



Seacology



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2025 Annual Report

Why islands?

Seacology is dedicated to protecting island environments and cultures around the world.

Seacology focuses solely on island conservation because more than half of all animal extinctions in the last 500 years have occurred on islands. These special ecosystems 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.

Islanders tell us which land or sea area they want to protect. Then they identify a communal need Seacology can provide, such as a school or clean drinking water. It's a win for the environment and for the people who depend on it.



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From the Chair

Seacology is a small not-for-profit organization headquartered in Berkeley, California, but with a massive footprint on islands throughout the world. The secret to Seacology's success is our strategy of partnership with island villages who seek to conserve their marine and terrestrial resources in return for Seacology funding schools, medical clinics, water supplies, and other community resources.

The typical Seacology project is small—with a budget of \$50,000 or less—but the impact is huge, as village leaders have repeatedly exercised valorous service in protecting island ecosystems. With individual, foundation, and corporate support, we have now carried out over 450 island conservation projects in 73 countries around the world.

We have also launched three national projects, two of them now successfully concluded. In Sri Lanka, we partnered with the government to protect the nation's coastal mangrove forests by providing financial support and business training to 12,000 impoverished coastal women, building the world's first mangrove museum, and constructing community-based mangrove nurseries in different parts of the country.

The Dominican Republic has made major efforts in increasing mangrove conservation through Seacology's partnership with local NGOs and communities. In our recently concluded National Mangrove Awareness Campaign, we introduced more than 50,000 people to the critical importance of mangroves through classroom presentations, field trips, art and photography contests, and other public outreach activities. Under the ongoing Play for the Mangroves program launched as part of the initiative, we also teach youth there about the importance of protecting mangrove forests, providing sports equipment as an incentive.

Most recently, we have begun working with educators and conservation organizations in Greece to provide crucial education for schoolchildren and other stakeholders on the importance of conserving seagrass throughout the Greek islands. Our emphasis on mangroves and seagrasses can have global consequences, since

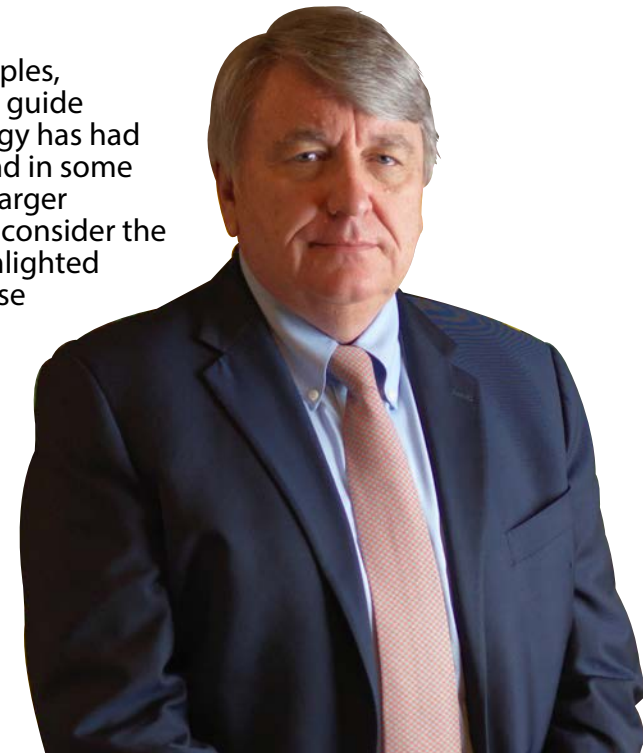
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mangroves sequester more carbon dioxide per gram dry weight than any other type of terrestrial vegetation. And seagrasses, flowering plants that live in intertidal and shallow coastal areas, sequester more carbon than any other vegetation type. Both mangroves and seagrasses support rich and diverse coastal ecosystems by serving as nurseries for small fish, invertebrates, and even marine mammals.

By honoring indigenous peoples, informed by their wisdom to guide island conservation, Seacology has had a global impact that rivals and in some cases exceeds that of much larger organizations. I invite you to consider the several projects that are highlighted in this annual report. I promise you that your support will have maximum impact in protecting island habitats and cultures throughout the world.

With best wishes,

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



Who we are



Senior Manager for Special Initiatives Karen Peterson, right, and Field Representative Leida Buglass, second from right, visit our project at Boca del Soco, Dominican Republic.



Members of Seacology's board of directors present the 2025 Seacology Prize to Malaysian conservation leader Cynthia Ong.

