



2019 Annual Report

Why islands?

Seacology is dedicated to protecting island environments around the world.

Seacology focuses only on islands because in the last 500 years, more than half of all animal extinctions have occurred on islands. They are crucial to preserving the Earth's biodiversity.

From coral reefs to mangrove forests, the world's islands house a multitude of unique habitats.

But island communities are under increasing pressure to boost economic development, even at the cost of environmental damage.

Our approach tackles both environmental threats and humanitarian challenges. Our projects create marine and terrestrial reserves on islands while improving the quality of life for local people.

We start by asking islanders what land or sea area they want to protect. Then they identify a communal need Seacology can provide, such as a school or a freshwater delivery system. It's a win for the environment and for the people who depend on it.



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A conservation force multiplier

Seamology is unique among the not-for-profit community in focusing on preserving island ecosystems and cultures. With over 320 schools, medical clinics, solar electrification schemes and other community-based projects in 62 countries, Seacology has been able to protect 609,000 acres of terrestrial island habitats and over 780,000 acres of marine island habitats. Together with our indigenous island partners, all of this has been accomplished with a small staff and a deeply devoted set of directors, Fellows, donors, and corporate and foundation supporters. Seacology works directly with village leaders in a “win-win” setting, where a community project is constructed in return for a village covenant to protect precious island habitats.

This approach to hands-on conservation is robust and has been accepted throughout the world. Most recently, we have stepped forward to engage entire island nations in such conservation initiatives. In Sri Lanka our agreement with the national government resulted in a complete protection of mangroves across the entire country, in return for a pioneering microgrant program for over 10,000 impoverished coastal women. We are now seeking to establish a similar mangrove protection initiative in the Dominican Republic, but in this case we will build ecotourism infrastructure and a broad public education initiative as our contribution. Seacology projects are not cookie-cutter but are tailored specifically for each island village and nation. Since we view villagers as equal partners in these initiatives, we listen carefully to their wishes and aspirations. Because of these partnerships, Seacology and indigenous peoples work together as force multipliers, allowing us to have extraordinary leverage for each donor dollar. As a result, although Seacology resembles a highly effective humanitarian organization, we achieve conservation outcomes unsurpassed by other not-for-profit organizations many times our size.

The spirit of Seacology’s partnership with indigenous people is exemplified by the annual Seacology Prize, in which we honor indigenous heroes who have protected their island habitats and cultures. Last year’s Seacology Prize winner Peter Kallang protected hundreds of villagers on the island of Borneo who otherwise would have lost their land and their livelihoods to unneeded dams that would have netted millions of dollars for foreign developers. Seacology,

instead, provided micro-hydro generators to the villages which allowed the rivers to continue flowing while generating electricity for village needs. Peter Kallang’s leadership, in partnership with hundreds of villagers, functioned as a force multiplier.

In the Philippines, Gina Lopez two years ago was awarded the Seacology Prize for her leadership in stopping open-pit mining that destroyed watersheds and threatened the health of people throughout the Philippines. Even though she encountered fierce political opposition up until her death in 2019, the conservation policies she left in place continue to protect the terrestrial and marine environments of the Philippines.

Every dollar gifted to Seacology achieves a disproportionately high level of impact, with 82 cents of every dollar going directly to conservation expenses. Since inception, Seacology has enjoyed flawless audits. Seacology continuously receives the highest possible ratings from Charity Navigator and other not-for-profit rating agencies. If you believe as passionately as we do in protecting the world’s islands in partnership with indigenous people, we invite you to join us. Although conserving fragile island ecosystems appears to be a daunting endeavor, we promise that your contributions will be of enormous benefit to both the island habitats and peoples. And you will take satisfaction in the impact your gift has on the world. As French philosopher Albert Camus wrote, “The struggle itself towards the heights is enough to fill a man’s heart.”

Sincerely,



Paul Alan Cox, Ph.D.
Chair, Seacology Board of Directors





Field Representative for East Africa Dishon Murage, left, visits the Seacology-funded training and business center in Mchekeni, Zanzibar.



Seacology's Duane Silverstein and Cecilia Suárez meet with the community of beekeepers we're working with at Nuevo Berlin, Seacology's first project in Uruguay.

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In 2019, 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.

Seacology is fortunate to receive many gifts under \$2,500 and we deeply appreciate every contribution. Each gift we receive is important to our efforts to protect the world's islands.

