

ANNUAL REPORT **2020**



PRINCE ALBERT II
OF MONACO
FOUNDATION



Sphyma Odyssey Océan Sea mission, autonomous laboratory vessel Sphyma © Photo Pauline Cottaz

“ Under the threat of coronavirus, in just a few days we have had to, and successfully managed to, adapt all our ways of living, give up things that we thought were essential and take on board realities that we were unaware of up until now.

In the faced of the environmental crisis, we must call the same things into question, make the same efforts and, more importantly, demonstrate the same responsibility and the same solidarity.

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco
April 2020



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In taking stock of my Foundation's actions and projects in 2020, it is difficult for me not to mention the health crisis that has impacted our world for over a year now, because it is having such a profound influence on our behaviour, especially our fight to protect the planet.

Despite the tragic consequences of this crisis – a health crisis primarily, but whose economic and social impact cannot be underestimated – it has not distracted us from our commitments. Quite the opposite.

By slowing down certain human activities, the Covid-19 pandemic and the measures implemented reduced, at least temporarily, our impact on the environment, as demonstrated for example by the Sphyrna Odyssey mission to observe cetaceans in the Mediterranean, a project that we supported. They also prompted us more broadly to question our priorities and re-evaluate certain practices that previously seemed inviolable. They have proved that well explained and supported measures can lead everyone to make profound changes.

For that reason, we are committed to ensuring that this year's crucial meetings – in particular the COP 15 Convention on Biological Diversity and the COP 26 Climate Change Conference – lead to significant progress in adapting our international governance to urgent environmental issues.

By placing health at the centre of everyone's concerns, the pandemic has also reminded us of the need to better protect our most precious asset. As was made clear at the Symposium on Human Health and the Ocean, which we organised in late 2020, the degradation of the environment has major consequences for our health.

Because of that, we focused our fundraising gala on global health issues. And we will continue to work even harder to combat the pollution that threatens our world and our health. And we will pursue our

commitment to the energy transition, to put an end to the extensive damage caused by hydrocarbons. In demonstrating the need for scientific expertise, which alone is capable of identifying the dangers we face and the solutions for tackling them, this crisis has also highlighted the crucial importance of the work of scientists, at a time when truth is a battleground.

This strengthens our determination to support researchers, without whom all environmental action would be not just futile but impossible.

Finally, through the unprecedented recovery plans it is now giving rise to, this crisis is prompting us to re-examine our world more widely and the priorities we wish to see adopted. The influx of resources represents an opportunity for us all to prove that environmental protection opens up lucrative economic opportunities.

Because of that, we are supporting the development of electric vehicles, which represent a vital growth driver for the automotive industry, and of Marine Protected Areas, which reconcile the preservation of marine environments with the growth of vibrant coastal economies. It is also why we participated in the launch of the Global Fund for Coral Reefs, an initiative that aims to gather innovative funding to protect our precious yet endangered coral reefs.

As the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation prepares to celebrate its 15th anniversary, I would like to emphasise how much this unique situation we are experiencing, despite its inherent difficulties, is encouraging us to pursue and step up our efforts.

That is what we did throughout 2020, in conditions that were challenging for all our teams, although their determination never wavered. And that is what we will do again in 2021, thanks to the unfailing commitment of our partners, our supporters and our donors, all of whom I would like to thank for their loyalty.

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco



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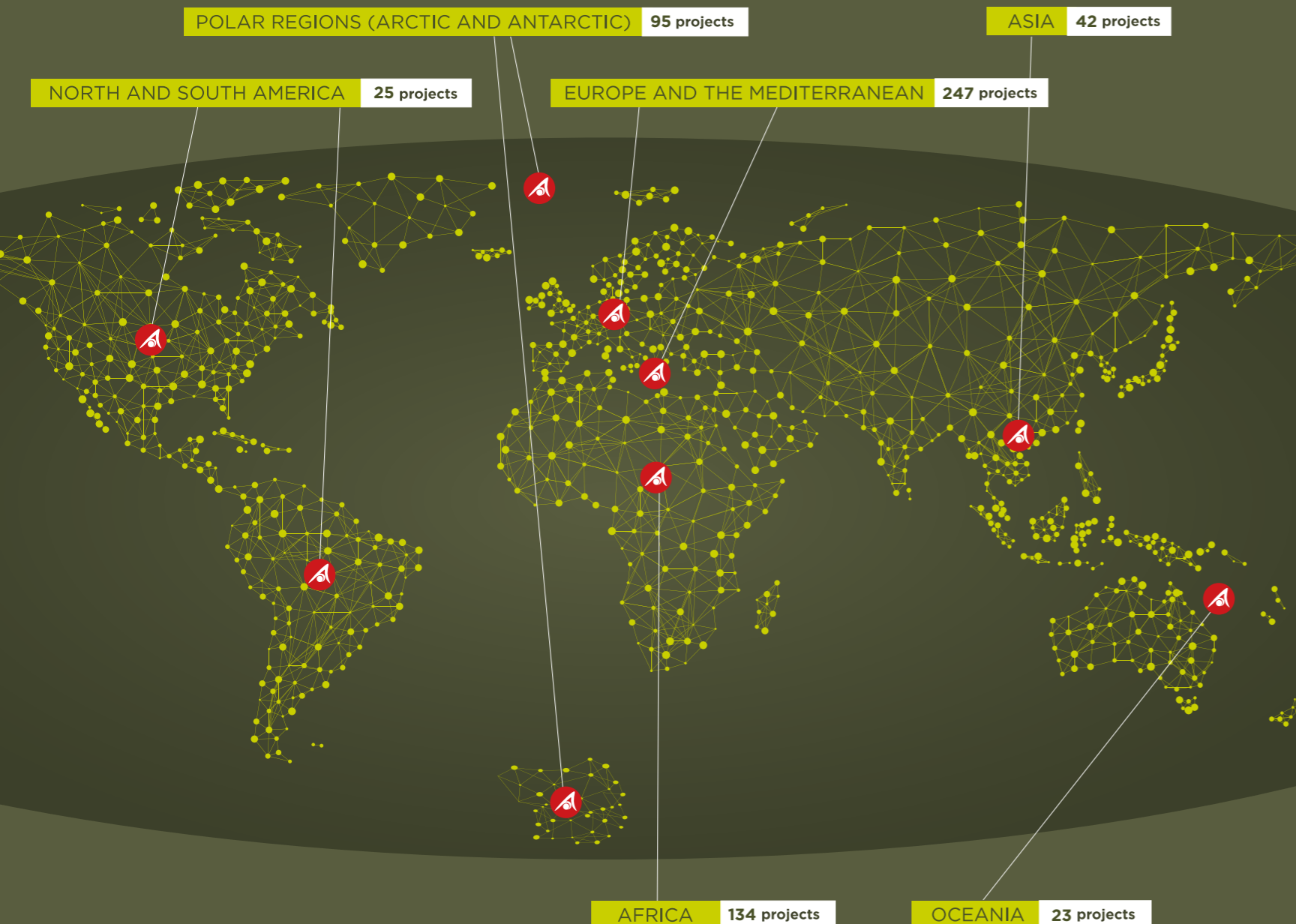
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PROTECTING

The year 2020 has left its mark on our collective history with a global health crisis reminding us of the extent to which humans are not only dependent on nature but also extremely vulnerable in the face of it. The proven link between the health of the planet and human health should inspire us to continue, with even greater determination, our efforts to protect ecosystems and to transition to low-carbon economies. The need for profound changes in our relationship with nature was already at the heart of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco's concerns when he decided, in June 2006, to set up His Foundation dedicated to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development at local and global level.

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation brings together scientists, political leaders and economic and civil society stakeholders behind a vital objective for our future – protecting the ocean and the land. The Foundation's long-term action has led to some encouraging victories being won, whether in safeguarding endangered species or improving living conditions in rural communities by implementing new sustainable and ethical solutions. Every project supported represents another step forward for the planet, whose current state of health calls for more ambitious and decisive measures.

TAKING ACTION TOGETHER

- Limiting the effects of climate change and promoting renewable energies.
- Safeguarding biodiversity.
- Managing water resources and combatting desertification.

THROUGH SPECIFIC WORK

- Building partnerships so that projects can be completed successfully and concrete initiatives can be undertaken in its priority spheres of action.
- Raising awareness among populations and authorities about the impact of human activities on the natural environment and encouraging more eco-friendly behaviour.
- Promoting and inspiring outstanding initiatives and innovative solutions by awarding prizes and grants.

IN TARGETED AREAS

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation focuses its efforts in three main geographical areas: **the Mediterranean Basin, the Polar Regions and the Least Developed Countries** (as classified by the United Nations), which are severely impacted by the effects of climate change, biodiversity loss and threats to water resources.

KEY FIGURES	NUMBER OF PROJECTS BY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL
10 international branches	180 SDG 14 marine biodiversity
201 organisations given support for their field projects	151 SDG 15 terrestrial biodiversity
120 partnerships signed with international organisations	101 SDG 13 climate change
594 projects supported since the Foundation was set up	58 SDG 6 water
72 million euros committed	38 SDG 7 energy
	50 SDG 4 education
	10 SDG 12 consumption and production
	6 SDG 11 sustainable cities

OUR WORK ALIGNS WITH AND ADVANCES THE UNITED NATIONS' SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Through its work, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation helps meet the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in order to build a world in which peace, justice and equality prevail for people and the planet.



2020 IN FIGURES

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT BY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL

€ 3,225,282	SDG 14 marine biodiversity
€ 1,241,397	SDG 15 terrestrial biodiversity
€ 586,079	SDG 13 climate change
€ 464,970	SDG 6 water
€ 382,844	SDG 4 education
€ 219,143	SDG 12 sustainable consumption and production
€ 208,286	SDG 11 sustainable cities
€ 112,851	SDG 7 energy



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PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

Project selection process:

- > Stage 1: Online application
- > Stage 2: Detailed application form
- > Stage 3: Assessment by the Scientific and Technical Committee
- > Stage 4: Decision by the Board of Directors

Consistency with the Foundation's spheres of action:

- > Climate change and renewable energies
- > Biodiversity knowledge and protection
- > Water resource management and combatting desertification

Priority geographical areas:

- > Mediterranean Basin countries
- > Polar Regions
- > Least Developed Countries (as classified by the United Nations)

Nature of the project:

- > Research
- > Technological innovation
- > Field projects involving the populations concerned

Impact and added value of the project:

1. Exemplary nature and replicability of the project
2. Tangible, measurable aspect of the project's anticipated results
3. Integration of social and economic aspects into the project's activities (focus on sustainable development)
4. Cooperation and involvement of the local populations concerned

Competence and expertise of the project leader:

1. Quality and stability of partnerships
2. Technical and financial feasibility
3. Competence of project leaders
4. Quality of project management
5. Existence of a project assessment procedure

Activities not supported by the Foundation:

- > The day-to-day running of organisations
- > Projects run by a single person
- > Projects of a solely commercial nature
- > Projects with no other funding sources

In 2020, **166 projects** were received and examined. **42** were shortlisted and presented to the Scientific and Technical Committee. **36 projects** were then presented to the Board of Directors. **31 projects were accepted.**



PROJECTS

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Conscious that the global crisis could call into question the long-term future of certain projects, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation made it a point of honour in 2020 to stand by its partners and the scientific community, supporting their actions on the ground to combat the degradation of our planet's health. Preserving and understanding the biodiversity that surrounds us, protecting endangered species on land and in the sea, supporting rural communities and improving their living conditions all have particular resonance this year. Through the environmental projects it supports, the Foundation continues to work for the well-being of humanity.

SOME OF THE PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2020

SUPPORTING RESEARCH IN AND INCREASING KNOWLEDGE OF THE PORT-CROS NATIONAL PARK AND THE PELAGOS SANCTUARY

Project leader:
Port-Cros National Park

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation supports Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to boost their effectiveness in marine ecosystem conservation. In the case of the oldest and most mature MPAs, like the Port-Cros National Park (PCNP), the task involves generating detailed scientific knowledge of the environments and ecosystems to deliver science-based solutions, motivate people to take action and shed light on management strategies.