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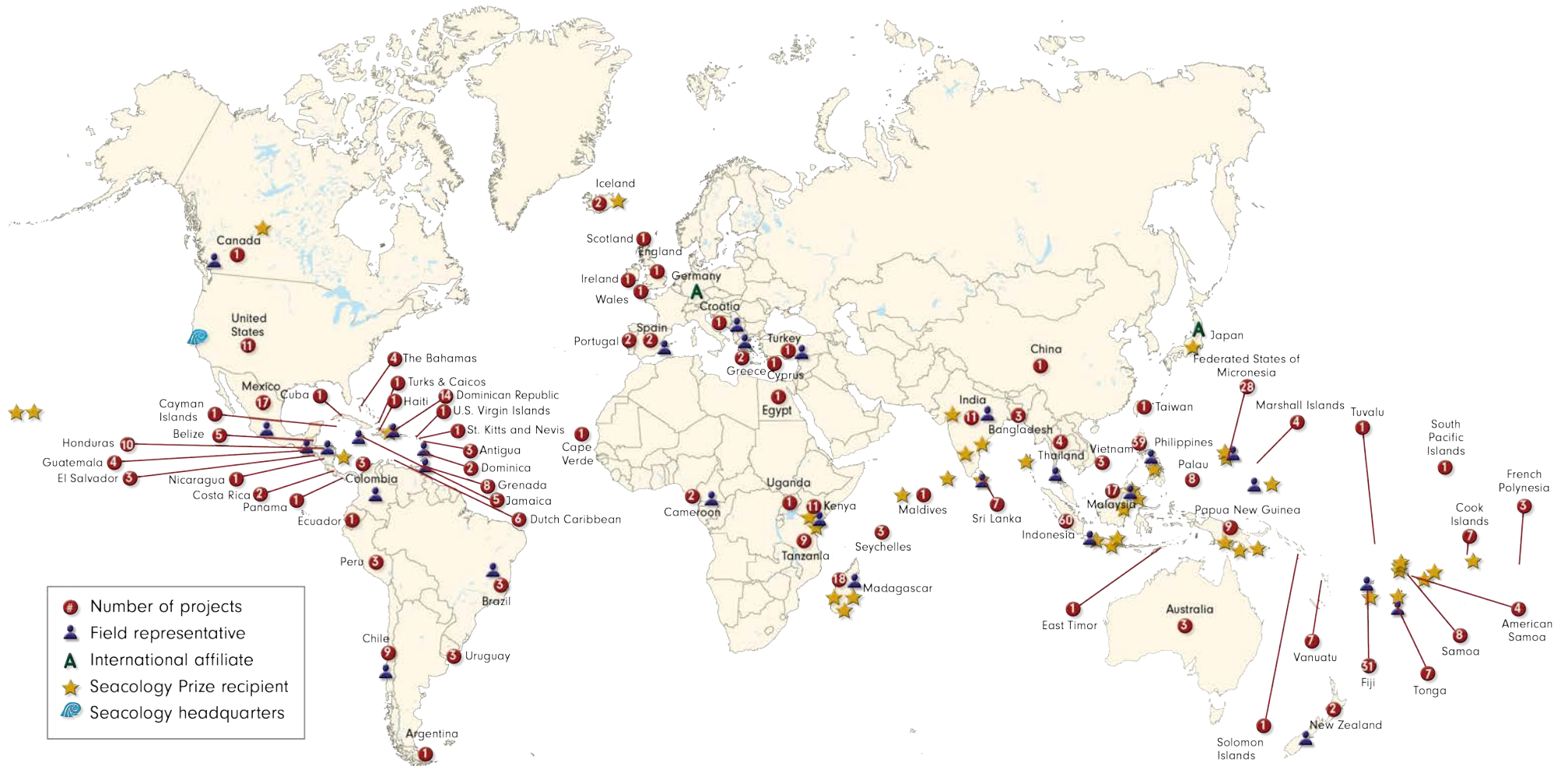
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Play for the Mangroves coordinators

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Our supporters

ANNUAL EARTH DAY FUNDRAISER

The Sundarbans is the world's largest mangrove forest. Formed by the delta of the Ganges and two other rivers, these expansive wetlands straddle the coasts of India and Bangladesh, covering nearly 4,000 square miles. The area's network of winding channels forms thousands of islands and provide habitat for diverse wildlife including Bengal tigers, olive ridley sea turtles, and two species of endangered freshwater dolphins.

With few options to provide for their families, many people in the Sundarbans have turned to fishing with poison and fine-mesh nets, which endanger dolphins and other wildlife and threaten human health. These practices are illegal, and the government has set up a dolphin sanctuary in the Dhangmari River, but the rules are poorly enforced, and many local people are not even aware of them.

Seacology's partnership with the people of East Khejuria Village addresses both these environmental threats and the economic hardships faced by the local community. On Earth Day, we launched a campaign to support the project, and thanks to the generosity of our donors, we fully funded the project within a few weeks. These funds are now being used to:

- Train community members to patrol the 840-acre dolphin sanctuary in the Dhangmari River
- Help 50 households sustainably grow vegetables and fish
- Help 100 more households produce and market mangrove-based honey, pickles, molasses, and tea
- Give 100 households solar lights (especially helpful for children's studies) and improved cooking stoves, to reduce the need to collect wood from mangroves for fuel
- Install a water purification and storage system to filter brackish groundwater
- Conduct outreach to help the community fish responsibly
- Raise awareness about endangered freshwater dolphins

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Endangered Irrawaddy dolphins can be found in the rivers of the Sundarbans.



Above: community members hold a conservation training.

Left: The local economy has been heavily dependent on small-scale fishing.

Our supporters

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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.

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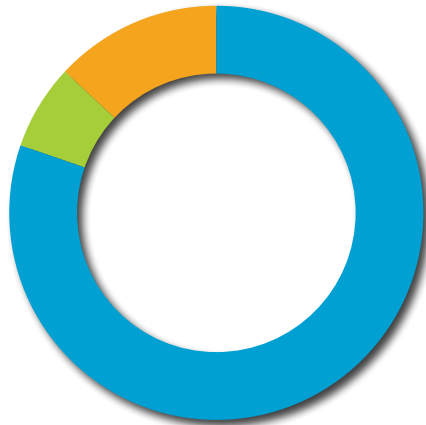
- Make a gift to Seacology in your estate plan through your financial advisor.
- Contact Seacology's Development Department at (510) 559-3505 or islands@seacology.org, and we will send you a Letter of Intent to complete and return to us.

Finances

Seacology continued our commitment to careful stewardship of our supporters' contributions in 2025, with 80% of our expenses funding our conservation programs. This commitment to financial efficiency and transparency helped us maintain top scores from nonprofit-rating services Charity Navigator and Candid.

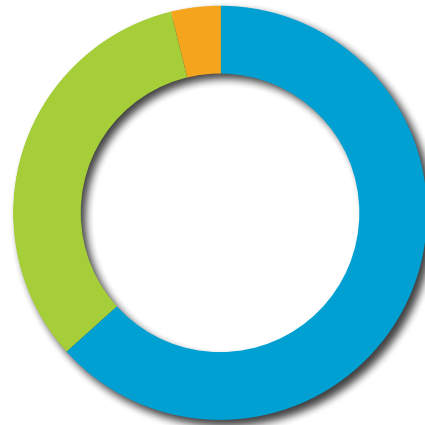
Find more details and tax documents, and annual reports from previous years at seacology.org/about/annual-reports.

