



Seacology



2020 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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Progress in uncertain times

Remarkably, 2020 was a year of progress in Seacology's mission to protect precious terrestrial and marine habitats on islands by partnering with indigenous peoples. As a small not-for-profit organization headquartered in Berkeley, California, Seacology has had a disproportionately large impact on island conservation throughout the world.

Consider Kangaroo Island, southwest of the city of Adelaide in South Australia. Wildfires raged uncontrollably across this 4,400-kilometer² island, nearly half of which remains in primary vegetation because of its isolation from mainland Australia. While global sentiment was properly focused on the unique mammals there, including kangaroos and koalas, at Seacology we sought to identify keystone species—species that hold the entire ecosystem together—and became deeply concerned about the endemic green carpenter bees, which are major pollinators. Since the 2020 bushfires destroyed most of the trees that the bees nest in, we joined forces with the When Bee Foundation to construct artificial nests for these unusual bees, providing nesting space sufficient for four years during the crucial fire recovery period for the vegetation. That way the bees can continue to pollinate the plants that provide the basis of the ecosystem and all other species on the island.

In the South Pacific, Seacology has provided major funding in support of the largest marine reserve in the world, Marae Moana, in the Cook Islands. Here, the indigenous Cook Islanders play a key role in making this reserve a reality. Seacology is partnering with the Cook Island Voyaging Society, which takes traditional sailing craft throughout the islands to teach schoolchildren the conservation wisdom of their elders. Seacology's efforts



Residents of Setāfaō Saipiipi, Samoa, lay the foundation for a Seacology-funded community center.

were recognized by the visit of the Cook Island Prime Minister to the Seacology offices in Berkeley.

From Madagascar to the Philippines to the Dominican Republic, the generous gifts of people like you have allowed us to extend our conservation efforts to islands in 65 different countries. Our message of win-win solutions in which indigenous peoples covenant to protect precious island habitats in return for schools, medical clinics, solar electrification and other needed community improvements has been well received. I invite you to explore Seacology's successes in this annual report, and to consider joining us as we continue to conserve some of the most fragile and important ecosystems in the world.

Cordially,

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



Who we are



Former Cook Islands Prime Minister Henry Puna, center, visits Seacology's office to meet with our staff, board members, and Fellows in January 2020.



Field Representative Chris Wright, second from right, and Program manager Mary Randolph, right, sign a conservation agreement with community representatives in Malaysia.