This project will draw young PhD students to the exceptional open-air laboratory that the Port-Cros National Park represents, by funding seven theses on key themes affecting the Park and the Pelagos Sanctuary, the French part of which is led by the PCNP. From knowledge to solutions, these theses will serve as a basis for designing and evaluating action programmes.

The project is part of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's overall strategy for Marine Protected Areas, which are pivotal in managing the ocean and developing nature-based solutions. This strategy covers issues ranging from political influence with the Monaco Blue Initiative to the provision of everyday financial and operational resources with The MedFund.

Mr Robert Calcagno
Member of the Board of Directors



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IMPROVING WATER ACCESS SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN TURKANA COUNTY IN NORTHERN KENYA

Project leader: Caritas Lodwar

In the arid Turkana region in northern Kenya, which is subject to extreme poverty and under-development, this project supported by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation focuses on the Lodwar area, which stretches over some 17,000 square kilometres, a quarter of Turkana County. Almost 100,000 people live in small communities in this region impacted by a lack of water and, in many cases, also of food.

As well as giving more of the region's population access to clean water and sanitation, the project will enable appropriate facilities to be installed and provide training for local personnel to maintain them. Fifty-six communities will be equipped with wells, tanks and dams, giving them the necessary water resources for daily life, health and development, relying on renewable energies like solar and wind power. Irrigation plots will be developed and a reforestation programme launched to regenerate the arid desert soils. Another key aspect for the Foundation is the replicability of the project, which could serve as a model in the development of many other regions and communities, not just in Africa but in other countries around the world.

Ms Milagros Couchoud
Member of the Scientific and Technical Committee

TOWARDS INTEGRATED RIVER POLLUTION MANAGEMENT

Project leader:
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

This project, whose objective is to develop a framework for integrated river pollution management, has been awarded a grant by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation following a positive assessment and recommendation by the Foundation's Scientific and Technical Committee and the subsequent approval of its Board of Directors.

This project addressing the vital problem of river pollution could easily be extended and replicated in other parts of the world. The project leader, The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), is a highly respected organisation that the Foundation's Board of Directors is delighted to collaborate with for the first time in the context of this project.

Ms Julia Marton-Lefèvre
Member of the Board of Directors



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INVOLVING LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN RESTORING CORAL REEFS ON THE BARÚ PENINSULA IN THE COLOMBIAN CARIBBEAN

Project leader: Fondation Malpelo

This project meets several of the Foundation's criteria, such as local authority and community engagement, the financial input of a respected international conservation organisation (CI) and the training of local fishermen.

Coral reefs are among the most biologically diverse and economically valuable ecosystems on the planet. They are known to need stable conditions to survive. However, in the Barú Peninsula in Columbia, this marine ecosystem has been tremendously affected and degraded by natural and anthropogenic factors. Moreover, these coral reefs have lost their resilience capacity, placing them as priority areas to be assisted by restoration programs.

This project meets one of the key Foundation's criteria: the involvement of the local communities. Malpelo Foundation will train local fishermen from the Barú Peninsula in coral reef restoration techniques and ecotourism activities.

This will place them as active participants and reduce the negative anthropogenic impact they cause on coral reefs, due to bad fishing practices. To generate an alternative source of income for fishermen, a programme is being developed in collaboration with an eco hotel in the area of study. Local fishermen will be hired as certified ecotourism guides, giving them a sustainable job and the opportunity to participate in the restoration programmes.

Ms Maria Damanaki
Member of the Board of Directors

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SHARK FIN BAY IN THE CORAL TRIANGLE IN THE PHILIPPINES

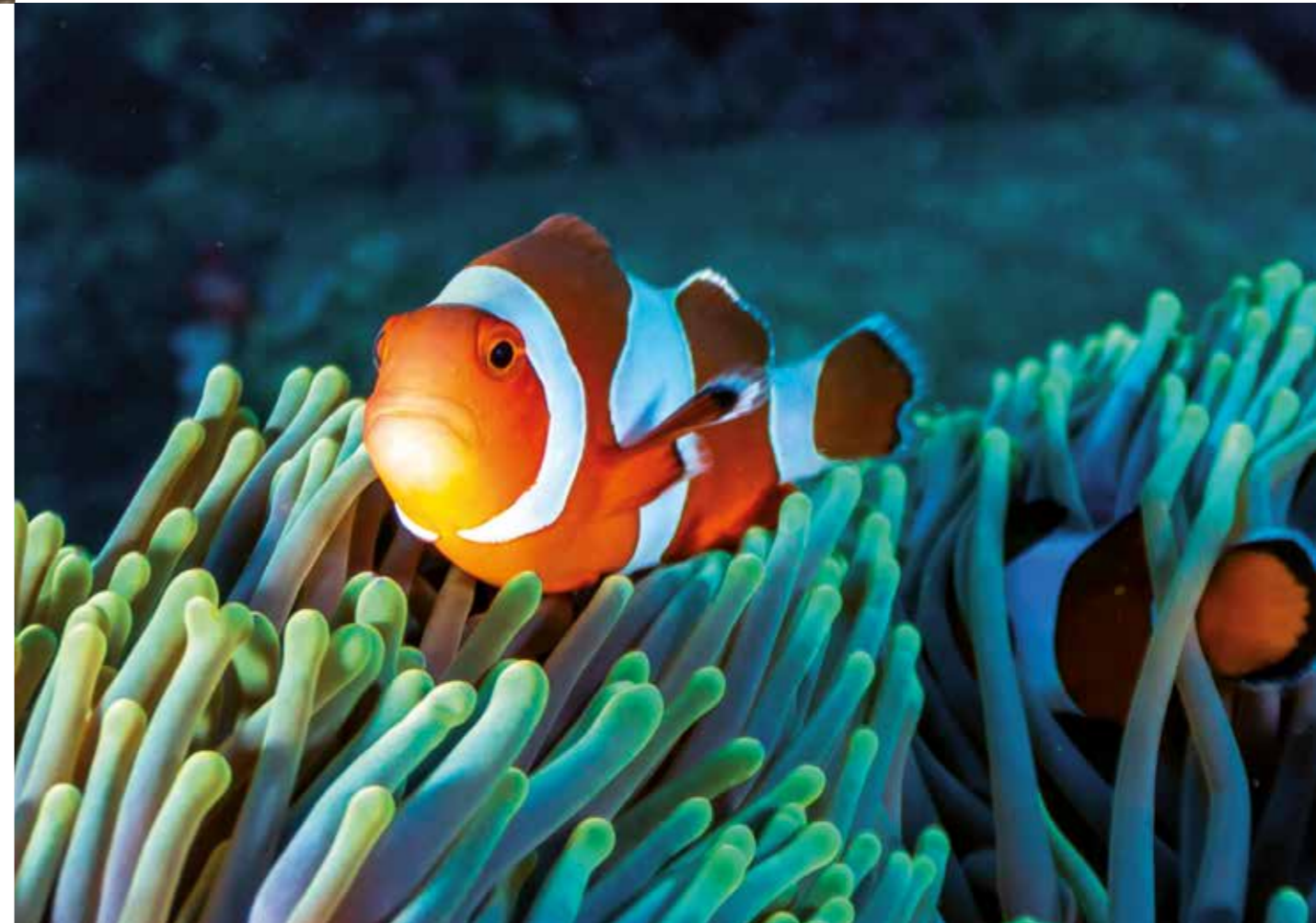
Project leader: Sulubaaí Foundationi

The Sulubaaí Environmental Foundation is carrying out important and exemplary work in the Province of Palawan in the south-west Philippines. Acquiring the island of Pangatalan has enabled it to showcase its capabilities in protecting and restoring the local ecosystem. Establishing an initial 40-hectare Marine Protected Area around the island has brought back fauna and flora, which has in turn sparked the interest of fishermen in neighbouring coastal areas – so much so that those communities called for their own! The Sulubaaí Foundation team has responded by creating three new Marine Protected Areas, with two objectives: to protect the coasts and to improve the lives of local fishermen by giving them new opportunities to generate income: aquaculture and postlarval capture and culture (PCC). An exemplary initiative with potentially global reach.

Mr Thierry Vandeveld
Member of the Board of Directors



Sulubaaí-SRP-reef-© Corinne Bourbeillon



ICE MEMORY – COLLECTING ATMOSPHERIC RECORDS FROM DEEP IN THE GLACIAL CORE

Project leader:
Université Grenoble Alpes

Protecting nature relies on deepening knowledge, and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation supports a large number of field research projects seeking, among other things, to build naturalist collections to serve as databases of nature in both its fossilised and current state. The Ice Memory project is part of an intensifying effort to collect and preserve data that climate disturbance is inexorably destroying. It doesn't concern habitats or living species but 'atmospheric records' contained in the planet's non-polar glacial ice, where glaciologists are able to take extremely accurate readings of changes in atmosphere over the centuries, but which the accelerated melting of the glaciers is threatening to destroy.

By building a global collection of methodically extracted cores, the project aims to safeguard the wealth of information contained in this ice, which is the ONLY natural record of past variations in the climate, the environment and specifically the composition of the atmosphere, including variations in temperature, concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, and emissions of natural aerosols and pollutants of human origin.

This preserved memory provides the essential information needed to forecast future change and identify areas where urgent action is required, in particular by making the data collected available to the IPCC.

The project gained the support of the Foundation's governing bodies due to its rigorously scientific and operational nature, combined with the credentials of the project leaders – the University of Grenoble in partnership with that of Venice, along with the principle French research establishments and their Italian counterparts. Glaciologists from all over the world, most notably the United States and Russia, will be involved in the research, and one of the aims of the project is to design an international system of governance specific to this ice core collection, which will be preserved in Antarctica. This is a long-term project lasting 20 years, during which the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation will remain a partner.

Mr Bertrand-Pierre Galey,
Member of the Board of Directors



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OCEAN SCHOOL, RAISING AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CORAL REEFS

Project leader:
Dalhousie University

The Intertropical Convergence Zone harbours the two richest and most diverse ecosystems on the planet: primary forests on land and coral reefs in the sea.

Coral reefs are the largest structures built by living creatures. They provide a habitat for a third of marine organisms, are a vital resource for 600 million people and play a hugely important ecological role on a global scale.

However, because the corals that build them, with the help of calcareous algae, are extremely fragile and energy-demanding, reefs almost everywhere are badly degraded and at risk of dying completely, due to a combination of local and global factors. The main local factors are pollution and overuse of resources, while the main global factors are climate warming (marine heatwaves) and acidification of the surface waters due to dissolving carbon dioxide, whose atmospheric concentration is increasing.

It is therefore imperative to raise awareness globally of the pressing need to halt this degradation. With this in mind, the Marine Biodiversity module project supported by the Foundation (a collaboration between the National Film Board of Canada, Dalhousie University and the Ocean Frontier Institute) is important because it will show how we can protect and restore the reefs for the well-being of humanity.