Seacology supporters listen to a presentation by Madagascar Field Representative Erik Patel at our 2019 Fellows Reception.



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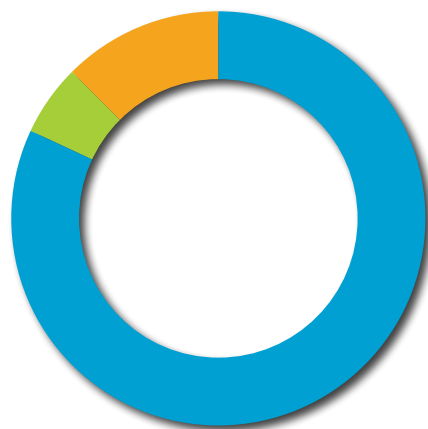
- Make a gift to Seacology in your estate plan through your financial advisor.
- Contact Seacology's Development Department at (510) 559-3505 or islands@seacology.org, and we will send you a Letter of Intent to complete and return to us.

Finances

Seacology continues to direct the vast majority of its expenses toward our projects. This low overhead and our

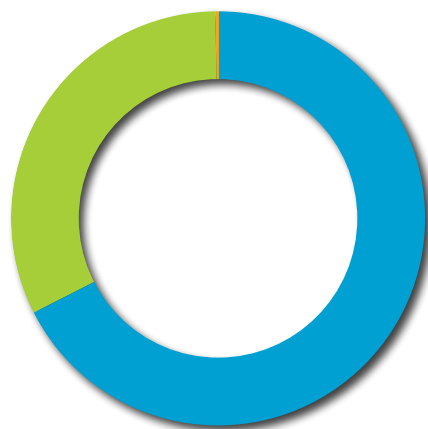
commitment to transparency has earned us top ratings from both Charity Navigator and GuideStar.

Expenses



- Conservation programs (82%)
- Management and General (6%)
- Fundraising (12%)

Public Support



- Donations and bequests (67%)
- Foundation grants (32%)
- In-kind contributions (<1%)

Statement of financial activity

January 1 through December 31, 2019¹

Support and Revenue

Foundation grants	\$782,755
Donations and bequests	\$1,635,167
In-kind contributions	\$410
Total public support	\$2,418,332

Expedition Income, net of expenses	\$(19,048)
Event income, net of expenses	\$(4,514)
Interest/investment income	\$1,087,178
Miscellaneous	\$710
Total revenue	\$1,064,326
Total support and revenue	\$3,482,658