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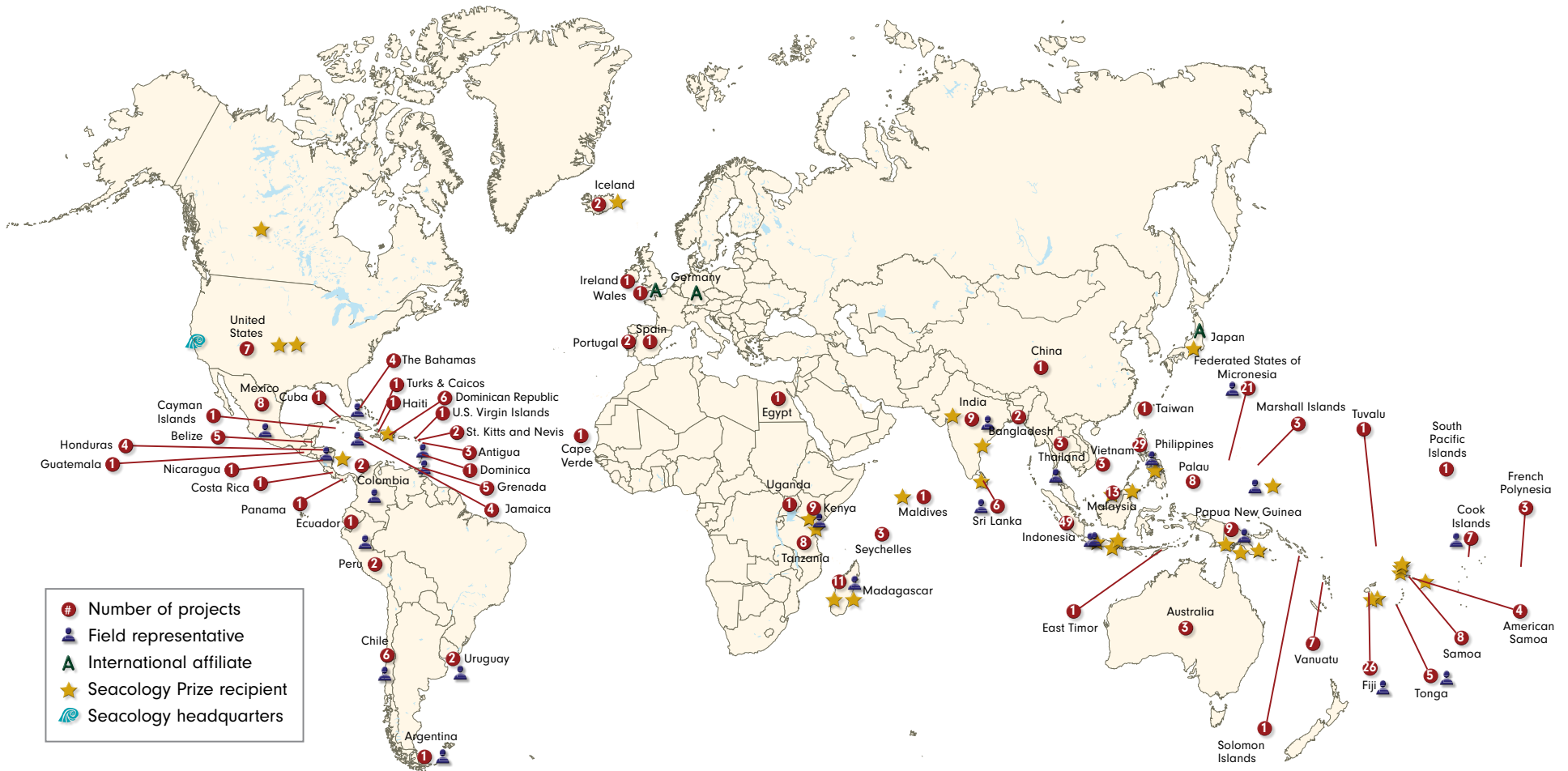
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CROWDFUNDING DONORS

These individuals and several anonymous donors contributed to our 2020 crowdfunding campaign, helping us to far exceed our goal. The money raised is allowing us to provide several years worth of artificial nesting materials on Kangaroo Island for the endemic insects, which lost most of their natural habitat to wildfires.

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Artificial nesting stalk installed by our local partners, the Wheen Bee Foundation.



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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, and we will send you a Letter of Intent to complete and return to us.

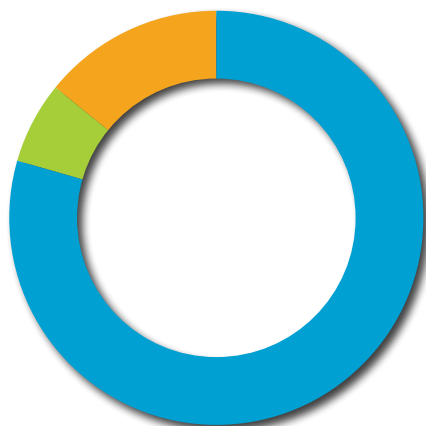


Finances

Seacology's ongoing commitment to financial efficiency resulted in another year of top marks from charity-rating services. In 2020, the overwhelming

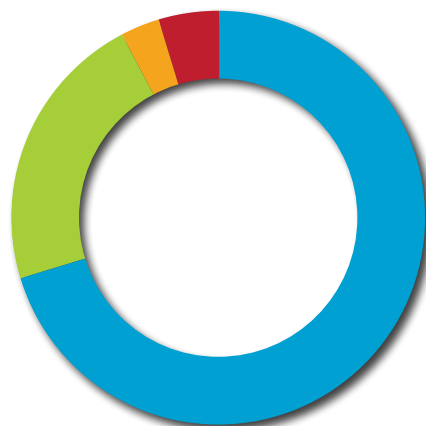
majority of our spending went directly to our projects. More details and documents are available at seacology.org/about/annual-reports.