Mr Jean Jaubert,
Member of the Scientific and Technical Committee



Col du dôme 2016 © Ice memory

OTHER PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2020

WATER TO RESTORE RANGELAND, IMPROVE ANIMAL HEALTH AND ENHANCE LIVELIHOODS

- **Project Leader:** Peace Parks Foundation
- **Location:** Mozambique

CONSERVING PUMA-CAMELID-SCAVENGER INTERACTIONS AND THEIR ECOSYSTEM EFFECTS IN THE PATAGONIAN AND HIGH ANDEAN STEPPE

- **Project Leader:** The Regents of the University of California
- **Location:** Argentina

A TERRITORY OF EXCELLENCE AND 100% SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AUTONOMOUS BY 2022

- **Project Leader:** Société d'économie Mixte «Prats'Enr»
- **Location:** France

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF THE SITE OF COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE (SCI) MARINA ALTA

- **Project Leader:** Initiative pour les Petites Iles Méditerranée (PIIM)
- **Location:** Spain

GETTING FORESTS OUT OF THE BOX

- **Project Leader:** Canopy Planet Society
- **Location:** International

ARENA FOR THE GAP ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING ARCTIC SCIENCE CO-OPERATIONS (AASCO)

- **Project Leader:** University of Helsinki, Institute for Atmospheric and Earth System Research (INAR)
- **Location:** Arctic, Finland, Monaco

EDINBURGH OCEAN LEADERS PROGRAMME: ACCELERATING THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF GLOBAL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WORKING ON SOLUTIONS FOR THE OCEANS AND SOCIETY

- **Project Leader:** University of Edinburgh
- **Location:** Monaco, United Kingdom, Least Developed Countries

DEVELOPMENT OF A PARTICIPATORY PROPOSAL TO EXPAND COCOS ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

- **Project Leader:** Friends of Cocos Island Foundation (FAICO)
- **Location:** Costa Rica

ACHIEVING FORESTS FOR ALL FOREVER IN GABON

- **Project Leader:** FSC Investments and Partnerships
- **Location:** Gabon

GROUNDING-ZONE FLUX OBSERVATIONS AT A CONTINENTAL SCALE: THE ANTARCTIC ICE SHEET

- **Project Leader:** Scott Polar Research Institute - University of Cambridge
- **Location:** Antarctic

RECYCLING MISSION – CONCORDIA STATION

- **Project Leader:** Firmus Grey Water Recycling System (FGWRS)
- **Location:** Antarctic

SECURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR THE GUINEAN FORESTS

- **Project Leader:** BirdLife
- **Location:** Sao Tome and Principe

WELCOMING TIGERS BACK IN THE AMUR-HEILONG ECOREGION - PHASE 3

- **Project Leader:** WWF International
- **Location:** China, Russia

STUDYING SEAMOUNTS TO IMPROVE CORAL REEF AND MEGAFaUNA CONSERVATION

- **Project Leader:** Tel Aviv University
- **Location:** Myanmar

MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE AND FISHERIES: ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

- **Project Leader:** Université Côte d'Azur
- **Location:** Mediterranean

LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN CORAL REEFS RESTORATION IN THE BARÚ PENINSULA

- **Project Leader:** Malpelo and Other Marine Ecosystems Foundation
- **Location:** Colombia

OCEAN ACIDIFICATION AND HYPOXIA IMPACTS ON HIGH LATITUDE MARINE COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS: THE CASE OF THE BEAGLE CHANNEL

- **Project Leader:** Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas
- **Location:** Argentina, Chile

STRENGTHENING WATER MANAGEMENT SUSTAINABILITY IN WEST BANK

- **Project Leader:** Fundación Promoción Social de la Cultura
- **Location:** Palestine

WOLFALPS EU - IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS FOR COEXISTENCE BETWEEN THE WOLF AND HUMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE ALPS

- **Project Leader:** Groupement Européen de Coopération Transfrontalière « Parc Européen Alpi Maritime Mercantour»
- **Location:** France and Italy

ESTABLISHING A KOALA INSURANCE POPULATION FOR AUSTRALIA

- **Project Leader:** International Koala Centre of Excellence
- **Location:** Australia

RESTORING BUSHFIRE AFFECTED WILDLIFE HABITAT ON KANGAROO ISLAND

- **Project Leader:** Nature Foundation
- **Location:** Australia





INITIATIVES

Long-term finance is vital for ensuring that action is continuous and hoped-for changes become entrenched, be that in the conservation of endangered species such as the monk seal, establishing new solutions for coexisting with wildlife, the sustainable management of Marine Protected Areas or curbing plastic pollution. Therefore, in addition to traditional project funding, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has instigated several initiatives in those fields alongside high-level partners in order to pool energy, inspire dialogue and provide long-term commitment, with the aim of boosting their conservation efforts.



HUMAN-WILDLIFE INITIATIVE

In 2020 the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation launched the Human-Wildlife Initiative (IHF) in partnership with the French National Council for the Protection of Nature, the Alpes-Maritimes Chamber of Agriculture, the Alpes-Maritimes Federation of Hunters and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur League for the Protection of Birds. Set up to address coexistence issues between human activities and wildlife, the IHF aims to generate innovative proposals and concrete recommendations for taking better account of large wildlife species in local land management. With a focus on the Sud-Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, on the one hand it identifies and mobilises local stakeholders who are willing to get involved to facilitate cohabitation and on the other it helps regional stakeholders to develop concrete projects promoting better social acceptability and managing interactions between wildlife and human activities, such as:

- Adapting agricultural practices to coexist with wildlife.
- Initiatives fostering compatibility between nature sports and wildlife.
- Developing communication tools promoting wildlife-friendly agritourism.
- Studying and monitoring wildlife populations.
- School and/or general public activities; meeting rural stakeholders.
- Recreational and cultural events.

The initiative operates through an annual call for projects, the first of which was launched in September 2020. Some 10 projects, lasting a maximum of 2 years, have been selected and will start in 2021.

The initiative involves several large wildlife species in rural and mountain areas: wolf, deer, wild boar, mouflon, ibex, chamois, fox, mustelid and avifauna.



MONK SEAL ALLIANCE

PROTECTING MEDITERRANEAN MONK SEALS

On the initiative of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, four foundations (MAVA Foundation, Thalassa Foundation, Fondation Segré, Fondation Sancta Devota) came together in 2019 to form the Monk Seal Alliance (MSA). The main objective of the MSA is to support and coordinate conservation efforts focused on the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*), one of the world's most endangered species, with a total population estimated at less than 800 individuals.

In 2020, the Monk Seal Alliance launched its first two calls for projects and confirmed its support for eight projects in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. A total of more than 2.7 million euros have been invested.

“The main objective of the MSA is to support and coordinate conservation efforts focused on one of the world's most endangered species...”

In Greece, within Alonissos Marine Park and on the neighbouring islands of Skopelos, Skiathos and Evia and the Pelion peninsula, the NGO MOm is increasing local awareness of the presence of the monk seal while ensuring that the protected areas are being monitored effectively. With interaction between humans and seals becoming increasingly common, MOm will also work with stakeholders in the tourism sector to encourage them to adopt best practices that respect the seals and their habitat.

In Mauritania, home to a colony of more than 300 monk seals, the NGO CBD Habitat will continue to monitor and ensure the smooth running of the Cap Blanc reserve as well as attempt to develop with its partners a method of translocating the seals to other sites in the Atlantic. This is necessary to ensure the survival and development of the Atlantic population in the future.

Lastly, a transnational project involving organisations in Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Israel and Lebanon, coordinated by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, will set up local conservation initiatives while encouraging partners to work together at regional level, exchanging experience, sharing data and developing joint protocols for monitoring seal populations.

As well as supporting projects, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, which coordinates the Monk Seal Alliance, will promote and foster interaction and collaboration between stakeholder ♦

For more information:
www.fpa2.org/en/initiatives/monk-seal-alliance



© Monk Seal at Gyaros island

BEYOND PLASTIC MED

TOWARDS A PLASTIC-FREE MEDITERRANEAN

With 1 to 10 million microplastic particles per square kilometre, the Mediterranean is among the world's most polluted seas. In 2015, faced with this situation, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation called on the Tara Ocean Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Europe, MAVA and IUCN to join forces and launch the Beyond Plastic Med (BeMed) initiative. BeMed has now been active for four years, becoming a non-profit association under Monegasque law in January 2019, and has already pledged more than 1.3 million euros to prevent plastic pollution in the Mediterranean. Through its work, BeMed aims to create a regional network to support and coordinate the stakeholders involved in implementing effective sustainable solutions. To help solve local issues, BeMed makes an annual call for micro-initiatives, supporting grassroots projects to reduce plastic use, find alternatives, improve collection systems, raise awareness, gather data and assist with the introduction of new regulations. In 2020, BeMed lent its support to 14 new micro-initiatives in 9 different countries. In parallel, with the support of MAVA, BeMed launched a call for projects to step up efforts to reduce plastic pollution in the Mediterranean islands. As tourist hotspots, the islands are strongly impacted by this form of pollution.

It is hoped however, because of the limited surface area involved, that the effects of actions to reduce it will be felt more quickly. Six projects have been selected.

To date, BeMed has supported 57 projects in 14 different countries. As the coordinator of a network of local stakeholders, BeMed puts organisations in touch with one another, facilitates the sharing of experience and the exchange of best practice, and encourages the replication of effective actions. To strengthen its regional impact, in January 2020 BeMed created a Business Club that brings together and supports businesses around the Mediterranean committed to combatting plastic pollution. Joined by Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer, Haribo, Chanel, Veolia and Carrefour, its objectives are to:

- Bring together companies from different sectors and links in the plastic value chain.
- Foster dialogue between the scientific and industrial communities.
- Implement actions on the ground adapted to local situations.

The Club's activities are focused on two working groups. The first fosters dialogue between the scientific and industrial communities to enable members to discuss key issues. The second aims to support members to work together to put in place pilot actions on the ground. A committee of experts gives scientific backing to all the Club's activities.



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The yellow dots indicate the location of the organisations supported, the orange dots the organisations supported twice and the blue dots the initiatives supported in 2020.

CONCRETE ACTIONS IN 2020

Call for micro-initiatives

14 micro-initiatives supported:

- Involving Nile fishermen in collecting plastic waste before it ends up in the sea and raising public awareness / **Egypt**
- Reducing single-use plastic on cruise ships / **Cyprus**
- Using a low-tech plastic recycling workshop to raise awareness and encourage people to rethink their consumption habits / **Lebanon**
- Creating a platform focused on actions to combat plastic pollution in the food production sector / **Greece**
- Engaging the industrial sector in devising and putting in place concrete solutions in Sfax / **Tunisia**
- Creating a resource database for teachers to include the plastic issue in their educational programme / **Malta**
- Reviving traditional Albanian crafts as an alternative to plastic / **Albania**
- Recovering fishing nets from the sea and recycling them to raise the awareness of stakeholders in the sector of the impact of this form of pollution on the marine environment / **Malta**
- Developing food packaging made from materials derived from palm trees as an alternative to plastic, in collaboration with oasis towns in the Gabès region / **Tunisia**
- Developing a citizens' initiative and setting up a local action plan with civil society stakeholders / **Tunisia**

- Replication of the Clean Up the Med protocol and support for stakeholders in the Euro-Mediterranean network in setting up targeted awareness campaigns / **France**
- Working with 13 coastal governorates and the environment ministry to prevent dumping in water courses / **Tunisia**
- Evaluation of the impact of microplastics located on our beaches on sea turtles / **Cyprus**
- Involving young people in raising public awareness / **Montenegro**

Call for projects in the Mediterranean islands

6 projects supported:

- Involving municipalities in defining a long-term waste management strategy on 10 Albanian islands / **Albania**
- Improving plastic waste collection and recycling on the island of Djerba / **Tunisia**
- Helping local stakeholders to reduce waste production on two Croatian islands / **Croatia**
- Establishing a common "plastic free" certification in the tourism sector in the Balearics / **Spain**
- Implementing a micro supply chain producing alternatives to single-use plastic in the Iles d'Or (France) and replicating the initiative on the island of Tavolara / **Italy** and the Kerkennah Islands / **Tunisia**
- Capitalisation, exchanging experience and sharing tools between projects supported by BeMed / **Mediterranean** ♦

For more information:
www.beyondplasticmed.org

THE MEDFUND

FOR THE EFFECTIVE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF MEDITERRANEAN MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

To ensure that the Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are managed more efficiently, in 2015 France, Monaco, Tunisia and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation set up an environmental fund dedicated to Mediterranean MPAs: The MedFund. Despite the Covid-19 health crisis and the lockdown measures imposed, most of the initiatives defined in the 2020 action plan still went ahead. In October 2020, the MedFund Board of Directors approved funding for three new Marine Protected Areas for a period of five years: Jbel Moussa and Al Hoceima in Morocco and Gokova in Turkey. The funding will go to local civil society organisations working alongside the national agencies in charge of these Marine Protected Areas. It helps fund activities essential to the management of these natural spaces in order to preserve the marine ecosystems and the local populations that depend on them. These new sites join the five MPAs that have already benefited from The MedFund since April 2020: the islands of Kuriat, La Galite, Kneiss and Zembra-Zembretta in Tunisia and Karaburun Sazan in Albania. So far The MedFund has enabled teams engaged in protecting 3,000 square kilometres of Mediterranean marine areas to remain in place. In 2021, a new call for expressions of interest aimed at Morocco, Algeria, Lebanon, Turkey, Albania and Montenegro will be issued to support new MPAs. By 2025, The MedFund aims to support some 20 sites representing



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7,000 square kilometres of protected natural marine and coastal areas. The MedFund enjoys the financial support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Government of Monaco, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the French Facility for the Global Environment (FFEM), the French Development Agency (AFD) and the Oceanographic Institute – Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation ♦

For more information:
www.themedfund.org

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

The health, productivity and resilience of our ecosystems

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), designed as tools for ecological protection, are delimited marine and coastal areas managed to preserve biodiversity and replenish the resources needed for our economic and social development.