Expenses



- Conservation programs (80%)
- Fundraising (13%)
- Management and General (7%)

Public support



- Foundation grants (33%)
- Donations and bequests (63%)
- In-kind contributions (4%)

Statement of financial activity

January 1 through December 31, 2025¹

Support and Revenue

Foundation grants	\$ 633,396
Donations and bequests	\$ 1,216,816
In-kind contributions	\$ 69,961
Total public support	\$ 1,920,173

Expedition Income, net of expenses	(\$ 11,655)
Interest/investment income	\$ 1,155,246
Total revenue	\$ 1,143,591
Total support and revenue	\$ 3,063,764

Expenses

Program services	\$ 2,856,617
Management and general	\$ 239,015
Fundraising	\$ 455,508
Total expenses	\$ 3,551,140

Change in net assets **\$ (487,376)**

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 2025 audited financial statements will be available in July 2026.



Seacology Prize



Cynthia Ong

Our 2025 Seacology Prize recipient has organized to empower communities and defend threatened traditional lands across Borneo.

A dedicated environmental leader, Cynthia Ong has worked tirelessly to halt ecological damages on Borneo, as well as promoting positive, sustainable policies and actions to help her island and its people thrive.

Among other accomplishments, Cynthia has helped found a renewable energy coalition that will bring clean power to remote indigenous communities. Her work on certifying sustainable palm oil has gone far to reduce the damage that oil palm plantations do to the island's forests and communities. She was also key in developing a working group that succeeded in getting the Sunda pangolin listed as a "totally protected species" under Sabah State law.

In isolation, any of these campaigns would be monumental. In parallel, they exemplify a unique conservation approach that balances economic development aspirations with ecological sustainability. Cynthia's hope is that through these multi-pronged efforts, she may positively shift the political ecology of her home state of Sabah—which just happens to be one of the most diverse island environments in the world.

Learn more about Cynthia and watch the 2025 Seacology Prize Ceremony at seacology.org/prize.

About the Seacology Prize

The Seacology Prize recognizes heroic achievement by indigenous leaders and other islanders who work tirelessly and often at great personal risk to protect their island's ecosystems and culture. It is underwritten by Ken Murdock, Vice Chair of Seacology, in memory of his mother, Lalovi Fish Murdock.

Major initiatives

In June, Seacology launched our third nationwide initiative, the **Greek Islands Seagrass Alliance** (GISA). Working with the Cyclades Preservation Fund and several other Greek conservation groups, this five-year partnership is partnering with educators, local community leaders, tourism professionals, media, and other stakeholders throughout Greece to protect threatened *Posidonia oceanica* seagrass.

Like our previous nationwide programs that focused on mangroves, this intervention is urgently needed to protect a critically important, but largely neglected plant ecosystem. A lack of public awareness of seagrasses' importance has led to their ongoing destruction and a lack of action from policymakers. GISA—our largest action to date in a European country, and the first nationwide program in the world specifically to protect *Posidonia* ecosystems—aims to change this.

2025 also marked the final year of the **Dominican Republic National Mangrove Initiative**. Begun in 2020 amid the uncertainty of the pandemic, the wide-reaching program exceeded our expectations and set important precedents for mangrove protection across the DR. In partnership with Dominican conservation leader Grupo Jaragua and local organizations and communities across the Caribbean nation, it brought unprecedented attention to the plight of the country's mangrove forests, mobilizing people across generations to protect them. It helped entrepreneurs build economic opportunity by supporting mangrove ecotourism, beekeeping, and other sustainable trades. It inadvertently led to the discovery of a new species of lizard. And as part of the initiative we launched **Play for the Mangroves**, which is supporting youth sports across the country while educating the next generation of mangrove stewards.

While the initiative has concluded, its impact will extend far into the future. We continue to launch new local community-based mangrove projects in the DR. Play for the Mangroves is ongoing, and has now expanded to two other countries. And thousands of kids who attended a classroom presentation, a Grupo Jaragua summer camp, or a Play for the Mangroves competition are now empowered with the knowledge they need to become lifelong advocates of these beautiful wetlands.

In Sri Lanka, Seacology continues to support the **Lanka Mangrove Museum and Learning Center**, a first-of-its-kind facility built in 2016 as part of our first nationwide initiative.



Above: A sea turtle swims through a *Posidonia* meadow in Greece.



Left: Kayakers explore mangroves in the Dominican Republic.



Below: A school field trip visits Sri Lanka's mangrove museum.



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Greece

Greek Islands Seagrass Alliance

Mostly hidden beneath the surface, *Posidonia* meadows are a key foundation of marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean Basin, providing a habitat for marine life and supporting fisheries. They improve water quality, and fight coastal

erosion. And they also offer benefits far beyond the region by absorbing more carbon from the atmosphere and ocean than any other type of vegetation.



Cyclades Preservation Fund

Greece

Greek Islands Seagrass Alliance

The Greek Islands Seagrass Alliance officially kicked off in June with a press conference in Athens. The event was well attended by members of Seacology and CPF's leadership, local conservation groups and policy leaders, and

others. The delegation then traveled on to several of the islands where the initiative's programs will be carried out. They visited schools, beach communities, and marinas where boat operators will be key stakeholders in the GISA's success.



Greece

Greek Islands Seagrass Alliance

As was the case for our mangrove initiative in the Dominican Republic, outreach to schools forms a critical pillar of the GISA. With backing from Seacology, our partners at CPF are now scaling up their robust educational programs, organizing fun

and engaging classroom activities and developing teaching materials. By learning the value of their local *Posidonia* ecosystems early in life, the GISA will help young residents of the Greek islands become their generation's environmental leaders.



Dominican Republic

National Mangrove Initiative

The core of the initiative, known locally as *Campaña ManglarES*, was a broad-based outreach to the Dominican public, introducing people with little familiarity with or appreciation for mangrove ecosystems to their beauty and importance.

Toward these goals, our partners organized presentations, art and photography shows, and other events in malls, museums, and many other public spaces. Art created by student participants in the program was often featured at these events.



Dominican Republic

National Mangrove Initiative

Some of the campaign's most impactful educational work took place far from the classroom. Through competitive bioblitzes, birdwatching trips, camping tours and other immersive outdoor activities, thousands of local

kids and teens got up close and personal with the DR's coastal wetlands and the many species that reside there. Through Play for the Mangroves, many of them also directly took part in mangrove cleanups and restoration.



