environmental concerns grow, the travel industry has seen an increased demand for climate-focused trips.

By Elaine Glusac  
Chicago Tribune

JUNE 23, 2017, 9:31 AM | COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Amid piles of dried chiles, straw baskets and ripe papaya, Jeevanti Chatuvina's wares — represented by her sister modeling a gold-studded red sari, dramatic eyeliner and a perfectly coiffed chignon — glamorized the weekly market found on the edge of a lagoon lush with mature mangroves about an hour's drive north of Colombo in Sri Lanka.

Her bridal beauty business, like the others at the pop-up, represents the economic link between protecting the mangroves — as nurseries of the island's fish stocks, tsunami buffers and CO2 sinks — and sustaining communities dependent on them.

"We can't do mangrove conservation without the people," said Anuradha "Anu" Wickramasinghe, co-founder of Sudeesa, a Sri Lanka nonprofit advocating for small-scale fishing and farming operations. It was his idea to provide business training and \$100 micro-loans to some of the poorest women in coastal fishing communities in exchange for their protection of the vital ecosystem, applying a social fix to an environmental problem caused

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To Combat Climate Change, Sri Lanka Protects Its Mangroves

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Lessons on conservation from 'the land of eternal mangroves'

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Climate concerns fuel more travel to fragile corners of the world

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Mangrove forests disappearing faster than average forest loss

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Explore the unexpected beauty of Sri Lanka's mangroves

*Friday Magazine*, September 15, 2017  
The breathtaking life of a seaweed collector

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How an Activist Minister in Philippines Took On the Mining Barons

*The Philippine Star*, October 8, 2017  
Gina wins honor after CA rejection

*The Manila Times*, October 10, 2017  
Gina Lopez's Seacology Prize

*The Philippine Daily Inquirer*, October 10, 2017  
Lopez wins US-based Seacology Prize; reflects on her time in gov't

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Achieve! Gina Lopez wins Seacology Prize, \$10K for environmental drive

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Filipina wins top prize for work in protecting Philippine environment

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I'm a Geographer—Gina Lopez: Environmental activist in the Philippines

*Good News Pilipinas*, October 19, 2017  
Gina Lopez bags Int'l prize for championing islands ecosystems

*Coconuts Manila*, October 23, 2017  
Despite rejection as environmental secretary, Gina Lopez continues campaign vs open-pit mines



*Ecologist*, December 1, 2017  
Meet the woman drumming up resistance against mining companies and future typhoons in the Philippines

*ABS CBN News*, December 5, 2017  
Here's why Gina Lopez won top award in environment protection

*Atin Ito*, December 5, 2017  
Gina Lopez wins Seacology Prize

*Manila Bulletin*, December 6, 2017  
This lady isn't for turning...

*Manila Bulletin*, December 6, 2017  
California-based conservation group recognizes Gina Lopez for untiring environmental advocacy

*Philippine Star*, December 7, 2017  
Gina Lopez wins Seacology award





## Explore Peru

AUGUST 5-15, 2017

Join Seacology as we visit the home of the Incas.  
Visit our first project in Peru and experience  
the country's best ancient and modern attractions,  
from Lima to Machu Picchu.



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In August, Seacology led its first-ever trip to the South American nation of Peru. Our guests visited our first project in the country, at Foca Island, and toured iconic sites including the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu.

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