The worrying situation of Mediterranean MPAs

As some countries pledge to protect 30% of marine and coastal zones by 2030, Marine Protected Areas represent approximately 8%* of the Mediterranean basin and as yet too few of them are managed efficiently. With the lack of long-term financial support and committed collective management, many Mediterranean MPAs are MPAs "on paper only."

*Source: MAPAMED 2019, MedPAN SPA/RAC



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GLOBAL FUND FOR CORAL REEFS

Administered by the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, the Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR) is the first United Nations trust fund specifically focused on Sustainable Development Goal 14 ("Life Below Water") and the first global blended finance instrument dedicated to coral reefs. Through innovative public-private partnerships, the GFCR is catalysing a sustainable financial mechanism for the conservation of coral reef ecosystems and the development of the communities that depend on them. Initiated by the Prince Albert II of

Monaco Foundation and the Paul G Allen Family Foundation and conceptualised at a workshop in 2018 hosted by the Principality of Monaco, the GFCR has since grown into a global partnership that includes Member States (Germany), philanthropy (Paul G. Allen Family Foundation and Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation); UN Agencies (UNDP, UNEP and UNCDF); financial institutions (BNP Paribas) and associates (ICRI).

In 2020, the Global Fund finalised its architecture, through two windows – a grant window and a blended finance windows-firmed up its governance, developed its strategic plan and identified initial priority sites and partners – led by the Conservation Finance Alliance, produced a number of communication tools and initiated an active fundraising campaign. By end of 2020, an initial 10 million US dollars had been mobilised in grant and a preliminary concept written for accessing guarantee and junior capital from the Green Climate Fund. The GFCR is expected to mobilise 125 million US dollars through grants and 375 millions US dollars of financing assets, that together will unlock more than two billion dollars in coral reef investments. 2020 also saw the official launch of the Fund on 16 September with high level interventions by, inter alia, HSH Prince Albert II de Monaco, Achim Steiner, Inger Andersen, Bill Hilf, Peter Thomson, Judith Karl, Yannick Glemarec and Antoine Sire.

The Executive Board meeting of January 2021 approved a first round of funding for field projects to be implemented from 2021 onward as well as the establishment of a global team to lead and coordinate the Fund ♦

For more information:
www.globalfundcoralreefs.org



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MR. GOODFISH

Launched in 2010 under the aegis of three aquariums, Nausicaá in France, Acquario di Genova in Italy and Aquarium Finisterrae in Spain, the Mr Goodfish programme was born of a simple observation: too many species of fish are over-fished today, whereas many are little known, abundant and... delicious! Mr Goodfish aims to raise awareness of sustainable consumption of seafood products by providing advice to the entire fishing industry, from the fisherman to the consumer. Since 2013, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has been coordinating the Mr. Goodfish programme throughout the south-east of France and Monaco, thus extending its commitment to the preservation of threatened marine species. Mr. Goodfish seeks to reduce fishing pressure on fragile marine species by changing the practices of all those involved in the fishing industry and our consumption habits. Each season, and for each coastline, Mr Goodfish publishes a list of species recommended by its committee of experts, taking into account the size of the fish, its reproduction period and the state of its resource. The approach is positive: rather than banning, Mr Goodfish highlights species to be favoured for each season for responsible consumption of seafood. In France, more than 2200 professionals have already joined the programme. In August 2020, the Hôtel de Paris



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Monte-Carlo joined forces with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation through a Mr Goodfish partnership agreement to promote the responsible consumption of seafood. This is the fourteenth Monegasque establishment to join the programme. All the restaurants of the Hotel de Paris Monte-Carlo under the aegis of Executive Chef Franck Cerutti are now committed to promoting in their menus fish species recommended by the Mr. Goodfish lists ♦

For more information:
www.mrgoodfish.com

« Like other Société des Bains de Mer establishments, it seemed vital for us to support the Mr Goodfish commitment to protecting our marine species alongside the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. We must have the shared goal of changing mindsets and raising awareness of the importance of protecting our planet at every level ».

Ivan Artolli, General Manager of the Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo.

MONACO ASSOCIATION ON OCEAN ACIDIFICATION (AMAO)

Every day, the oceans absorb more than a quarter of the CO₂ emitted due to human activities, thereby reducing the amount of the greenhouse gas in the atmosphere. Without the oceans, global warming would be even more pronounced. Nonetheless, the absorption of CO₂ changes the chemistry of seawater, lowering the pH and making the oceans more acidic.

This phenomenon, known as ocean acidification, can be harmful to marine ecosystems, especially to organisms with a skeleton or shell made of calcium carbonate, such as corals and molluscs. Acting in tandem with ocean warming and oxygen loss, two other major global changes, the effects of acidification are likely to multiply and be difficult to predict.

Prince Albert II of Monaco and his Foundation recognised the dangers of the phenomenon very early on and decided to bring the scientists' message to the attention of political leaders at the highest level. In 2009, more than 150 scientists from 26 countries joined with the Sovereign Prince in signing the Monaco Declaration on Ocean Acidification. Since then, the Sovereign Prince and his Foundation have been working with partners in the Principality and internationally to advance research, bring together stakeholders working in this field, and offer solutions.

The Monaco Association on Ocean Acidification (AMAO) was created in 2013 to publicise, promote and facilitate international activities on ocean acidification in the areas of research, communication and knowledge sharing.

AMAO brings together several organisations working in this area, including the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Government of Monaco, the IAEA environment laboratories, the Monaco Scientific Centre and the Oceanographic Institute, as well as representatives from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS).

Each individual member of AMAO takes concrete action to advance knowledge of acidification, for example supporting scientific projects, bringing the international scientific community together, organising technical training, setting up databases, and raising awareness of the problem among policymakers, the private sector and the general public.



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AMAO coordinated the Oceans 2015 Initiative, an international expert group whose remit was to inform participants in the UN climate negotiations in Paris in 2015 about the health of our oceans in the future (acidification, warming and sea level rise). If the current emissions trajectory continues, almost all the organisms studied (corals, fish, krill, etc) will face a very high risk of damage, such as mass mortality events and large-scale species migrations. Similarly, coastal ecosystem services, such as aquaculture, tourism and fishing, will also face high or very high levels of risk between now and 2100.

But far from being simply a victim of climate change, the ocean can also be part of the solution. Between 2016 and 2020, AMAO coordinated the second part of the Ocean Solutions Initiative, which assessed the potential of 13 ocean-based solutions to combat the same problems – climate change, ocean acidification and sea level rise. Solutions exist, but the more the oceans warm up and acidify, the more limited the range of possible measures (mitigation,

protection, repair, adaptation) will become. The aim of the Ocean Solutions Initiative, a project founded on scientific excellence, was to contribute to the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) via high-level scientific articles. Two key papers were published in *Frontiers in Marine Science* and the prestigious magazine *Nature*, in 2018 and 2020 respectively.

As well as informing scientists and policymakers (scientific articles, policy notes, reporting on results at Conferences of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), the Ocean Solutions Initiative engaged in a large-scale media and public awareness campaign (animated film, accessible scientific articles, etc).

AMAO is also a partner of the leading international conference on ocean acidification: the International Symposium on the Ocean in a High-CO₂ World, held every four years. The next session is scheduled to take place in Lima in September 2022 ♦

BECAUSE THE OCEAN

The initiative Because the Ocean was launched under the patronage of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco at COP21 – the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) – in Paris in November 2015 calling for greater consideration of the interaction between Ocean and Climate Change within the mechanisms of the convention. 23 countries signed the first Because the Ocean Declaration, requesting 1) a special report of the IPCC on ocean and climate change, as proposed by Monaco; 2) the convening of a UN Ocean Conference to promote the implementation of SDG14, the Ocean Sustainable Development Goal; and 3) the adoption of an Ocean Day programme under the UNFCCC. With growing interest from convention parties,

a second Because the Ocean Declaration was launched at COP22 in Marrakech. In the declaration, the 33 signatory countries "encourage[d] UNFCCC Parties to consider submitting Nationally Determined Contributions that promote, as appropriate, ambitious climate action in order to minimize the adverse effects of climate change in the ocean and to contribute to its protection and conservation".

The BTO Initiative was a very active participant at COP25, the BlueCOP, in December 2019 in Madrid under the Presidency of Chile, including facilitating the opening of the Ocean Day at the Spanish Pavilion and the EU Ocean Day at the EU Pavilion, providing presentations at the Nairobi Partnership meeting and



NDC Ocean events, and contributing to various workshops while widely sharing the newly released 'Ocean for Climate' report. With hundreds of events addressing the Ocean-climate nexus and strong advocacy, a COP decision was taken in Madrid, for the first time, recognising the importance of the ocean, and launching a process to begin in 2020 aimed at strengthening the linkages between climate and ocean policies and strategies. In 2020, under COVID circumstances, the momentum was kept to ensure the uptake of COP25 decision by forthcoming UK COP26 Presidency: BTO made a submission to the SBSTA dialogue, organised a virtual event on 5 June 2020

jointly with the Ocean & Climate Platform and hosted by the World Economic Forum and the Friends of Ocean Action, and led further advocacy up to and participating in the 2-3 December 2020 SBSTA Dialogue with a high level intervention by His Excellency Laurent Anselmi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Monaco.

December 2020 UNFCCC SBSTA dialogue on Ocean & Climate Change paved the way for strengthening the uptake of ocean issues at the forthcoming COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021; BTO will be pursuing its advocacy and the convening of its members throughout 2021 to that goal ♦

For more information:
www.becausetheocean.org



A VOICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Covid-19 pandemic put a stop to all major international meetings with environmental agendas in 2020. Making sure that the ecological crisis is not forgotten and continuing to rally support for major environmental issues was a key theme of this extraordinary year in which every opportunity to call for even more decisive collective action was seized. The Sovereign Prince's clear leadership on these issues fed into the various summits and high-level events that were able to take place virtually, opening minds to a new sustainable model of society.

HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO HONOURED WITH PRESS FREEDOM AWARD IN GERMANY

On 17 January, HSH the Sovereign Prince attended the Ludwig Erhard Summit in Tegernsee, where he received the Freiheitspreise der Medien – Press Freedom Award – in recognition of his commitment to environmental protection. The event, organised by Weimer Media Group (WMG), honours public figures committed to freedom of speech and for its sixth edition celebrated and rewarded the Sovereign Prince for his decisive role in protecting nature. Professor Dr Thomas Hofmann, Master of Ceremonies and President of the Technical University of Munich, said in his address: "More than any other head of state in recent years, Prince Albert II has dedicated himself to nature conservation". In his acceptance speech, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco expressed his gratitude and spoke of the close link between protecting our planet and freedom of the press, stressing that "the need for truth is at the heart of the environmental struggle. Truth that is first and foremost scientific" and that has to reach us, even though it can often be disturbing. "For that reason, the freedom to inform is an absolute necessity when it comes to environmental matters. It can also be a battle. A battle built on media freedom but which must also engage each one of us," the Sovereign Prince underlined, at a time when the international community is still too divided on the issue of the climate crisis.

PRINCE'S PRIZE FOR INNOVATIVE PHILANTHROPY

On 20 January, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco awarded the Prince's Prize for Innovative Philanthropy to Douglas Jackson, President and CEO of Project C.U.R.E., in recognition of the work carried out by this humanitarian relief organisation in the healthcare field. The association, based in Denver, United States, was set up in 1987 to empower doctors and nurses in developing countries to treat disease, administer vaccines, perform surgery and ensure safe childbirth, and is now one of the largest non-profit organisations in the world.