Dominican Republic

National Mangrove Initiative

As part of the national initiative, Seacology funded nine sub-projects around the country, working with Dominican communities to protect local mangrove ecosystems. One of these funded a new ranger station to help with monitoring the

sensitive wetlands at **Bajo Yuna Mangroves National Park**. At the opening ceremony in May, the DR's Environmental Minister Paíno Henríquez cut the ribbon, signaling strong interest from the national government in mangrove conservation.



Dominican Republic

Play for the Mangroves

In the country of its origin, Play for the Mangroves continued to grow. The program hosted 22 events with more than 1,500 participants in 2025. It expanded into new parts of the DR, holding its first event in the eastern Punta Cana region, and

helped bring attention to World Mangrove Day in the summer with three simultaneous events across the country. A robust social media presence continues to introduce the program to young sports fans across the DR and beyond.



Dominican Republic

Play for the Mangroves

The Green Sports Alliance is a coalition of professional teams and athletes, equipment manufacturers, NGOs, and other stakeholders that aims to bring greater sustainability to the sports industry. In June, the organization awarded its Community Impact Award to Play for the

Mangroves in recognition of “actions that make a tangible difference for communities, reduce inequality, and contribute to positive social change.” Ismael Diaz, PFTM coordinator for the Dominican Republic, traveled to Miami to accept the prize on behalf of Seacology.



Jamaica

Play for the Mangroves

Our newest branch of Play for the Mangroves kicked off in September with an enthusiastic celebration in St. Elizabeth Parish, home to some of Jamaica's largest and most important mangrove areas. Kids from four local schools picked up new soccer and netball gear before joining a visiting

Seacology delegation for a mangrove cleanup. Unfortunately, just weeks later, Hurricane Melissa slammed into the island, devastating communities including St. Elizabeth. As the country rebuilds, we are working to restart PFTM activities and help Jamaica's young sports fans get back in the game.



Philippines

Play for the Mangroves

Our Philippines chapter of Play for the Mangroves held events at four schools in two communities in late 2025. More than 800 kids on several islands had participated in the program by the end of the year. Unlike the programs in the DR and Jamaica, in the Philippines each participating school

decides which sport they would like to play, with basketball and table tennis being popular choices. The program has been enthusiastically welcomed by parents, teachers, and local government leaders.



Sri Lanka

Lanka Mangrove Museum and Learning Center

Cyclone Ditwah tore through Sri Lanka in late 2025, causing widespread flooding, landslides, and other destruction across the country. As the storm approached, the staff sprang into action, moving the museum's collection to safety and

taking other precautions to minimize damage to the building. After the storm passed, they quickly cleaned and dried out the facility, and within weeks began welcoming visitors again.



Sri Lanka

Lanka Mangrove Museum and Learning Center

In the museum's Together With Mangroves program, local youth participate in hands-on mangrove restoration and stewardship activities. These kids and teenagers help out in the museum's nurseries, plant the seedlings

they've raised, all while learning about their country's unique coastal ecosystems and wildlife. Internships offered by the museum are preparing local youth for careers in environmental protection.

Project highlights

Though much attention in 2025 was on our new nationwide initiative in Greece and the successful conclusion of the one in the Dominican Republic, partnerships with local island communities remain at the core of our work. And there was no shortage of exciting news from these traditional projects.

We launched 29 new projects throughout the year—most of them based around Seacology’s classic win-win model—while supporting dozens of ongoing ones. Overseen by our global team of talented and dedicated field representatives, these projects moved forward quickly and efficiently, bringing urgently needed resources to people and places that too often lack support. Among the new projects launched in 2025 were our first ever in Canada and Croatia, and our first in the Caribbean nation of Dominica in more than 20 years.

With help from Seacology, kids in Fiji are learning in a sturdy new school building. An island village off of Honduras’ underdeveloped Pacific coast now has storage capacity for reliable clean water. A community in the western Philippines is building the infrastructure to welcome visitors to its strikingly beautiful mangrove forests. And much more.

The following pages feature just a few of our favorite examples. To learn more about any of our projects going back to our very first in 1991, check out seacology.org/projects.



Left: Coral fragments are grown in an undersea nursery in Mexico’s Marietas Islands.



Above: Residents of Godog Village, Indonesia build a new community center.

Left: Endangered radiated tortoises are rescued by a partner in our project at Malaintatroke, Mahazoarivo and Ala Mahavelo, Madagascar.