Expenses

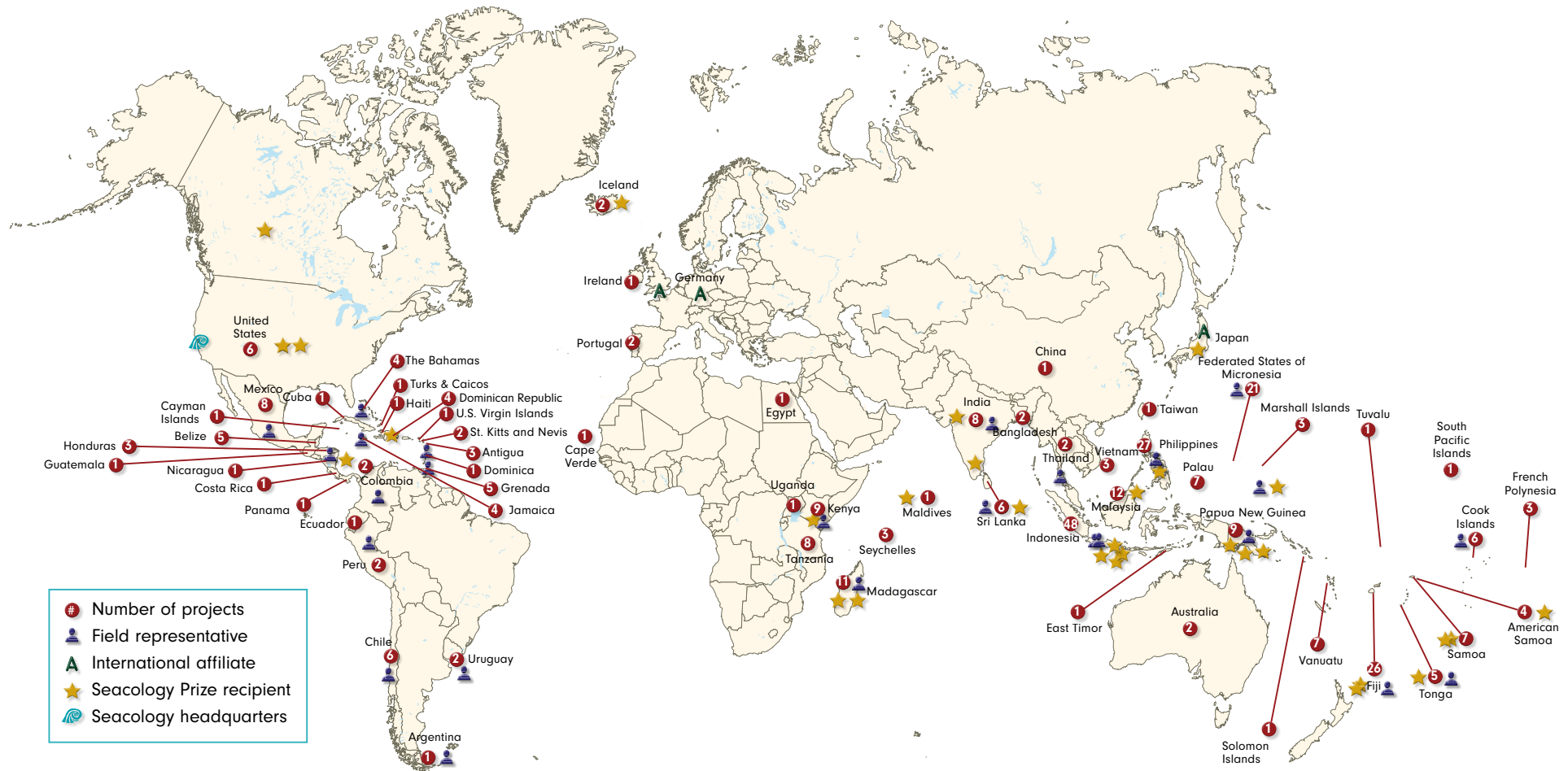
Program services	\$2,089,581
Management and general	\$140,929
Fundraising	\$311,507
Total expenses	\$2,542,017

Change in net assets²	940,651
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¹These 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 2019 audited financial statements will be available in June 2020.



Where we work



320 projects in 61 countries • 1.4 million acres protected
25 field representatives • eight full-time staff • three international affiliates

Saving Sri Lanka's mangroves

Five years ago, Seacology took a leap of faith. Before then, our largest project had a budget of approximately \$150,000. We had mostly eschewed working with governments in favor of direct partnerships with remote island communities and small local NGOs. Our projects were designed to be completed quickly, generally in less than a year. While this formula had proven successful in more than 50 countries on a small scale, our organization was preparing something different, and far more ambitious.

After years of careful planning and fundraising by our staff and board of directors, we announced the launch of Seacology's first national-scale project on May 12, 2015. The Sri Lanka Mangrove Conservation Project—a three-way partnership between Seacology, the Sri Lankan government,

and local NGO Sudeesa—was a \$3.4 million, five-year plan to protect the remaining mangrove forests across the entire island nation. Not only was this unprecedented for Seacology, but it established Sri Lanka as the first country on the planet to declare all of its mangroves legally protected.

The project would for the first time produce a comprehensive map of the country's mangroves. Hundreds of thousands of the trees were to be replanted in areas degraded by coastal development. And in keeping with the Seacology model of providing social incentives in exchange for conservation, we would provide funding for microloans and training in sustainable skills for thousands of disadvantaged women and youth across the country, among the demographics hardest hit by the country's recently concluded 30-year civil war.

Saving Sri Lanka's mangroves

2019 was the last full year of the project, and as we look back, it exceeded our expectations in many ways. As of the end of the year, more than 14,000 women had received training and nearly 9,000 have received microloans. More than half a million mangrove seedlings have been raised and more than 1,200 acres replanted. The Sri Lankan navy has taken on an active role in protecting intact mangrove forests. In 2017 we received nearly a million dollars in additional funding from the Global Resilience Partnership to expand the project in the war-torn north of the country.