Expenses



- Conservation programs (80%)
- Management and General (6%)
- Fundraising (14%)

Public support



- Donations and bequests (71%)
- Foundation grants (22%)
- In-kind contributions (3%)
- SBA Payroll Protection Program (4%)

Statement of financial activity

January 1 through December 31, 2020¹

Support and Revenue

Foundation grants	\$ 653,900
Donations and bequests	\$ 2,093,786
SBA Payroll Protection Program Grant	\$ 132,300
In-kind contributions	\$ 90,857
Total public support	\$ 2,970,843

Expedition Income, net of expenses	\$(8,995)
Event income, net of expenses	\$(129)
Interest/investment income	\$1,095,275
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,816
Total revenue	\$1,087,967
Total support and revenue	\$4,058,810

Expenses

Program services	\$1,808,085
Management and general	\$146,790
Fundraising	\$316,659
Total expenses	\$2,271,534

Change in net assets	\$1,787,276
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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 2020 audited financial statements will be available in June 2021.



Project highlights

Working in a new world

On March 16, 2020, along with millions of our neighbors in northern California, Seacology's staff entered a new reality when health officials issued a stay-at-home order. We quickly packed up computers, files, and personal items in our modest Berkeley office and moved daily operations into our homes. None of us expected that we wouldn't be together again for more than a year.

We also had no idea how the pandemic might affect our projects around the world. But we're proud to say that Seacology has not only made do under these unprecedented circumstances, but that we've been delighted by the progress we've seen and the continued generosity of Seacology supporters.

During 2020, we launched 19 new projects and finished several existing ones successfully. We expanded our work into new countries and territories, including Spain and Bonaire. We rallied support to save an endangered bee species whose habitat was decimated by bushfires in Australia. Working with dedicated local partners and organizations, our projects protected mangroves in the Philippines, rainforest in Borneo, and endangered dugongs in Palau,

just to name a few. And we will soon begin Seacology's second nationwide project, which will protect mangrove ecosystems across the Dominican Republic.

The pandemic has greatly complicated our work, of course. Many of our field representatives — the two dozen people around the globe who work with island communities to develop Seacology projects — have been unable to visit project sites. Supply chains have been disrupted, delaying the delivery of building materials. People in partner organizations have fallen ill with COVID-19 but have, thankfully, recovered.

In some cases, we've been able to directly help communities cope with the fallout of the pandemic. Many island communities suffered devastating economic losses when international tourism dried up or foreign markets were cut off. To provide other sources of income, several recent Seacology projects focus on local ecotourism, offering a lifeline to places historically reliant on foreign visitors.

To the many generous Seacology supporters who helped keep our work going strong, we are deeply grateful.





Australia

Kangaroo Island

In late 2019 and early 2020, bushfires raged across Australia, countless endemic species. One such case was the green carpenter bee, found only in two small areas of the country.

Thanks to many contributions to our 2020

crowdfunding campaign (see page 7), we were able to provide critically needed artificial nesting materials on Kangaroo island, offering the burrowing pollinators a temporary home while their natural habitat recovers.



Chile

Autení Island

Members of the indigenous Mapuche-Huilliche community are working to establish a huge new marine reserve that will protect more than 700 square miles of pristine waters in the Chiloé

Archipelago. Seacology is supporting their efforts by funding a waste-management facility to help the islanders combat plastic waste and other pollution in the area.



Cook Islands

Marae Moana

The Cook Islands has taken the unprecedented step of declaring the entirety of the nation's waters a marine reserve, called Marae Moana ("sacred ocean"). Experience has shown us that local

support is critical for any ambitious conservation plan to succeed, so Seacology is supporting this initiative with a nationwide awareness and education campaign.



Dominican Republic

Boca Chica

Working with the local fishing community, this multifaceted project helps protect a diverse coastal ecosystem, including mangroves, seagrass beds, and coral reefs. The project will help a

new fishing cooperative promote sustainable livelihoods, develop ecotourism, and organize the local community to keep the wetlands thriving and free of pollution.



Federated States of Micronesia

Kuop Atoll

This atoll in the state of Chuuk is surrounded by more than 25,000 acres of legally protected waters and high biodiversity. Unfortunately, the lack of consistent enforcement made the area a frequent

target for poachers.

A Seacology-funded ranger station on the previously uninhabited atoll will allow for full-time monitoring of the expansive marine reserve.



Fiji

Korolevu Village

A community hall funded by Seacology served an unintended—but essential—purpose for this village just months after it was completed. As Cyclone Yasa, a category-5 storm, swept across the country causing widespread destruction, the

reinforced building offered shelter and safety to families forced to flee their homes. The people of Korolevu continue to honor their commitment to protect nearly 3,000 acres of land, marine habitat, and mangroves.