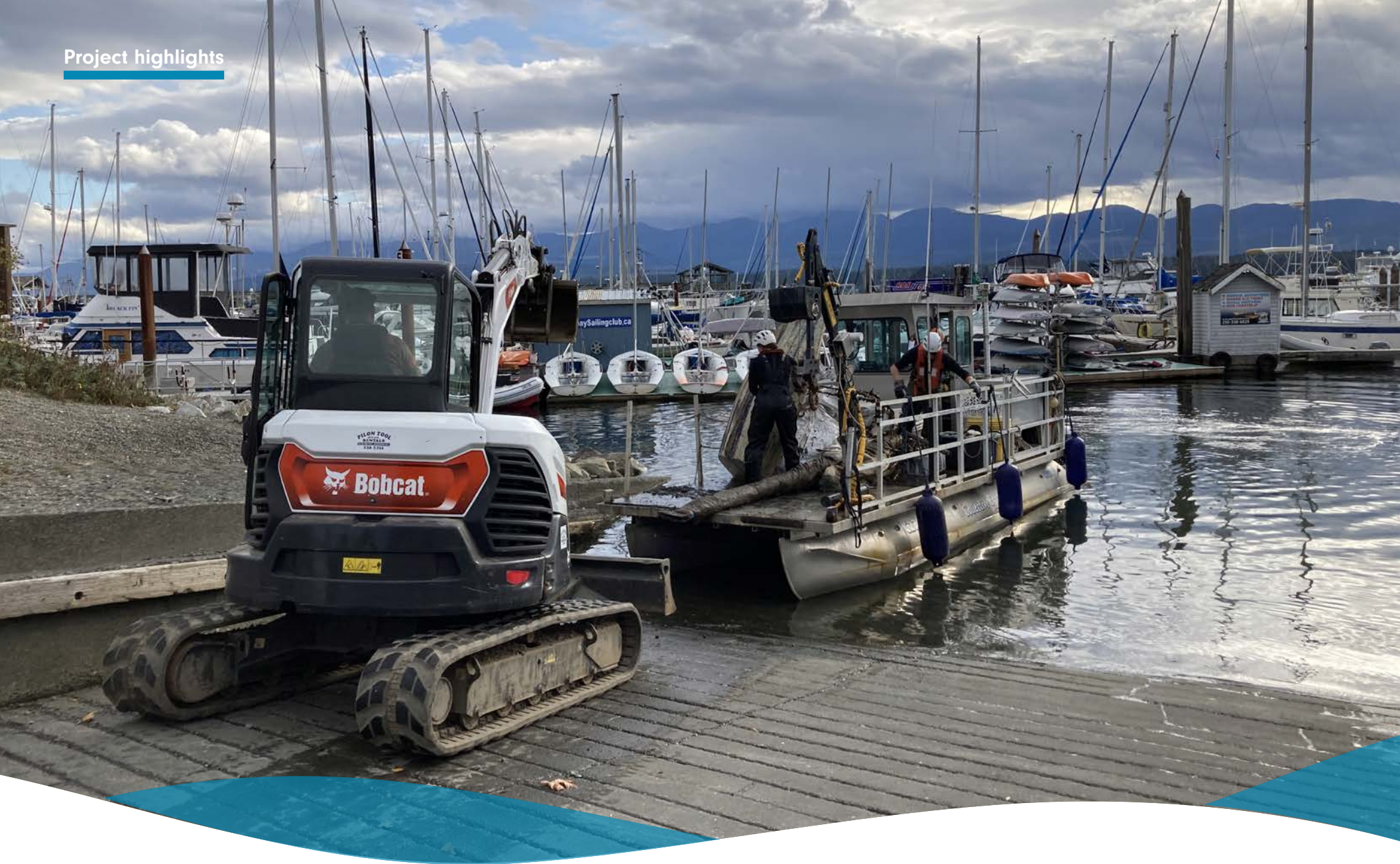


Brazil

Cotijuba Island

Seacology partnered with the Belém Islands Women's Movement, an organization dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability and improving women's autonomy and quality of life in the region since 1998. Women and girls from three communities on the island planted more than 5,000 seedlings of 75 native mangrove species. They also participated in a study to determine

how best to restore an eroded mangrove area, with significant results that were published in the peer-reviewed Journal of Research, Society and Development. Seacology support helped them upgrade their women's community center with a new outside wall, renovated reading room, and other improvements.



Canada

K'omoks Estuary

Working with K'omoks First Nations people, as well as our NGO partners SeaChange Marine Conservation Society and Project Watershed, this project has removed 3,860 pounds of debris from 124 acres of this important estuary. The haul—which took a small barge and a crane to move—included masts, sails, tires, ropes, mattresses,

traffic cones, generators, car batteries, fishing nets, solar panels, plastic bins, sunken buoys, windows, and countless smaller items. About 110 pounds of material was able to be recycled, including metal and a lead-acid battery. Now that the debris is gone, our partners are preparing to replant the estuary with eelgrass.



Croatia

Lošinj Island

Seacology's first project in Croatia is helping conserve threatened seagrass habitats through education and public-outreach campaigns led by our partner, Blue World Institute. In this popular tourist destination, boaters often aren't aware of the damage they're doing to important seagrass meadows—

and public awareness is the first crucial step to implementing protective policies. Blue World Institute staff met with the Lošinj school board to coordinate classroom and field lessons for children, and have begun field trips. They also met with the island's tourist board to coordinate a public outreach event.



England

Seaview Village

Around the Isle of Wight, the heavy chains that attach boat moorings to the seafloor have ripped up precious seagrass beds. Our partner Project Seagrass has mapped seagrass areas around the island, using drone imagery to show the extent of the damage from swinging chain moorings.

Together with Warren Boats, a longtime local boatbuilder, they have developed and installed two alternative mooring systems to enable the seagrass to regrow in the area. Local community members have been trained to monitor the seagrass meadows as they recover.



Fiji

Mali Island

This classic win-win Seacology project protects 240 acres of marine, mangrove, and forest habitat for 20 years and has provided a new elementary school to replace the previous run-down 60-year-old school building. In May, members of a Seacology expedition toured the protected marine

and mangrove areas of the island and learned about the community's replanting efforts. The new primary school—which villagers had been trying to fund for 20 years—was officially opened at a joyous day-long celebration that included traditional speeches, dance, song, gifts, and food.



Guatemala

El Jiote Island

El Jiote Island is an important nesting habitat for three sea turtle species: green turtles, critically endangered Pacific leatherbacks, and Olive Ridleys. This innovative Seacology project focuses on food security for the local community by providing sustainable alternatives to turtle eggs, including a collectively managed chicken farm established

at the local school. Families received laying hens and food in exchange for turtle eggs for the Tortugario Manuelita hatchery, which was a huge success. The community released more than 2,000 hatchlings in 2025, and the grant from Seacology provided new equipment for the local school.



Indonesia

Tawabi Village

This project is helping local villagers protect 500 acres of mangroves for 20 years. Many villagers have been dedicated mangrove guardians for generations, and they hope to pass their wisdom on to their kids and grandchildren. The community grows mangrove seedlings

in a nursery supported by this project, then works with our project partners, the Fishery and Marine faculty of Khairun University, to replant the seedlings. This grant has also funded the construction of a new mangrove learning center for environmental education in the village.



Uruguay

Bella Unión Islands

With a distinct white stripe down each side of its head, the critically endangered white-lined bat has the face of a tiny badger. To help protect the species, this project is conserving forest on a cluster of seven islands in the upper Uruguay River. Our project partners have increased patrols of the islands and worked with local communities on environmental

education and livelihood training, including building a visitor center and interpretive trail. In 2023, biologists discovered a dozen plant species on the islands that were thought to be extinct in Uruguay! In 2025, the government agreed to add the islands to their National System of Protected Areas.