The Prince's Prize for Innovative Philanthropy, the product of a partnership between the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Tocqueville Foundation, supports innovative



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initiatives and projects in the field of strategic philanthropy. The event, held at Monaco Yacht Club, celebrated its 10th edition this year and brought together almost 40 philanthropists to discuss the role of philanthropy in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

THE SOVEREIGN PRINCE HONOURED IN HOLLYWOOD FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

On 6 February, at the Hollywood for the Global Ocean Gala 2020, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award presented by American actress Uma Thurman, in recognition of his commitment to ocean conservation, biodiversity and combatting climate change.

"Your Serene Highness, we are delighted to present you with this award in recognition of your leadership in protecting the planet and the global ocean. As a head of state, you have aligned your country with this cause [...]. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, which you established in 2006, is also regarded worldwide as a benchmark for environmental protection. Your life, your name and your actions are synonymous with the fight to protect the environment", Thurman said.

The gala dinner, held at a private estate in Beverly Hills, brought together 250 philanthropists keen to make a commitment to the ocean and support the projects led by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. Hollywood icon Sharon Stone was also actively involved, presenting the Grand Earth Pledge, which brings together leading philanthropists committed to joining forces with the Sovereign Prince.

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HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO AND FORMER US SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY UNITED ON OCEAN CONSERVATION

On 3 March in the Principality, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and former US Secretary of State John Kerry jointly opened the High Seas Treaty Dialogue, an event organised by the Norwegian Nobel Institute and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation to bring together a select group of government leaders to discuss the issue

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of high seas conservation. The discussions, which took place in Monaco from 3 to 5 March, tackled crucial, still unresolved questions ahead of the fourth session of the intergovernmental conference (IGC4) on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ). The Sovereign Prince and the former US Secretary of State had the opportunity to share views on aspects related to the High Seas Treaty as well as tools for managing Marine Protected Areas.

VIRTUAL OCEAN DIALOGUES

In light of the postponement of the High-Level UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14 (UN Ocean Conference), originally scheduled to take place in June 2020 in Lisbon, the World Economic Forum and Friends of Ocean Action were keen to maintain momentum and hosted a global online conference from 1 to 5 June, connecting communities across the world that are seeking to innovate and take bold action for a healthy, resilient and thriving ocean. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco spoke during a session on data and science, stressing that the availability of accurate, reliable data is crucial for understanding the ocean better, as long as they are used for the good of humanity.

REWILDING THE SEA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

The international digital conference, organised by the Blue Marine Foundation on 24 June, set out to explore how the rewilding of nature could apply to the marine environment. Opening the conference, Prince Albert II of Monaco spoke of the importance of finding nature-based solutions to tackle systemic threats such as biodiversity loss and climate change. The Sovereign Prince, conscious of the difficulty of limiting human needs and ambitions, proposed an approach that is respectful of ecosystems, finding solutions based not on the negation of nature but on its equilibrium and laws. The Sovereign Prince concluded by emphasising that rewilding nature should not be considered a “loss” for humanity, but a genuine opportunity.



EARTH DAY

22 APRIL 2020

Message from HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear friends,

On the occasion of this 50th Earth Day, and while our world is experiencing an unprecedented health crisis, I would like to send you a message of hope and mobilisation.

Over the past few weeks, our lives have changed at an unprecedented speed. These upheavals will inevitably continue.

It is up to us to turn this situation to our advantage, to ensure that the current suffering leads to a better world.

The human fragility we are seeing should make us to think about our priorities, including first and foremost reinventing our relationship with nature.

Through the tremendous social and economic changes it is bringing about, and which it is bound to do for many months, perhaps many years still, this crisis should prompt us into protecting our planet, its climate, biodiversity and oceans more effectively.

Today, we know that we can achieve this objective. Under the threat of coronavirus, in just a few days we have not only had to, but also been able to, adapt all our ways of living, give up things that we thought were essential and take into consideration realities that we were unaware of up until now.

We also have listened – sometimes rather late, sometimes with difficulty – to the warnings from the scientific community and followed its recommendations.

To deal with the environmental crisis, we need to be able to call the same things into question, make the same efforts and, more importantly, demonstrate the same responsibility and the same solidarity.

To deal with climate change, like with coronavirus, our individual actions and efforts, the responsibility of each one of us, will help us to overcome the climate urgency that is also putting us at risk.

Our individual choices will enable us to save our environment.

Let us not miss this opportunity.

Keep safe, be well and please: stay at home!

Thank you.



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HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO ENDORSES THE LEADERS' PLEDGE FOR NATURE

On 28 September, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco joined the Leaders' Pledge for Nature alongside more than 60 other leaders committed to placing nature and the climate at the centre of post-Covid economic recovery plans. The Pledge is a 10-point plan to counter biodiversity loss, combat pollution, adopt sustainable economic systems and restore the ecosystems that underpin human health and well-being. In his address, the Sovereign Prince underlined the urgent threat that biodiversity loss poses to health, food safety and livelihoods on a global scale, before calling for collective action to regenerate nature by 2030. The launch of the Leaders' Pledge for Nature was a strong signal just days before the United Nations Biodiversity Summit, which was held virtually on 30 September 2020 with the theme "Urgent action on biodiversity for sustainable development". In his concluding address, the Sovereign Prince stressed that, more than protecting ecosystems, it is quite simply our future and our lives that are at stake.

AASCO CONFERENCE – IMPROVING COOPERATION IN ARCTIC SCIENCE

This conference organised by UArctic and University of Helsinki INAR with the

support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation was held virtually on 2 and 3 November. It is a topic the Sovereign Prince feels especially strongly about and in his opening address he spoke of the importance of scientific knowledge to help us see and understand the changes affecting our planet, especially the Arctic regions, and to show us a way forward. The sustainable development of the Arctic regions in the context of rapid climate change does indeed rely on scientific knowledge. The 'Arena for the gap analysis of the existing Arctic Science Co-Operations' (AASCO) brought together almost 90 participants from the Arctic science community and 15 keynote speakers. The event, which was to have been held in Monaco, took place online due to the health crisis. AASCO will organise a follow-up scientific conference in Finland in 2021.

SYMPOSIUM ON HUMAN HEALTH AND THE OCEAN

Monaco's first international symposium 'Human Health and the Ocean in a Changing World', organised jointly by Boston College, the Monaco Scientific Centre and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, took place in a hybrid format on 2 and 3 December in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. The Sovereign Prince spoke of the myriad complex ways in which the ocean and human health are connected. They are nonetheless still largely unknown



to the general public, stakeholders and the scientific community, even though the condition of the ocean will greatly influence the health and well-being of every human being in the near future.

The symposium brought together scientists from all over the world for three sessions dealing with the risks that the oceans can pose for human health, particularly as a result of climate change, but also the benefits they offer, especially for food, molecules of pharmacological interest extracted from the seabed, not to mention the positive effects on health and well-being of interacting with blue spaces – so-called "blue health".

On 3 December the whole day was devoted to the effects of ocean pollution on human health. The Ocean Pollution and Human Health Report published at the end of the symposium gave rise to the Monaco Declaration, which was read out in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco during the closing session. Beyond the alarming observations it presents, the Declaration makes recommendations to the "leaders of every country and the

citizens of the entire planet" with the goal of "advancing human health and well-being by preventing ocean pollution".

CLIMATE AMBITION SUMMIT 2020

On 12 December at the Climate Action Summit, organised jointly by the United Nations, the United Kingdom and France with support from Chile and Italy, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco reinforced his commitment to combatting climate change, announcing that "the Principality will submit a new, increased Nationally Determined Contribution by the end of 2020", with a new target for 2030 to reduce Monaco's greenhouse gas emissions by 55% compared with 1990 levels. The Summit was a key stage ahead of COP26 in Glasgow, bringing together leaders ready to make new commitments to tackle climate change and fulfil the promises of the Paris Agreement, five years after it was adopted on 12 December 2015. Countries must adopt bold new commitments to achieve the three long-term goals of the Paris Agreement – mitigation, adaptation and managing finance flows ♦



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WORLD OCEAN DAY

8 JUNE 2020

Message from HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

Dear friends,

Since the coronavirus epidemic began to hit our countries, communities and families, we have seen our oceans change.

These changes are full of significance and give cause for hope.

For example, waters are clearer as they are less polluted, species are reappearing in areas that were once deserted and ecosystems are regaining some of their health.

In just a few weeks, we have seen the changes to our lifestyles having an immediate impact on the state of our seas.

However, this progress is likely to be quickly forgotten if, after the crisis, we return to the same patterns of behaviour as before. If we go back to our selfish and destructive development paradigm, which has damaged the marine environment so badly.

Therefore, we need to take advantage of this situation and take action for the ocean, on this special day that is dedicated to them and throughout the year.

We know what our oceans need.

To combat pollution, especially plastics. To develop sustainable fishing and aquaculture. To protect biodiversity. To expand Marine Protected Areas, which should cover 30% of the ocean's surface. To preserve the climate. To improve the status of the High Seas. To promote sustainable tourism.

All these objectives are within our reach.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen that we are prepared to make changes in the face of a short-term threat. Consequently, more than ever before, we need to convince you in particular, the young generation – who holds your own future and the future of our planet in your hands – of the importance of the oceans.

At a time when our world is becoming aware of its fragility, when everyone is wondering how we can reinvent our economies and societies, you need – we all need – to take action so that the oceans are at the heart of the world we have to rebuild.

That is the purpose of my commitment with my Foundation and my Government. And it is the purpose of today's World Ocean Day.

Thank you.



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EVENTS

The Covid-19 pandemic shook up the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's major events that usually punctuate the year. While some, such as **Monaco Ocean Week**, unfortunately had to be cancelled, others including the **Monaco Blue Initiative**, a high-level think tank tackling marine issues, and the **Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Awards Ceremony**, which recognises key figures and organisations for their exemplary commitment to environmental work, went ahead virtually. The prestigious fundraising evening, the **Monte-Carlo Gala for Planetary Health**, was able to take place in real life with a limited number of guests and strict hygiene measures to ensure the safety of both guests and staff. Several small-scale events were held alongside the Gala as part of **Planetary Health Week** to keep the environmental message centre stage.



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FILMS & EXHIBITIONS

IN THE GALLERY

Eagle Wings – Protecting the Alps

An artistic look at European glaciers in the face of climate change.

From February to June, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation presented the exhibition *Eagle Wings – Protecting the Alps* by photographer Nomi Baumgartl at the Galerie des Pêcheurs in Monaco. The exhibition offered striking views, taken from Earth, the sky and space, of the melting glaciers in the Alps caused by climate change, with the images creating a unique visual dialogue between humans (as seen through the photographer's eyes), an eagle (thanks to a 360-degree camera fixed to its back) and the European Space Agency. Paying tribute to the planet, the project documents in an original way the impact of human activities on the environment and raises awareness about wildlife protection to inspire positive change.

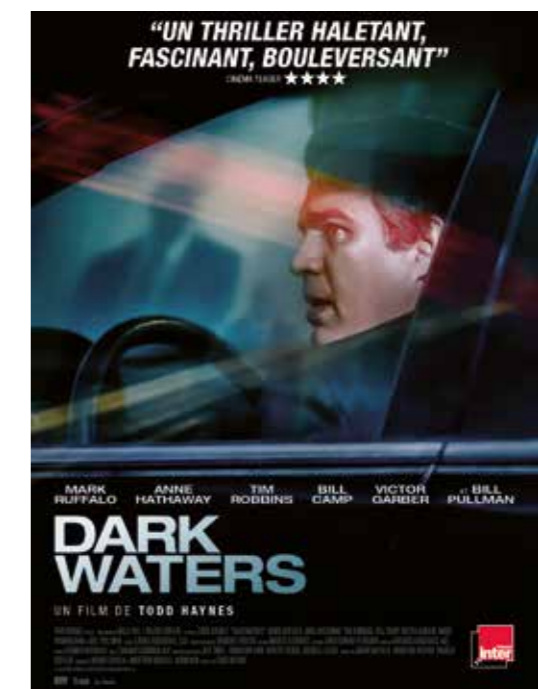
Into the Arctic by Cory Trépanier: a journey to the heart of Canada's Far North

From 4 March to 30 April, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation held the exhibition *Into the Arctic* by Canadian artist Cory Trépanier at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco, a show highlighting the impact of climate change in the Canadian Arctic. During a private guided tour, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco admired the 50 or so oil paintings and 3 documentaries depicting the expeditions Trépanier has made over the past 10 years to capture the spectacular landscapes of the Arctic for posterity through painting, video and photography. His expeditions comprising human adventure and art, during which he journeyed 60,000 kilometres across 6 national parks and 16 Inuit communities, gave rise to more than 100 paintings as well as 3 films. Through his work, this travel and nature lover is keen to raise awareness of the melting ice and the fragility of our planet.