Indonesia

Mandalamekar

In exchange for a pledge to protect 128 acres of rainforest, Seacology funded a bamboo-processing facility to help this village on the island of Java to produce sustainable construction

materials and provide jobs. The processed bamboo is both a valuable export and useful for local infrastructure, like this livestock pen. It's our second successful project with the community.



Madagascar

Mandena, Manantenina, and Ambohimanarina Villages

Marojejy National Park is a World Heritage Site that is home to at least 10 species of lemurs and other endemic wildlife. Unfortunately, like much of Madagascar's forests, the park is under increasing pressure from logging and encroachment from agriculture.

Our project supports a two-pronged strategy

to combat these threats through ecotourism: by renovating accommodations, it increases the presence of visitors, which deters illegal cutting. It also helps combat poverty, a major driver of deforestation in the country, by offering employment as guides, porters, and housekeepers, to local people.



Philippines

Barangay Bogtong

A 250-meter boardwalk built along the edge of Busuanga Island's mangrove forest offers visitors unparalleled views, and provides a perfect vantage point for birdwatchers and hikers.

Several members of the community received training and certification to work as guides as part of our project, which protects hundreds of acres of the mangroves.



United States of America

Westcott Bay

Our first project in the Pacific Northwest supports a novel method of seagrass restoration in the San Juan Islands. Working with a team of experts from the University of Washington, the project collected

and germinated seeds of carbon-trapping, erosion fighting eelgrass and deposited them in degraded areas. It's a first step toward repairing a foundation of the ecosystem after decades of decline.

New projects

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Australia

Big Dog Island,
Tasmania



Protection of 874-acre island for
10 years

Solar power to replace
diesel generators

Australia

Kangaroo Island

Artificial nesting stalks for green carpenter bees, threatened with
extinction

Bonaire (Caribbean Netherlands)

Protection of last individuals of the critically endangered Bonaire
palm

Cook Islands

Marae Moana

Community support for Marae Moana, the world's largest marine
park

Dominican Republic

Boca Chica

Protection of a 13-acre marine
area including mangroves,
seagrass, and coral reef for 15
years

Support of new
Fishermen's Ecotourism
Coop, including training
and equipment



Seacology began

19

new projects
in 2020

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Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Dominican Republic
El Tablón Ecological
Park

Protection of a 66-acre area
consisting of lagoon, mixed
vegetation, and mangrove
habitat for 15 years

Mangrove nursery and
planting, bird feeders
and nesting structures,
apiculture facilities,
and infrastructure and
equipment for ecotourism

Honduras
Guanaja Island

Restoration of five acres of
mangroves and one acre of
watershed

Repair of 1,500-foot
mangrove walkway; new
welcome center at airport

India
Wandoor Village
South Andaman Island
🌐

Protection of four kilometers of
coastline and 50 acres of forest
for 10 years

Resource and ecotourism
training center

Indonesia
Sungai Nibung Village,
Borneo

Protection of 7,660 acres of
mangrove forest for 20 years

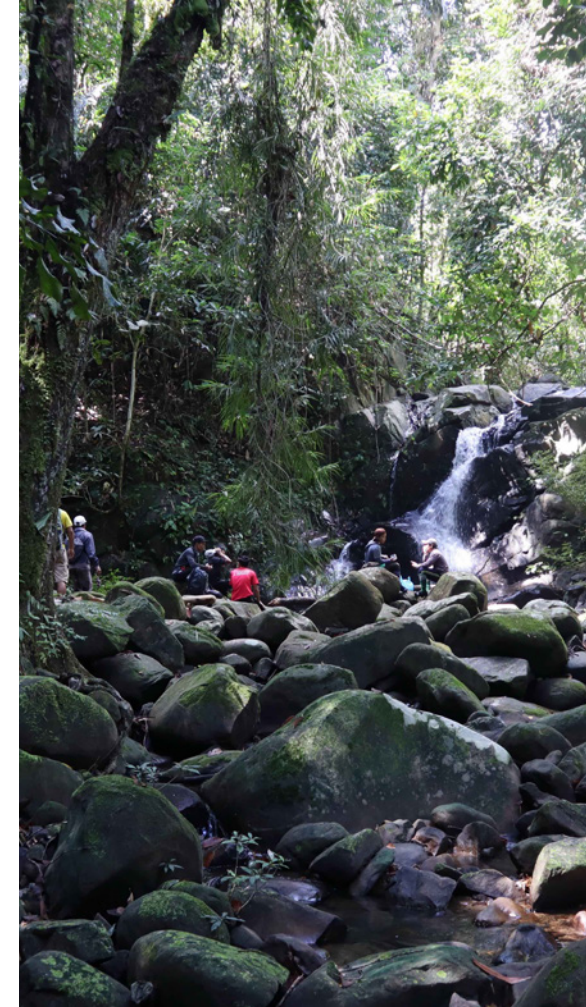
Facility to raise baby crabs
for release into forest;
drone, walkie-talkies