New projects

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Bangladesh
East Khejuria Village

Patrolling of no-take freshwater dolphin sanctuary for 10 years; awareness campaign on dolphins, mangroves, and destructive fishing methods

Conservation education; alternative livelihood help; solar lamps; cookstoves

Canada
K'omoks Estuary

Debris cleanup (124 acres) and eelgrass restoration in an important estuary

Chile
Quenac Island

Recycling plastic waste that is damaging island ecosystems

Income for women from recycled plastic items

Costa Rica
Guanacaste Conservation Area

Increased protection of 106,225-acre no-take marine protected area

Croatia
Lošinj Island

Seagrass conservation through education and outreach

Dominica
L'Escalier Tête Chien

Conservation of 400 acres of coastal forest for 30 years; native tree planting

Enhanced ecotourism with reception area, interpretive signs, guided tour

📍 *Funding provided by Nu Skin Force For Good Foundation*



Seacology began

29

new projects
in 2025

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

<p>Dominican Republic Boca del Soco</p>	<p>Monitoring and clean-up of 17 acres of mangroves in and around the Río Soco Wildlife Refuge, sustainable fishing practices, coastal reforestation, and waste management for 10 years</p>	<p>School garden improvements</p>
<p>Federated States of Micronesia Woan Koapin Soamwoai</p>	<p>Protection of 660-acre watershed forest preserve for 15 years</p>	<p>Two new 10,000-gallon water tanks</p>
<p>Fiji Nasigasiga Village</p>	<p>Renewed protection of 400 acres of forest for 20 more years</p>	<p>New kindergarten building</p>
<p>Fiji Vunibalara Village</p>	<p>Repair a small wooden footbridge that kids use to get to school</p>	<p>Fruit tree replanting (15 households will plant 15 trees every year for eight years)</p>
<p>Greece Greek Islands Seagrass Alliance</p>	<p>Expansion of good practices nationwide, fostering a united and informed community committed to safeguarding <i>Posidonia</i> ecosystems across the Greek islands</p>	
<p>Grenada Lauriston Point</p>	<p>Conservation of hurricane-damaged 41-acre mangrove area, including replanting, and marine turtle and bird monitoring and protection for 10 years</p>	
<p>Guatemala El Jiote Island</p>	<p>Protection of three species of sea turtles, other wildlife, and mangroves</p>	<p>Improvements to school, chicken farming, turtle-themed events</p>



By the end of 2025,
our projects had
protected

672,518

acres of terrestrial
island habitat.

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

<p>Honduras Güipo and Tomason Island</p>	<p>Protection of 32 acres of mangroves, including reforestation of five acres; waste cleanup; all for 20 years</p>	<p>Kindergarten</p>
<p>Honduras Crawfish Rock</p>	<p>Protection of 2.4 acres of wetland, including mangroves, beach, and coral reef, for 10 years; mangrove planting; environmental education</p>	<p>Multi-use sports court for children and community</p>
<p>Indonesia Godog Village</p>	<p>Protecting a 100-acre forest for 20 years, including replanting 7.5 acres</p>	<p>Household water supply system; agricultural training; small conservation center</p>
<p>Indonesia Panton Raya Village</p>	<p>Conservation of 618-acre forest, with additional benefits for downstream estuary and sea, for 20 years</p>	<p>Community center; workspace for craftswomen; youth learning center; environmental education</p>
<p>Indonesia Kaputihan and Papayan Villages</p>	<p>Protection of 99 acres of forest for 15 years, including reforestation of 10 acres</p>	<p>Community center; water pipes from spring to village</p>
<p>Jamaica Play for the Mangroves</p>	<p>Environmental education, mangrove protection and restoration</p>	<p>Sports equipment and training for youth</p>



By the end of 2025,
our projects had
protected

923,293

acres of marine
island habitat.

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Kenya Mkwiro Village	Renewed protection of 741 acres of marine habitat in perpetuity	Tourist bandas (shelters for a restaurant and accommodations), meeting hall
Madagascar Antanamarina Village	Protecting 3,511 acres of critically endangered lemur habitat with firebreaks, replanting, and patrols for 20 years	Two-room primary school with bathrooms and solar panels
Malaysia Pokolon Paus Village	Preservation of 124-acre rainforest watershed and doubled fishing restrictions	Renewable, reliable electricity from hybrid solar and micro-hydro system
Mexico Marietas Islands	Coral restoration at two sites totaling 6.25 acres	Better conditions for ecotourism and fishing; tourism training for local people
New Zealand Papakura Stream	Restoration of important wildlife habitat, including forest, stream, seagrass, saltmarsh, reef, and mangroves, damaged by deforestation and pollution	Solar power, compostable toilets, and equipment for native plant nursery
Philippines Barangay Quezon	Protection of 605-acre marine area, with mangroves and seagrass, for 10 years	Floating guardhouse, mangrove boardwalk, and capacity building for conservation and ecotourism

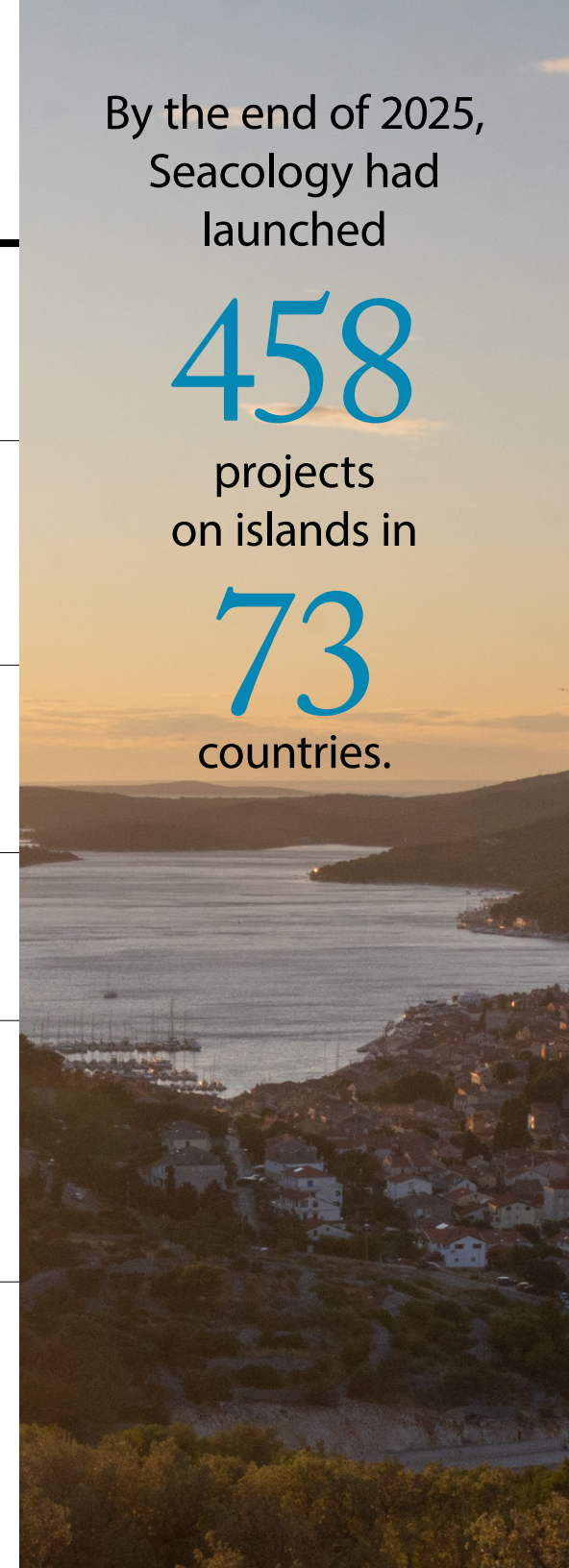
By the end of 2025,
Seacology had
launched