We could not have anticipated the positive reception that the project received from around the world. In 2018 the United Nations recognized our efforts as an innovative approach in the fight against the climate crisis with a Momentum For Change award. Sri Lanka was appointed to lead a new international committee on mangrove conservation by the Commonwealth of Nations. The project received attention and praise in media around the world, including the BBC and CNN. And in late 2019, Seacology was nominated for the 2020

Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of our innovative work to fight climate change through the protection of carbon-sequestering mangrove ecosystems. Perhaps the project's greatest success is that it contributed to a growing awareness among conservationists and policy makers of the dire need to protect mangroves. As the international community tries to cope with rising seas, depleted fisheries, and ever-growing levels of atmospheric carbon, our project played a small but not insignificant role in raising awareness of the vital ecological services mangroves can provide in addressing these problems.

While the project is now winding down, it was a profound affirmation of the effectiveness and scalability of Seacology's win-win model of conservation. While we remain committed to our traditional model of small community-based partnerships, our experience in Sri Lanka has emboldened Seacology to think big. Our first nationwide project has taught us many valuable lessons as we plan our next.



Presidential Environment Awards 2019



Moving towards in
Blue Green Era

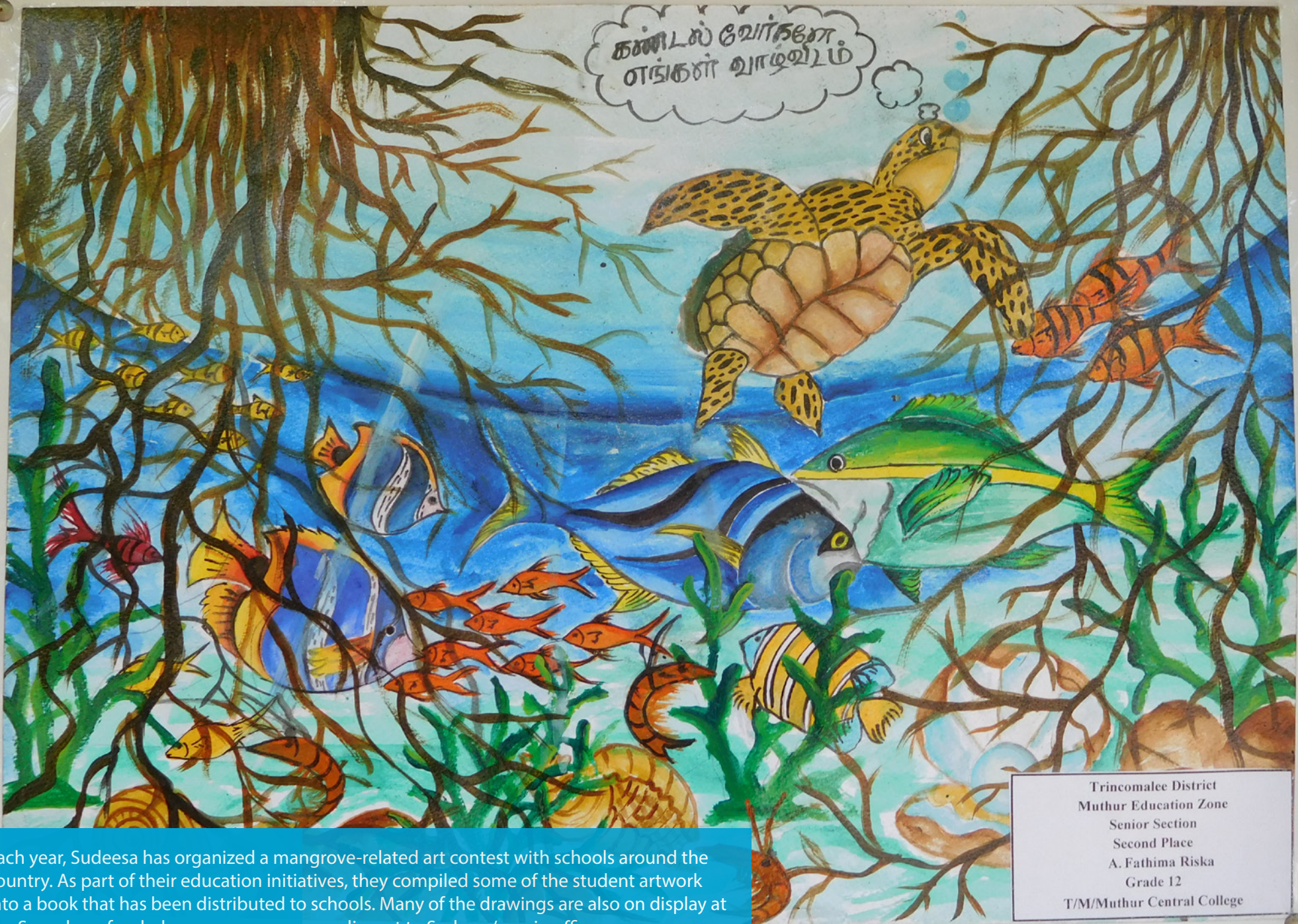


Members of our partner organization, Sudeesa, accept a presidential environmental award in November. Presented by outgoing Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, the award was given to individuals and institutions who have made significant contributions to the country's environment. Sudeesa was the only NGO to receive one.

Saving Sri Lanka's mangroves



Women who received training and financial support through the project meet at the Seacology-funded northern training center in Mannar District. The facility opened in 2018 and hosts classes and a marketplace where local entrepreneurs can sell their products.



Each year, Sudeesa has organized a mangrove-related art contest with schools around the country. As part of their education initiatives, they compiled some of the student artwork into a book that has been distributed to schools. Many of the drawings are also on display at the Seacology-funded mangrove museum adjacent to Sudeesa's main office.

Trincomalee District
Muthur Education Zone
Senior Section
Second Place
A. Fathima Riska
Grade 12
T/M/Muthur Central College

Project highlights



Grenada

Carriacou Island