ON THE SCREEN

Dark Waters by Todd Haynes

On 19 February, the Sovereign Prince attended the private screening of Todd Haynes' film *Dark Waters*, co-organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Capricorn Investment Group and Participant Media at One Monte-Carlo. Inspired by a true story, the drama recounts the fight of a lawyer called Robert Bilott, played by Mark Ruffalo, who sets out to expose the truth about the deadly pollution caused by toxic waste from a factory in the countryside of his childhood. This particularly meaningful film evokes the extreme dangers of chemical pollution for both humans and nature and the urgent need to stop this scourge.



Premiere of Mediterranean Planet by Laurent Ballesta

On 1 September, Their Serene Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Monaco were in Corsica alongside Laurent Ballesta for the premiere screening of his documentary *Mediterranean Planet*, which tells the story of the extraordinary scientific expedition carried out by the Gombessa Expedition team to explore the little-known depths of the Mediterranean Sea. The royal couple, accompanied by their children, were welcomed by Gilles Simeoni, President of the Executive Council of Corsica, and Angèle Bastiani, Mayor of L'Île-Rousse. Conducted in July 2019, the expedition was a human adventure and a sporting feat supported by, among others, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and Monaco Explorations. The four divers, Laurent, Thibaut, Yannick and Antonin, spent 28 days in a 5-square-metre pressurised bathyal station, freely exploring the 100-metre depths between Marseille and Monaco.

11TH MONACO BLUE INITIATIVE

The 11th edition of the Monaco Blue Initiative took place digitally due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Three online workshops, by invitation and under the high patronage of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, brought together some 200 policymakers, government representatives, scientists and economic experts to discuss the management and strengthening of Marine Protected Areas, and the development of a sustainable blue economy:

• **28 May 2020: Workshop #1:** How can we place Marine Protected Areas and other effective conservation measures at the centre of international discussions and act collectively for their development?

• **9 June 2020: Workshop #2:** What lessons can be learned from community-led initiatives – and by civil society more generally – about managing and preserving Marine Protected Areas?

• **24 June 2020: Workshop #3:** How can the Blue Economy be reconciled with sustainable ocean management in the fields of tourism, transport, energy, fishing and aquaculture?

In his opening address, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco emphasised his desire for the 2020 edition to take place to allow the dialogue to move forward and help place the oceans at the centre of the international agenda, which is hugely important in the context of the pandemic. The Sovereign Prince spoke of the need to develop Marine Protected Areas much more efficiently than to date, both in number and in nature, and for greater involvement of the local communities concerned.

The Sovereign Prince reminded participants that 10 years ago the international community pledged to place 10% of marine areas under protected status – a target that has yet to be reached. Many feel that the goal should be even more ambitious, a view shared by the Prince, aiming to protect 30% of the oceans by the end of the next decade.

Participants in the first workshop, moderated by José María Figueres Olsen, former President of Costa Rica, agreed on the need



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to exceed current targets and vigorously protect 30% of the oceans by 2030 ("30x30"). The impacts of climate change and population growth add to the urgency because they lessen ecosystem resilience and the ocean's ability to provide food and regulate the climate.

There are lessons to be learned from the experience of the Aichi targets: the new targets must be unambiguous, measurable and based on reliable scientific data, with clear reference points to make it easier to monitor and evaluate progress. As well as quantitative targets, qualitative aspects such as the ecological representativeness of the protected sites, connectivity between sites and minimum protection standards are of prime importance.

The second workshop, moderated by Grethel Aguilar, Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, identified the following recommendations:

- In order to be effective, Marine Protected Areas must involve and give responsibility to local communities to ensure that they are able to adapt to the new environmental conditions. The pandemic has revealed the vulnerability of coastal communities which are too dependent on a single MPA-related activity, such as tourism.

- To guarantee the effectiveness and local acceptance of the protective measures, international organisations should act as facilitators and avoid imposing an external model that may not be in keeping with



Brune Poirson, Secretary of State to the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition © DR

the reality on the ground. It is essential to update traditional working methods and ways of collaborating, and involve all stakeholder groups.

- While conservation work risks being put on hold due to the pandemic, it is important to seize this opportunity to direct recovery funds towards sustainable development and efficient conservation.

Nina Jensen, CEO of Revocean, moderated the third session, which agreed on the following conclusions:

- A sustainable blue economy must be founded on environmental justice and inclusive governance so that coastal communities benefit. New mechanisms must be developed to ensure that intellectual property and marine technologies are shared fairly, especially in developing countries.

- Certification systems in blue economy sectors, such as fishing and tourism, should be further encouraged and developed because they help consumers to make responsible, informed decisions while at the same time encouraging businesses to adopt sustainable practices.

- Although it is essential to fully protect 30% of the oceans, the ultimate objective must be the 100% sustainable use of our oceans.

Brune Poirson, Secretary of State to the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (France), Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner – Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, Andrés Couve Correa, Minister of Science, Technology, Knowledge and Innovation (Chile), and Jens Frølich Holte, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Norway), also gave presentations ♦

The Monaco Blue Initiative

Launched in 2010 on the initiative of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, the Monaco Blue Initiative is a platform for discussion co-organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Oceanographic Institute/Prince Albert I Foundation. The event provides an invaluable framework for discussing the global challenges of ocean conservation and also for analysing and highlighting the possible synergies between protecting the marine environment and socio-economic development.

13TH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO FOUNDATION AWARDS CEREMONY

"I created these awards to show my support for the exceptional men and women who are committed to saving our planet."

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

Although the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Awards ceremony could not be held this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic health crisis, the Sovereign Prince nevertheless wanted his Foundation to continue supporting the key figures and organisations working to protect the planet in 2020 by presenting its awards.

Olivier Wenden, Vice-President of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, revealed the three 2020 winners being honoured in the Foundation's three priority action areas: combatting climate change, safeguarding biodiversity and managing water resources. *"Through the accolades that we are presenting today, against this unique backdrop and at a time when the world has realised that humanity will only find serenity*

if the planet is healthy, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is demonstrating its commitment alongside scientists, organisations and institutions working to restore harmony with nature and help build a fairer, more equitable and more sustainable world." Olivier Wenden said. *"Our three winners are making a significant contribution to that in their own fields and are examples of positive energy and dedication serving our planet and communities. We hope that this award of 40,000 euros, during these uncertain economic times, will help them pursue their projects".*

The Water Award was given to the **International Water Management Institute (IWMI)** represented by its Director General, **Claudia Sadoff**. For over 35 years, the



IWMI, based in Colombo, Sri Lanka, has been developing scientific solutions to benefit some of the world's poorest people. When it was founded, the IWMI's principal objective was to improve irrigation, which was seen as a key element of the "green revolution". Over the years, the IWMI has broadened the scope of its activities to focus on the way we manage water – such a vital component in social and economic development – with one goal: to realise its vision of a water-secure world.

The Climate Change Award was presented to **Professor Johan Rockström**, Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany and Professor of Earth System Science at the University of Potsdam. An internationally renowned scientist specialising in global sustainability issues, Professor Rockström led the development of the planetary boundaries framework for human development in the current era of rapid global change. As a member of a European Commission expert group, he advises on climate change adaptation and transforming society. He also acts as an advisor for sustainable development issues at international meetings including the World Economic Forum, the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conferences (UNFCCC).



The Biodiversity Award went to the **Deccan Development Society (DDS)**, represented by its Director, **P.V. Satheesh**, which has been working for more than 30 years in semi-arid southern India, currently alongside 5,000 women from the 75 poorest rural communities. The DDS's vision is to consolidate these village groups into vibrant organs of primary local governance and unite them into a powerful pressure group for women, the poor and Dalits. The DDS has enabled women and local communities to design and shape small areas of land as watersheds and enshrine strong principles of food production through biodiversity-based farming systems ♦



MONTE-CARLO GALA FOR PLANETARY HEALTH

FOURTH EDITION DEDICATED TO THE OCEAN, EARTH AND HUMANITY

Accompanied by HSH Princess Charlene of Monaco, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco hosted the Monte-Carlo Gala for Planetary Health on Thursday 24 September 2020 with Sting as the guest of honour. Sharing the Sovereign Prince's commitment to environmental protection, Dame Helen Mirren, Kate Beckinsale and Andy Garcia were the Masters of Ceremonies of the 2020 edition. Singer Leona Lewis lit up the stage at the start of the evening, then Sting performed some of the greatest hits of his career.

Other celebrities to walk the blue carpet included actors Johnny Depp, Maisie Williams (Game of Thrones), Sienna Miller (The Loudest Voice, Wander Darkly) and Rebel Wilson (Pitch Perfect), model, actor and activist Naomi Campbell, model Alton Mason and fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger.

International music icon Sting received the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's Special Award for his exemplary environmental commitment, notably through the Rainforest Fund, which he co-founded in 1989 as the Rainforest Foundation.

"We obviously gave much thought about whether to hold this event or not, given the prominence of ongoing concerns and health issues," stated HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

"However, the commitment of all the individuals who work to protect our planet and all of you who support their efforts, your determination and your involvement are some of the reasons we decided to go ahead. And we did so because the challenging situation we are experiencing doesn't erase the environmental crisis; on the contrary.

Our health depends on the health of the environment in which we live. That is why, more than ever before, we need to continue our efforts and actions to protect our planet for future generations."

The Gala auction raised funds for the Foundation's initiatives on the ground, namely combatting climate change, biodiversity loss and poor water access. These funds are especially vital in these difficult economic times. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation was also proud to join forces this year with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Red Cross of Monaco to support joint humanitarian projects addressing the global pandemic and climate change.

The Monte-Carlo Gala for Planetary Health was held under strict hygiene conditions ♦



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Maisie Williams © Getty Images FPA2



Rebel Wilson © Getty Images FPA2

AND FINALLY...

Exhibition « Miró, La Peinture au défi »

The Nouveau Musée National de Monaco and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation presented the exhibition "Miró, La Peinture au défi", organised by the Estate Joan Miró, Joan Punyet Miró and Galerie Gmurzynska in collaboration with Successió Miró and Fundació Mapfre. The exhibition, which gathers 64 works by the artist, was visible from September 23 until October 25, 2020 at Villa Paloma, in Monaco.

While one of the painter's work - generously offered by his grandson Joan Punyet Miró- was auctioned on September 24 on the occasion of the Monte-Carlo Gala for Planetary Health organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation in favor of the preservation of the ocean, the earth and Humanity, the occasion was seized to present in the Principality the extraordinary talent of this "international Catalan" whose work indisputably marked the history of painting.