458

projects
on islands in

73

countries.



Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Scotland
Fetlar Island

Preservation of about 27.5 acres of nesting ground of rare red-necked phalarope

Support of wildlife-based tourism, support for cooperating crofters

Tonga
Talihau Village

Enhanced protection of 2,540-acre marine conservation area, including 764-acre no take-zone, for 10 years

Gated ecotourism park with restrooms, showers, and picnic tables

United States
Picnic Cove

Seagrass restoration

Seagrass education for local Native American youth

United States
Decatur, Sucia, and Shaw Islands

Replanting approximately 2.25 acres of seagrass

Lummi student participation in restoration of culturally important eelgrass

The average cost of a Seacology project in 2025 was less than

\$40,000



Seacology in the news

Selected articles from 2025—to see all press coverage, visit seacology.org/news/media/archive

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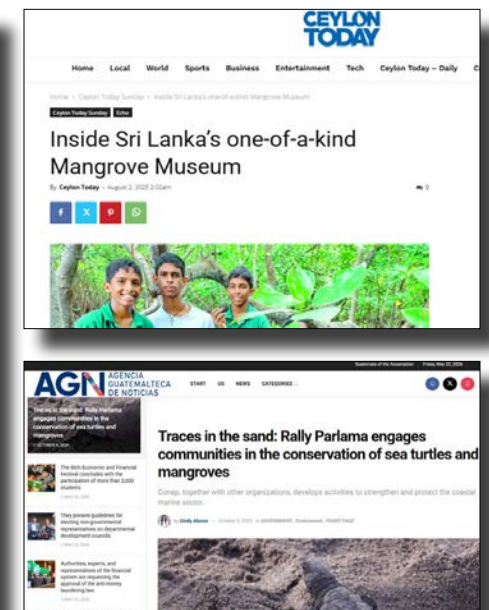
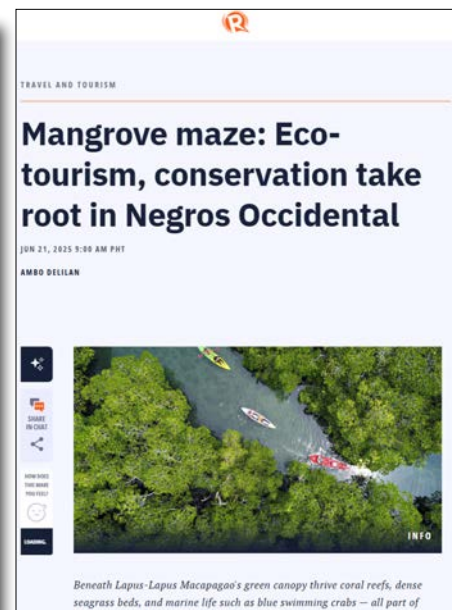
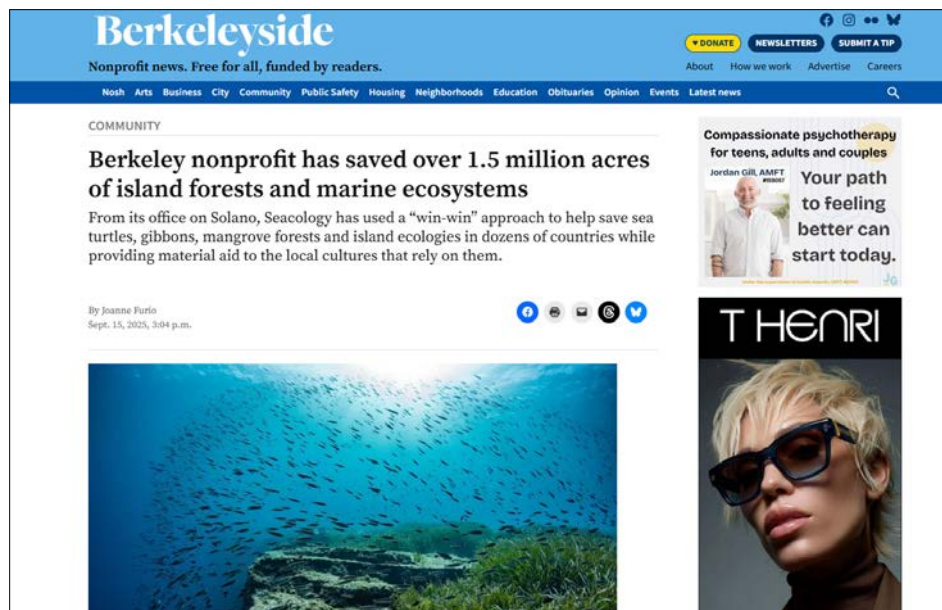
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Agencia Guatemalteca de Noticias, October 9, 2025

[“Traces in the sand: Rally Parlama engages communities in the conservation of sea turtles and mangroves”](#)

Der Tagesspiegel, October 27, 2025

[“Potsdam clubs introduce themselves: SeaCology Germany supports island communities”](#)



Travel and events

Seacology's travel program gives our supporters the unique opportunity to see our work up-close, while exploring some of the world's most beautiful and fascinating islands. In 2025 we hosted two international expeditions to Mexico and Fiji.