In exchange for the protection of sensitive sea turtle nesting grounds and mangrove forests, this project funded equipment and materials for a women's cooperative. The group focuses on "upcycling" discarded sails and other materials into handicrafts, such as handbags. Several there has been a strong demand for their products across Grenada's islands.



Kenya

Girama Island

In exchange for a new fresh-water cistern, the local communities have pledged to protect nearly 200 acres of mangroves, and have replanted 3,500 seedlings in areas damaged by industrial pollution. This project was funded by a generous grant from 11th Hour Racing.



Dominican Republic

Las Garitas

Working with CEBSE, the organization run by 2018 Seacology Prize recipient Patricia Lamelas, we funded a trail and boardwalk through the dense mangrove forest on the shores of Samaná Bay. Extra money raised by our crowdfunding campaign in the spring allowed our partners to build a bridge over an area that floods in the wet season.



Mexico

Isabel Island

The fishing cooperative that operates around this Pacific island has taken the initiative to set aside a 528-acre no-take area, even though these waters are not yet legally protected. In support of their efforts, our grant funded mooring buoys to protect the reef below from anchor damage, as well as a number of *casitas*, underwater concrete shelters that will help the sustainability of the lobster fishery.



Malaysia
Tampasak

This is the third of seven planned projects to protect key watersheds in Malaysian Borneo. In exchange for a system to reliably supply fresh water to the village, the people of Tampasak have agreed to protect more than 800 acres of forest, under pressure from expanding oil palm plantations, for at least 15 years. The village has acquired the supplies to begin construction.



Philippines

Manamoc Island

Our second partnership with the people of this remote island protects the entirety of Caseledan Lagoon. The body of water, surrounded by the horseshoe-shaped island, is an incredibly biodiverse mangrove and seagrass habitat supporting a wide array of marine life. In exchange for protection of this remarkable habitat, Seacology funded a new community center for Manamoc's residents, which is now complete.



Tanzania

Kiwengwa Indigenous Forest

Growing above the remnants of an ancient coral reef, the Kiwengwa forest is an important watershed on Unguja, the main island of Zanzibar. Our project works with the communities living in and around the forests to strengthen protections against logging, protecting the biodiversity of the forest and the limestone caves below it. In exchange, our project funded the construction of a community center in Mchekeni Village, which is being used for training and manufacture of local products.



Tonga

Atata Island

Building on Tonga's innovative system of locally managed marine areas, our project strengthened enforcement of a 440-acre fishing reserve. In exchange, Seacology's grant funded the rebuilding of a community center that is used as a preschool and for meetings and making of handicrafts. The building officially opened in May.