Joan Punyet Miro © Manuel Vitali - Government Communication Department

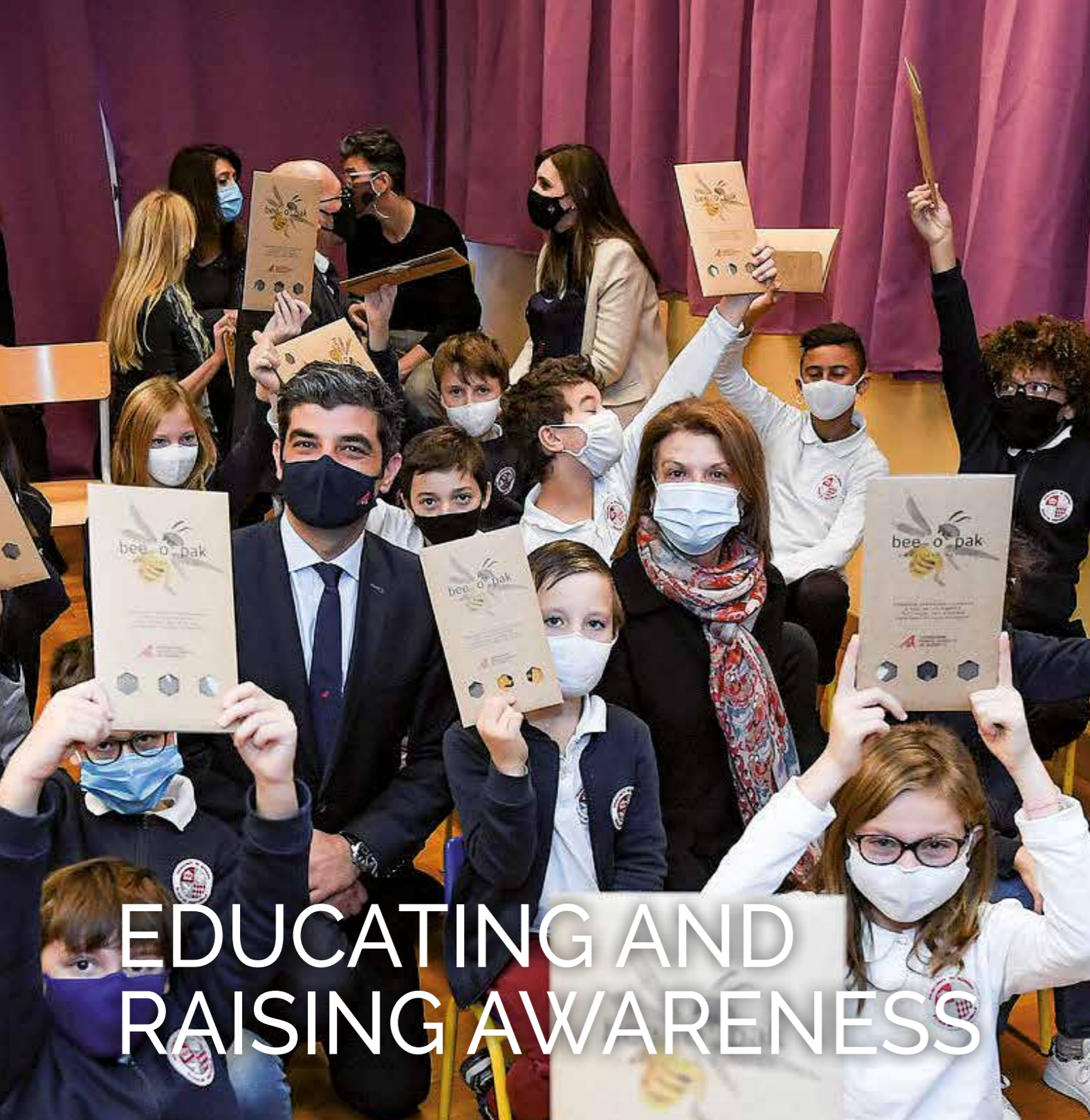


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The Last Game: hockey to raise awareness of environmental issues in the polar regions

On 12 February at the Principality's ice rink, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Monaco City Council and the Monaco Ice-skating Federation welcomed nearly 200 spectators at 'The Last Game' hockey match, which the Sovereign Prince kicked

off. The event is part of a series of games put on by Slava Fetisov, UNEP Patron for the Polar Regions, with the support of the United Nations and the Holy See, to alert the general public and government leaders to the rapidly melting ice in those regions hard hit by the effects of climate change ♦



EDUCATING AND RAISING AWARENESS

Supporting the young generations from their earliest years, through their education and right up until they embark on their working lives is a top priority for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. How can we envisage the world we hope to see in the future if we don't introduce today's young people to exploring nature, returning to the simplicity of the land, understanding scientific knowledge and being open to dialogue? The Foundation runs regular initiatives with schoolchildren and students, both in the Principality and internationally, to help pass on environmental knowledge. A few lovely moments were shared in 2020, despite everything!

Beeo-pak © DR



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CLEAN-UP AND SCIENTIFIC WASTE CATEGORISATION OPERATION

As part of its mission to raise awareness of marine conservation issues, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation joined forces with the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation to organise two plastic pollution awareness initiatives, held simultaneously in Monaco and Calvi (Corsica) to coincide with the Water Bike Challenge on the morning of Saturday 12 September.

The Animal Fund, the Monaco Association for the Protection of Nature, Eco Angels, Stars'N'Bars and the Principality's waste management and sanitisation service (SMA), along with divers from the Monaco Underwater Exploration Club, the Monegasque fire service, the Palace guards and the Oceanographic Institute, took part alongside the Foundation in an operation to collect and categorise waste found both on land and in the sea. Some 40 volunteers, together with final-year pupils from Fontvieille primary school, the year group in charge of the Aire Marine Éducative (AME)

this year, scoured the area from the floating breakwater as far as the Chemin des Pêcheurs car park, while around 20 divers cleaned up the sea in the area. The waste collected by the volunteers was added to that collected by SMA road workers and jet skis early in the morning as part of their daily rounds. Almost 100 kg of waste was gathered together at the AME depot (81.5 kg from the sea and 12.5 kg from the land) before being sorted, in addition to 30 kg collected outside the area.

This clean-up operation was part of 'The Crossing', a sports challenge organised by the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation on 12 and 13 September, in which participants compete to cross from Calvi to Monaco by water bike in the fastest possible time. Echoing the clean-up operation in Monaco, the Corsican association Mare Vivu, supported by the BeMed initiative, also conducted an awareness campaign in the port of Calvi in the form of a creative workshop where children were encouraged to make works of art from disinfected plastic waste.



“ The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is proud to support the education of the Principality’s students in sustainable development and our relationship with nature by raising awareness of responsible consumption and fruit and vegetable production.

EUROPEAN WEEK FOR WASTE REDUCTION

At the close of European Week for Waste Reduction, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation worked alongside the Department of Education, Youth and Sport (DENJS) to organise an awareness-raising initiative aimed at final-year pupils from Fontvieille primary school. DENJS Director Isabelle Bonnal and Olivier Wenden, Vice-President of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, along with the project leader Myriam Aarras, invited the children to think about alternatives to plastic before handing out beeswax food wrap made specially for them by the Foundation as a replacement for cling film. The children were very enthusiastic and took an active part in discussions, often coming up with highly pertinent comments that demonstrated their awareness of environmental issues. The food wrap kits were then distributed in the Principality’s primary schools.

URBAN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDENS FOR SCHOOLS IN THE PRINCIPALITY

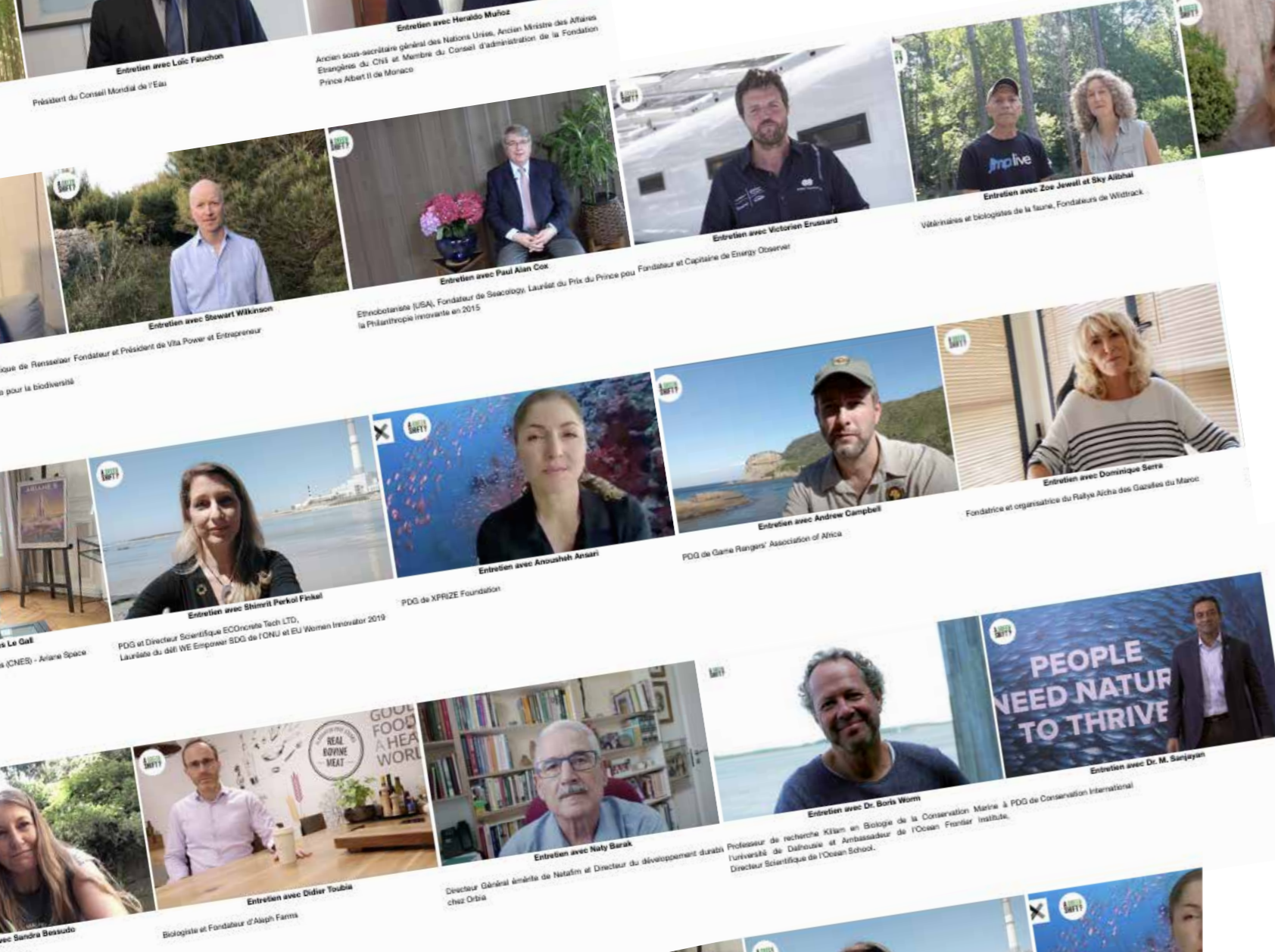
On 13 October, Olivier Wenden, Vice-President of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Isabelle Bonnal, Director of the Department of Education, Youth and Sport, and Jessica Sbaraglia, founder of Terre de Monaco, ratified a tripartite agreement on teaching environmental responsibility and sustainability to Monaco schoolchildren. The agreement, which was implemented in March 2020 but not made official due to the health crisis, provides for the organisation of various educational activities related to the environment and the development of organic kitchen gardens at certain institutions in the Principality, such as the Prince Albert II Leisure Centre, École du Parc infant school, Fontvieille primary, the Lycée Technique et Hôtelier de Monaco, and École de la Condamine primary school where the official signing took place. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is proud to support the education of the Principality’s students in sustainable development and our relationship with nature by raising awareness of responsible consumption and fruit and vegetable production. Thanks to the programme, almost 3,000 schoolchildren each year will be able to work in the gardens and harvest their produce. To mark the signing of the agreement, the Prince Albert II Foundation gave the children a deck of ‘Goodlife Goals’ cards based on the Sustainable Development Goals set in 2015 by the United Nations. This fun educational tool was handed out to all pupils in the last two years of primary school in Monaco.

LET’S KEEP NATURE BEAUTIFUL AND HEALTHY – EVEN ON HOLIDAY

To coincide with the summer holidays, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation made a fun educational video to raise awareness of waste among children and adults. The one-minute message, posted on the Foundation’s social media and shown in schools, is easy to remember: on holiday, we continue to sort our waste to keep nature beautiful and healthy. When it comes to protecting our planet, every little gesture counts! ♦



Urban vegetable gardens © Manu Vitali - Government Communication Department



A NEW MAGAZINE: IMPACT

This new twice-yearly publication launched in September provides the Foundation with the opportunity to review the results of the projects it has supported and to share expedition reports, scientific expertise and accounts of young students embarking on professional careers in the field of sustainable development. Available in print and digital version, the magazine brims with optimism and is intended to be a source of inspiration and an invitation to make a determined commitment to sustainability.