Closer to home, we also began to offer outings for our supporters in the United States.

Mexico

In the spring, Seacology hosted our first-ever international kayaking trip!

Individual giving Manager Max Rojas-Domke and Field Representative Marisol Rueda Flores led the exciting six-day paddling adventure through the Sea of Cortez to explore the coast and islands of Baja California Sur. The group was treated to daily sightings of whales, dolphins, and myriad seabirds.

The journey culminated on Isla Coronado, where Seacology helped the local community restore Ensenada Blanca, a beautiful white-sand beach. Our investments in new bathrooms have helped improve public health, reduce water pollution, and make the area more inviting for tourism.



Above: Expert local guides from Paddling South carried our gear and set up camp for our kayakers each night.

Left: From left, Max Rojas-Domke, Field Representative Marisol Rueda Flores, CONANP's Subdirector Mariana Salgado, and Seacology Board Treasurer Scott Wilson in front of the new bathroom block.

Below: Our happy campers pulled up on shore throughout the trip to explore the area's stunning landscapes.



Fiji

Expeditions to this South Pacific nation are always huge hits with our supporters. The gorgeous tropical landscapes, famously hospitable culture, and opportunities for outdoor adventure create lifelong memories every time we host a trip to Fiji. With dozens of successful conservation partnerships in the country, it's also one of our favorite places to show the positive impact that Seacology has made for local communities and ecosystems there.

Our 2025 trip featured a visit to Mali, a small island at the edge of the world's third-largest barrier reef. There, we helped a rural community that had been struggling for two decades to raise the money to replace its dilapidated school. After receiving the grant from Seacology, the village quickly met this long-held aspiration. Together with their visitors, the residents of the island joyfully opened the vibrant blue building in an all-day celebration with traditional dancing, music, and cuisine.

As part of their agreement with Seacology, Mali's villagers are now actively protecting hundreds of acres of forest, mangrove, and marine habitat.



Above: Our travelers celebrate the opening of Mali Island's new school.

Left: Local kids present the key to the new building.

Below: Members of our group enjoyed kayaking, diving, hiking and more.



Local events

In 2025 we continued to offer more opportunities for supporters and members of our local Northern California community to learn about our work and enjoy nature with us.

Early in the summer, we held an open-house at Seacology's Berkeley office to give our neighbors an opportunity to learn more about what we do. Following our June board meeting in New York, Board Member Sandie Tillotson hosted an exclusive reception for major donors.

In September we partnered with a kayak tour company and a local chef to offer our supporters a delicious meal and paddling trip through the calm waters off Sausalito. As the full moon rose, we observed seals, shorebirds, and other wildlife while our expert guides offered deep information about the biodiversity of San Francisco Bay.

Sign up at seacology.org/subscribe for announcements about upcoming outings, near and far.



Above: Executive Director Duane Silverstein speaks at the open house at our Berkeley, California office.

Right: Seacology supporters mingle with our staff and board in New York City.



Above and left: Seacology co-hosted a wonderful dinner and evening kayaking trip on San Francisco Bay with chef and forager Maria Finn and Sea Trek.

Below: Seacology Communications Director Joe Clerici and intern Alton Tangsirikusolwong answer questions at the annual Solano Stroll street fair.



In memoriam

Larry Barels

A visionary entrepreneur, philanthropist, adventurer, and longtime member of Seacology's board of directors, Larry Barels passed away in 2025 at the age of 76. Known for his bold spirit, sharp business acumen, and deep commitment to community, Larry left an indelible mark across industries and causes.

Larry was a generous community leader, serving on the board of Seacology for more than a decade from 2001-2014. He also served on the board of the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum and played a key role in establishing a Chair in Tibetan Buddhism at UCSB. He and his beloved wife of 53 years, Wendy, were deeply involved in local philanthropy, supporting dozens of causes including the Santa Barbara Bowl, Heal the Ocean, Domestic Violence Solutions, and Direct Relief International.

In honor of Larry's long and impactful service on our board and his love of our ocean, we have dedicated our new project in Costa Rica's Guanacaste Conservation Area to his memory.

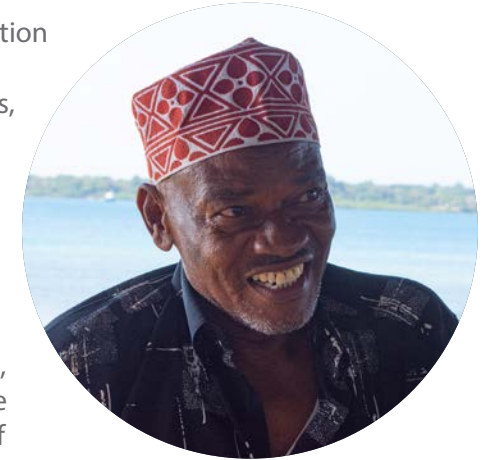


Omar Abdallah Juma

A lifelong advocate for the preservation of Kenya's coastal ecosystems and empowerment of local communities, Mzee Abdallah Omar Juma passed away in October.

A tireless champion of the often-disenfranchised island villages along Kenya's southern coast, Juma worked with fishing cooperatives, government agencies, and NGOs to implement sustainable practices and improve the quality of life for these communities. He was a key leader in the establishment of one of Kenya's first locally managed marine reserves on his home island of Wasini, which now serves as a model for other protected areas across the region. As a leader of the Wasini Beach Management Unit, he later spearheaded an innovative coral-restoration program, which has helped strengthen Wasini's reefs and fisheries. He also led the construction of a mangrove boardwalk to support sustainable tourism on his home island, and worked with Seacology to bolster water security there.

In 2020 we awarded the Seacology Prize to Juma in recognition of the lasting impact of his work.





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