Uruguay

Queguay Islands

Our project partners continue to seek legal protected status for these islands, which are important nesting grounds for black skimmers and other birds. In the meantime, they have installed signs and continue to conduct public outreach to protect the eggs and hatchlings.

New projects

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Chile

Autení Island

Increased patrolling of a 772-square-mile permanent marine protected area

Solar-powered waste management center

Dominican Republic

El Limón Lagoon

Enforcement of a 2,676-acre protected area that includes lagoon, mixed vegetation, and mangrove habitat for 15 years

Repair and improvement of ecotourism infrastructure

Federated States of Micronesia

Oneisomw Island



Five no-take marine zones, totaling 10,403 acres, for 10 years

Community resource center

Fiji

Korolevu Village
Vanua Levu



Protection of 1,939 acres of forest and a 900-acre mangrove and marine sanctuary for 15 years

New community hall



Seacology began

18

new projects
in 2019

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Guatemala

Santo Tomás
de Castilla Bay



New 67-acre fish replenishment
zone

Ecotourism equipment,
technical help to prepare
request for official
protection of the zone,
scholarships for fishers'
children, and solar power
at a visitors center

Indonesia

Mandalamekar Village,
Java

Protecting and replanting 390
acres of rainforest for 15 years

Bamboo processing facility
to promote sustainable
income

Jamaica

Oracabessa Bay

Increased enforcement of fish
sanctuary regulations

Floating dock for dive shop

Kenya

Giriama (Robinson)
Island

Conservation of 198 acres of
mangrove forest in perpetuity

Water cistern, equipment
for the Mareneni Beach
Management Unit,
mangrove replanting

Madagascar

Mandena, Manantenina,
and Ambohimananarina
Villages

Increased monitoring and
protection of 3,500 acres of
rainforest

Repair of four tourist
bungalows to encourage
valuable ecotourism



Our projects have
protected

609,265
acres of terrestrial
island habitat.

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Malaysia

Kolosunan Village,
Borneo

Protection of 4,032-acre
watershed catchment area for 15
years

Swiftlet hut to provide
sustainable income

Malaysia

Malapi Village,
Borneo

Protection of 185 acres of forest
for 15 years

Gravity-fed clean water
supply system for the
village

Malaysia

Tampasak Village,
Borneo

Protection of 833-acre forest for
15 years

Gravity-fed water system

Malaysia

Tiga Bundu Village,
Borneo

Protection of 5,548 acres of
forest for 20 years

Grant to help the village
develop ecotourism with
trails, signage, and guest
chalet

Mexico

Natividad Island

Removal of metal waste and
restoration of bird nesting area

Support for the
community's low-impact
tourism effort



Our projects have
protected

780,020
acres of marine
island habitat.

New projects

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Philippines
Mount Isarog

Protection of 783 acres of watershed for 20 years

Training and facilities to provide alternative livelihoods for a marginalized community

Philippines
Tingloy Municipality, Marikaban Island

New 50-acre marine protected area

Nature conservation center

Thailand
Libong Island



Protection of 1,000-acre dugong seagrass habitat and 26 acres of feeding grounds for migratory birds for 10 years

Environmental education and cultural center

Tonga
Toloa Rainforest Reserve, Tongatapu



Protection and restoration of 52 acres of the Toloa Rainforest Reserve for 20 years

Information and education center



Funding provided by Nu Skin Force For Good Foundation



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Seacology had
launched

320

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61

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Seacology in the news

Primicias, January 11, 2019

"Heroine of the Caribbean mangroves Receives Seacology Award 2018"

Diario Hispaniola, January 12, 2019

"Seacology 2018 awards"

Diario Libre, January 12, 2019

"Heroine of the RD mangroves receives award"

El Nacional, January 14, 2019

"Seacology Award 2018 awarded"

Borneo Post, January 16, 2019

"SAVE Rivers completes micro hydro project at Long Liam"

ABS CBN News, March 26, 2019

"Batangas towns strive to balance tourism with coral reefs protection"

Deutsche Welle, May 6, 2019

"The war widows protecting Sri Lanka's mangroves"

Earth Island Journal, May 8, 2019

"The Bridge Between Land and Sea"

Asparagus Magazine, Summer/Fall 2019

"Protecting Forests by Building Schools: How a California non-profit makes deals to protect island habitats"

ABS-CBN News, August 20, 2019

"One midnight in autumn, I met Gina Lopez"