Malaysia
Rungus Nahaba Village,
Borneo

Conservation of 950 acres of
community forest watershed for
15 years

Trails and shelters
for ecotourism;
documentation of
traditional knowledge

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By late 2020,
our projects had
protected
610,737
acres of terrestrial
island habitat.

New projects

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Mexico

Cayo Alcatraz



New 939-acre no-fishing area for five years (then subject to renewal)

Lobster shelters to promote sustainable fishery; composting toilets

Palau

Ngerkeklau Island

Permanent protection of 400 acres of seagrass

Shelter and composting toilet for park rangers; floating dock

Philippines

Alabat Municipality, Luzon Island



Protection of 277-acre marine area and 47 acres of mangroves for 20 years

Community center, boardwalk for ecotourism and environmental education

Philippines

Bogtong, Busuanga Island



Protection of 969 acres of mangroves for 15 years

200-meter mangrove forest boardwalk and interpretive signs

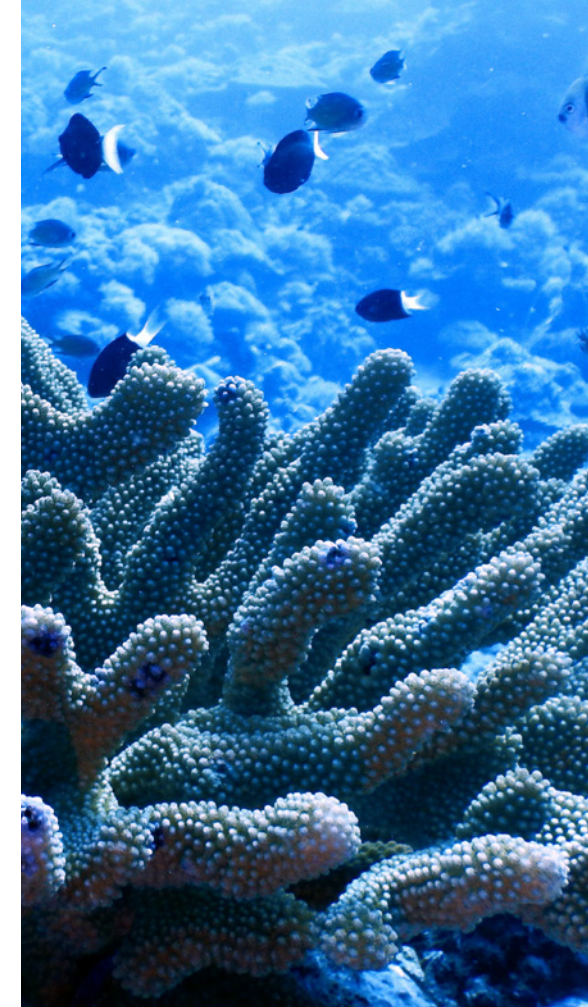
Samoa

Setāfaō Saipipi Village

Protection of 40 acres of marine area for 25 years

Expanded conservation building, perimeter for protected area

Funding provided by Nu Skin Force For Good Foundation



By late 2020,
our projects had
protected
781,689
acres of marine
island habitat.

Location

Conservation benefit

Community benefit

Spain
Formentera Island

Seagrass protection

Mobile app that lets boats avoid anchoring on seagrass

Thailand
Tang Len Island
🌐

Protection of 494-acre island and two islets for 10 years

Conservation and education center

United States
Westcott Bay,
San Juan Island

Reseeding of 13 acres of seagrass

Wales, United Kingdom
Porthdinllaen Village

Replanting of seagrass areas damaged by mooring chains; new eco-moorings

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By the end of 2020
Seacology had
launched

337

projects
on islands in

64

countries.