Manila Bulletin, August 23, 2019

"She Jousted With Windmills"

Inquirer, August 25, 2019

"Out-of-the-box warrior"

Inquirer, August 31, 2019

"Gina Lopez: 'She was a dynamo of love and compassion'"

Ecologist, September 6, 2016

"Remembering Gina Lopez"

BBC World, September 20, 2019

"Award for man who stopped a mega-dam and saved Borneo's rainforest"

Mongabay, September 22, 2019

"Sri Lanka wields mangroves, its tsunami shield, against climate change"

Borneo Post, September 23, 2019

"Peter Kallang honoured with 2019 Seacology Prize"

Aliran, September 25, 2019

"Save Rivers' Peter Kallang wins 2019 Seacology Prize"

Astro Awani, September 26, 2019

"Consider This: Meet SAVE Rivers' Peter Kallang"

Gulf News, September 28, 2019

"EXPO 2020 selects 25 innovative projects"

The Bigger Picture, September 30, 2019

"Saving Rivers, Saving Lives"

Dayak Daily, October 1, 2019

"Sarawakian first as SAVE Rivers chairman wins Seacology prize"

The Guardian, November 26, 2019

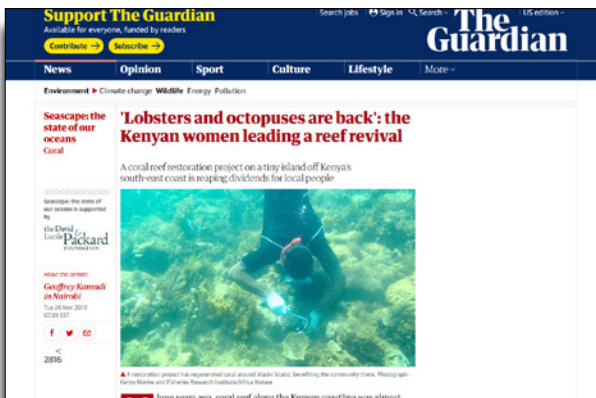
"'Lobsters and octopuses are back': the Kenyan women leading a reef revival"

Wiki.ezvid.com, December 8, 2019

"8 California Organizations with an International Reach"

Nota Quinto, December 15, 2019

"Riquezas de las islas del Queguay"



Travel

Seacology's only public expedition of 2019 brought our guests to one of the world's most popular diving destinations, the Indonesian archipelago of Raja Ampat.

While coral reefs are in decline worldwide, Raja Ampat remains a beacon of hope. Home to more than three-quarters of all known hard coral species, the area is a hotbed of marine biodiversity. Several Seacology projects have worked with local communities and organizations to protect this ecological treasure.

From the Mermaid I liveaboard, our guests explored the breathtaking scenery above the surface and came face-to-face with the wildlife below.



Visit seacology.org/travel to sign up for notifications about future travel opportunities.



Photos by Ferdie Marcelo



Seacology Prize



Fiona McAlpine

Peter Kallang

Our 2019 recipient organized communities in Malaysian Borneo to defeat a dam that would have flooded their land and destroyed their way of life.



Borneo is a shining example of the biodiversity that Seacology was founded to protect. The world's third-largest island, it is home to countless animal and plant species, and hundreds of distinct cultures, spanning three countries. Our 2019 Seacology Prize recipient, Peter Kallang, has proven himself a brave and selfless champion of the island's irreplaceable biodiversity and marginalized people.

In 2011, Kallang became the chairman of Save Rivers, a grassroots organization that was fighting to stop construction of the Baram Dam. He rallied hundreds of rural people, faced with the loss of their land and traditional way of life, in opposition to the massive project. Over four years, these local activists blockaded the proposed construction site, and took their movement to neighboring Australia to raise awareness about the dam's impact and deter investors from funding it. Facing this relentless public opposition, the project was finally shelved in 2016.

Kallang continues to be a proponent of low-impact, decentralized energy projects like micro-hydro generators, which Seacology has funded across Borneo.

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.

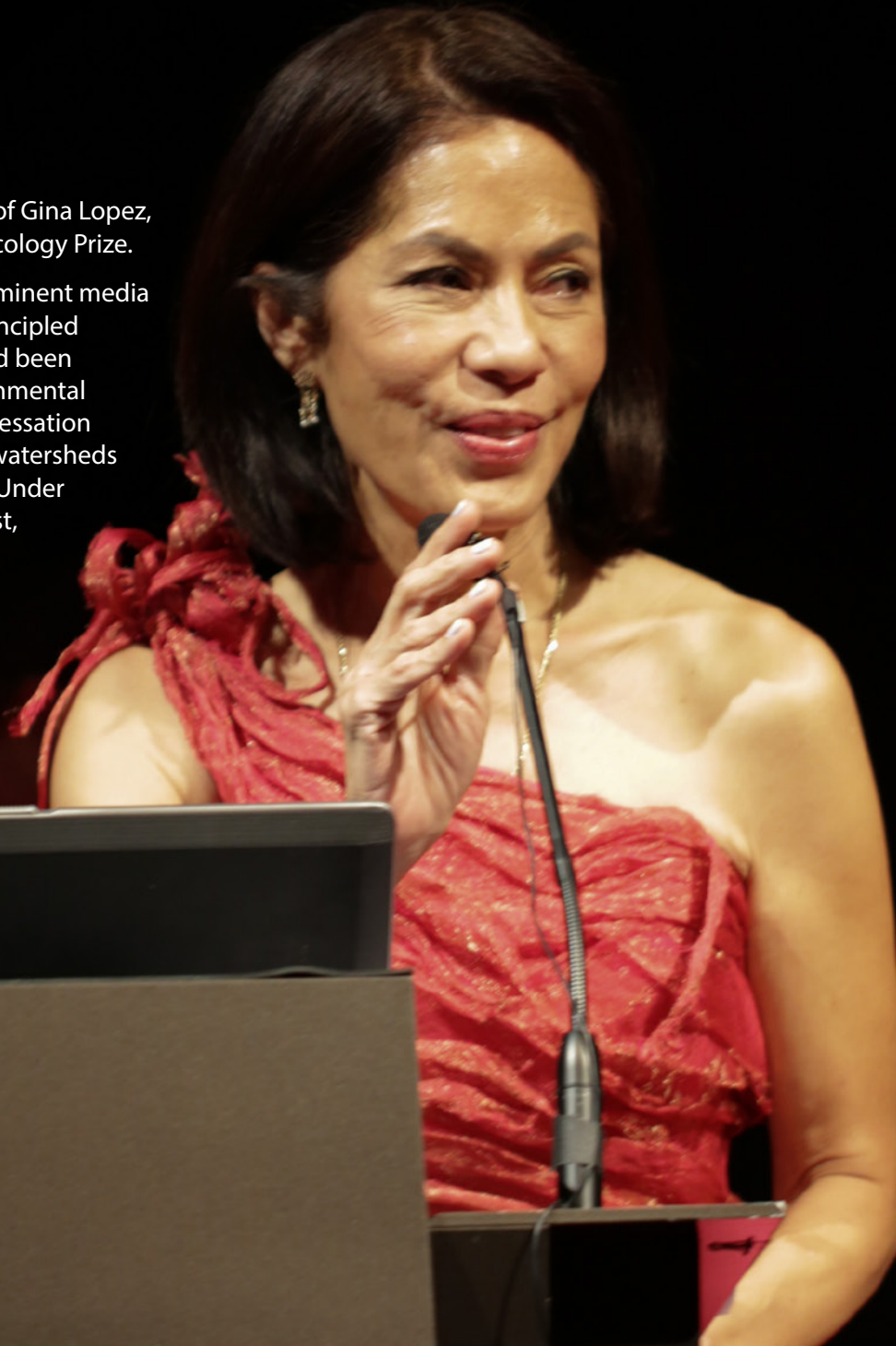
Gina Lopez

1953-2019

In August, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Gina Lopez, who just two years earlier had been awarded the Seacology Prize.

Born into a wealthy family in the Philippines with prominent media properties, Lopez risked that privileged status in a principled defense of her country's environment. In 2016 she had been appointed to the Philippine government's top environmental post. She used this position to order the nationwide cessation of open-pit mining, a practice that severely polluted watersheds and endangered public health across the Philippines. Under pressure from the industry, she was fired from her post, but continued the fight as a private citizen, using her national prominence to advocate for environmental justice in her country.

While the debate over open-pit mining continues in the Philippines, the ban Lopez instated in 2017 remains in effect.





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