Seacology in the news

New Indian Express, January 6, 2020

"Tamil Nadu local body polls: Seaweed collector to Panchayat union"

Commonwealth Club of California podcast, January 8, 2020

"Henry Puna, Prime Minister, The Cook Islands" (moderated by Seacology's Duane Silverstein)"

CNN, February 6, 2020

"How Sri Lanka's mangrove forests can save lives"

New Internationalist, April 14, 2020

"Saving Rivers, Saving Lives"

Icarus Complex Magazine, June 16, 2020

"Resilience is about learning to thrive under uncertainty"

Planetary Health Alliance, June 18, 2020

"Coastal Conservation Takes Root"

Cook Islands News, July 15, 2020

"Marae Moana receives \$160k grant"

Cook Islands News, August 21, 2020

"Into the teeth of the wind"

Economynext, August 28, 2020

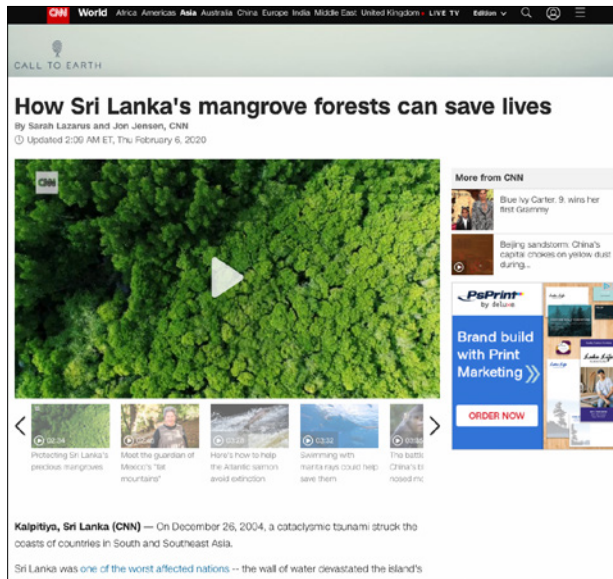
"Courts orders investigation into "wilful destruction" in Anawilundawa sanctuary"

Mongabay, November 3, 2020

"Colombia: illegal parrotfish fishing puts Seaflower reefs in check" (translated)

Around the Buoy, December 16, 2020

"EP 52: 11th Hour Racing and Clean Oceans"



Be A Wave Maker: 24 Inspiring Stories About Ocean Protection
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Travel



Dive with us in **Palau** February 20-29, 2020

Seacology invites you to join us for a unique diving experience in the tropical archipelago of Palau.



Our guests enjoyed a week of dives across the archipelago.

In February, a group of Seacology staff, board members, field representatives, and their guests set sail on the Ocean Hunter liveaboard and embarked on a week of dives across the Pacific archipelago of Palau. The group explored expansive coral reefs and

shipwrecks, and enjoyed close encounters with the area's thriving marine life.

On the island of Ngerkeklaui, the group visited our latest project site in the country, meeting the inspiring local conservation leaders working to preserve



Members of our expedition helped plant trees on Ngerkeklaui Island.

Palau's pristine environment and helping plant native trees raised in a Seacology-funded nursery.

Within days of our guests returning from the expedition, the COVID pandemic would make international travel impossible for more than a year.



Our local partner, the Ebiil Society, welcomes the group at a local aquarium and interpretive center.

Seacology Prize



Omar Abdallah Juma

Our 2020 recipient has set a powerful example for community-led conservation along Kenya's coast

East Africa's coast and islands are home to thriving coral reefs, dense mangrove forests, and seagrass beds—all of which have been strained by rapid population growth, overfishing, and poor regulation. Kenyan communities are responsible for conserving their local marine resources, but historically, few of them took action.

In recent years, however, communities have stepped up, thanks in large part to the efforts of people like Mr. Juma. He brokered lasting conservation partnerships between Kenya's government, NGOs, and the communities of Wasini Island.

A lifelong resident of the island, Mr. Omar, as he's known locally, was an early proponent of a community marine reserve there. As a leader of the Wasini Beach Management Unit (BMU), the community organization that manages local marine resources, he worked for years with island residents, government entities, and local environmental leaders, including 2014 Seacology Prize recipient Ali Shaibu Shekue, to establish a 2700-acre marine protected area. The reserve stabilized local fish populations and has become a model for locally managed conservation.

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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