INVITING REFLECTION WITH THE SERIES « A GREEN SHIFT? »

As the world first struggled with a major health and environmental crisis that revealed on a daily basis the close link between the planet's health and our own, the Foundation decided to open a window onto the post-Covid world. Launching a digital campaign entitled A Green Shift?, consisting of a collection of short video interviews, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation gave a platform to key figures and scientists to reflect on the link between the environment and the pandemic, on the current impact of the crisis in various parts of the world and on the prospects for the future. The campaign began on a symbolic day – 22 April, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day – with a message of hope from HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. Around 30 eminent figures agreed to share their opinions in the fields of the environment, science and the economy to help forge a new balance between people and nature once the crisis is over

In 2020 the Foundation was featured in

150 press articles (written, TV and radio)
Et **4,200** pieces of editorial coverage.

Digital technology keeps us connected to our various communities. Newsletters, articles on the website and posts and communication campaigns on social media enable us to extend the reach of our messages.

E-newsletter : **10,000 subscribers**

- Facebook : **56,682 fans**
- Twitter : **5,340 followers**
- Instagram : **10,020 followers**
- LinkedIn : **3,607 followers**
- Web TV : **42,574 video views**

Figures as at 31 December 2020



STAYING CONNECTED

In 2020 the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation continued to assess and upgrade its communication tools to ensure that its work and the major environmental challenges we face are presented in fresh ways. In this tough year, keeping in touch became more vital than ever. And the desire to bring our communities closer together around the shared values of solidarity, fairness and respect for the planet became more urgent than ever.





PARTNERSHIPS

To accomplish its work, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation relies on a network of partners with whom it develops a synergy of interests in shared environmental issues. In 2020, 14 new Memoranda of Understanding, 8 financial partnerships and 14 new project partnerships were approved.

On Friday 11 December, Mr Martin Peronnet, CEO of Monaco Telecom officially renewed the Monegasque operator's support for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, by presenting Mr Olivier Wenden, Vice-President and CEO, with a donation of €15,971 from the income generated by the dematerialisation of its customer invoices.

By mutual agreement and in order to participate in the reconstruction effort following the passage of storm Alex, the amount donated to the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation mainly contributed to supporting a project in the Mercantour National Park. Two footbridges in the Roya Valley damaged during this extreme climatic event have been rehabilitated: the Ceva footbridge in Fontan and the Cabane Vieille footbridge on the Authion circuit (GR52).

GLOBAL GREEN GROWTH INSTITUTE

Objective: To promote strong, inclusive and sustainable economic growth in developing countries and emerging economies.

HINDUJA FOUNDATION

Objective: To design environmentally friendly haute couture accessories and products to raise awareness about the preservation of natural resources.

TERRE DE MONACO

Objective: To promote the development of urban agriculture and educational activities in establishments administered by the Government of Monaco's Department of Education, Youth and Sport.

INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO PESQUERO DE CHILE

Objective: To support the Rapa Nui Marine Protected Area (AMCPMU).

ANDREA BOCCELLI FOUNDATION

Objective: To provide free access to drinking water in Haiti for families living in the slums of Cité Soleil.

SAILORS OF THE SEA JAPAN

Objective: To safeguard the marine environment, promote sustainable seafood consumption and combat marine plastic waste.

PARLEY FOR THE OCEAN

Objective: Education, conservation (particularly curbing plastic pollution and illegal fishing), eco-innovation and exploration.

WELL DONE FOUNDATION

Objective: To support the development of an educational app called 'Witty & plastic pollution'.

HENRY L. STIMSON CENTER

Objective: To tackle the effects of climate change through the Alliance for a Climate Resilient Earth (ACRE) project.

JACKSON WILD

Objective: To raise awareness of environmental issues and instil change through personal action.

OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION FOUNDATION OREF – (OCEANX)

Objective: To protect marine ecosystems and raise awareness of ocean conservation issues.

Financial partnerships / sponsors

- Veolia
- Rolex
- Eudoxia
- La Vallée
- Fondation Sancta Devota
- ART IN TIME
- Montegrappa
- Arts for Future

Project partnerships

- Noé
- Technical University of Crete
- Pedro Ruiz Gallo National University
- Migrations & Développement
- Eclasio
- The Sense of Silence Foundation
- Sorbonne Université
- Young Water Solutions
- Lewa Wildlife Conservancy
- WildlifeDirect
- Landestini
- Copenhagen Business School
- Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Natural Sciences



OUR TEAMS

The Presidents of the representative offices Meeting in Madrid, in June © Gaetan Luci - Palace of Monaco

Since it was set up, the Foundation has opened several representative offices around the world to broaden its influence: in France and the UK in 2007, Switzerland, the US and Canada in 2008, and Germany and Italy in 2009. In 2011 Singapore joined its list of offices, then in 2016 it was Spain's turn to open a branch. The most recent office opened in Beijing, China, in 2019. With these 10 foreign branches, the Foundation now benefits from a strong international network to support its initiatives and extend the impact of its work.



MONACO

The health crisis has in no way weakened the motivation or commitment of the Foundation's staff, who demonstrated great agility in 2020 in continuing to work actively to support environmental protection and in helping our partners address the situation, aware that some of their activities had become economically precarious. The year ended up

providing the ideal context for implementing new development and communication strategies, with all our different networks actively involved. Every opportunity was seized to raise awareness of ecological issues, initiate discussions about the post-Covid world, support science and show solidarity in the face of adversity. ♦

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CANADA

The Canadian branch actively pursued its missions in 2020, despite a particularly difficult context as the country's lockdown restrictions were only relaxed very slightly after March 2020. Under its President Dr Diane Vachon, its four annual Board meetings were held virtually and a major strategic and communications plan was developed and partially rolled out, including the creation of the Foundation's first international office Instagram page. These efforts will enable the Canadian branch to adopt a systematic approach for its future fundraising and to increase and democratise its visibility. In addition, FPA2 (Canada) sealed a partnership

with the prestigious John Molson School of Business at Concordia University to fund two students on the MBA programme and recruited three additional summer interns from Toronto, McGill and NYU universities, all of whom will contribute to the enrichment of its strategic plan and its influence. Proud of its excellence in governance and financial transparency, the branch continues to support several projects in Canada and the Canadian Arctic. Over the years, having maintained close ties with its partners, including the communities of Canada's Far North, it has established a strong position from which to address post-pandemic realities and extend the impact of its activities ♦

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On 14 September 2020, at its video-conference Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors of the Foundation's French branch renewed its members after the departure of Frédéric Labarrère and Raphaël Cuvelier. Annabelle Jaeger and Alain Le Roy were appointed General Secretary and Deputy Treasurer, respectively. Although the exceptional measures associated with the pandemic prevented planned activities, the French branch was nevertheless able to give support to various field projects: one run by the association Te Mana Te Moana in Polynesia, another by GERES in the Kita Cercle in Mali and finally an IUCN project called Close the Plastic Tap. The French committee also gave financial support to the BeMed initiative ♦



GERMANY

The start of 2020 was particularly busy for the German branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, with a change in governance as Professor Dr Alexander Liegl took over from Dr Bernd Kunth as President. On 17 January, at the Ludwig Erhard Summit in Tegernsee organised by Weimar Media Group, HSH Prince Albert II was presented the Press Freedom Prize in recognition of his commitment to environmental protection and promoting sustainable development around the world. The tribute was delivered by Professor Dr Thomas Hofmann, President of the Technical University of Munich.

Also in January, the German branch once again attended Boot Düsseldorf boat show for Blue Motion Night, when the Ocean Tribute Awards are presented to marine conservation projects. The 2020 prize was awarded to the Coral Sea Foundation for its Sea Women of Melanesia programme, which enables indigenous women to acquire skills in scuba diving and marine science so they can play an active role in the creation and monitoring of Marine Protected Areas within their own coral reefs. Finally, in September, Professor Liegl participated virtually in several events at the Greentech Festival, which was presented in a hybrid format in 2020 by eco-entrepreneur and former F1 driver Nico Rosberg ♦

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ITALY

On 21 September, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and Italian manufacturing company Montegrappa entered into a partnership agreement to support the environmental protection initiatives carried out by the Foundation. In a meeting at the Yacht Club of Monaco, Olivier Wenden, Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, and Giuseppe Aquila, President of Elmo & Montegrappa, signed an agreement in the presence of Marco Colasanti. Inspired by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's work tackling climate change and developing renewable energies, safeguarding biodiversity, and managing water resources and combatting desertification, Mr Giuseppe Aquila agreed to Marco Colasanti's project to create three limited series of fountain pens that would raise funds and awareness on the Foundation's missions.

Beatrice Borromeo gave a generous donation to the Italian branch in the form of profits from her first children's book, Capitan Papaia e Greta, la piccola guerriera que voleva attraversare l'Oceano (*Captain Papaya and Greta, the little one warrior who wanted to cross the ocean*). With poetic charm, the book raises awareness of "the importance of respecting the environment" by recounting the story of her husband Pierre Casiraghi, young activist Greta Thunberg and skipper Boris Herrmann, who crossed the Atlantic on board the sailing boat *Malizia* to attend the UN Climate Action Summit, a voyage that benefitted from the moral support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. ♦

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The activities of the Singaporean branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, led by its President Jacky Deromedi, were greatly disrupted by the Covid-19 crisis, and the prestigious fundraising evening traditionally held at the Marina Bay Sands hotel in Singapore in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco had to be postponed.

The Asian branch's teams of volunteers are paying close attention to developments in the health situation and maintaining their energy levels and good humour to prepare a wonderful forthcoming edition of the great gala event ♦



SPAIN

Led by its President, Carol Portabella, the Spanish branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation continued to work actively in liaison with the Foundation's headquarters and Spanish environmental institutions in 2020. As soon as the 'A Green Shift' communication campaign was announced, the branch mobilised its networks to find participants for and to promote the video interviews. Javier Goyeneche, President of recycled clothing brand Ecoalf, and Francesca Thyssen, Founder of TBA21, were among those who agreed to take part. Once again this year, the branch also helped promote the call for micro-

initiatives launched by BeMed by contacting numerous NGOs and foundations. A project run by the associations Save the Med and Ibiza Preservation called 'Plastic-Free Balearic', involving the four Balearic islands, was selected. In June, the branch also communicated the invitations for contributions launched by the Monk Seal Alliance initiative. At the end of 2020, the Spanish branch joined the Spanish Association of Foundations (A.E.F.) which is the most representative body of the sector at national level and the second in Europe ♦

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SWITZERLAND

In April 2020, Derek Queisser de Stockalper took over from François Rumpf as President of the Swiss branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. During this unusual year, the Swiss branch consolidated its close relations with academic institutions, scientific centres and key environmental stakeholders in Switzerland. For example, it continued supporting the RADIX project at the University of Bern, which is developing new technology to rapidly determine the expected age at a potential ice-core drilling site in the Antarctic. The Swiss branch also maintained its long-

term partnership with Basel Zoo, supporting the development of Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas by donating a portion of every ticket sale to the MedFund environmental fund. This pivotal year also saw the Swiss branch support a young sailing team from the Société Nautique de Genève that races Nacra multihull catamarans in world-renowned championships. Protecting the oceans is an important topic for the next generation and this partnership will give the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation in Switzerland greater visibility among young people ♦

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UNITED KINGDOM

In 2020, the British branch of the Foundation, led by its President HE Evelyne Genta, continued its support for the younger generations by co-funding the University of Edinburgh's Ocean Leaders programme, which trains young professionals from all over the world wishing to specialise in finding ocean conservation solutions. The branch also helped support several other projects, including the Scott Polar Research Institute's 'Grounding-zone flux observations at a continental scale: the Antarctic Ice Sheet' project, which is carrying out a continuous topographic survey of the coastal areas of the Antarctic Ice Sheet, and 'Securing a sustainable future for the Guinean forest', which aims to create a long-term protection system for two Guinean forests by implementing sustainable solutions in line with forest conservation models at regional and global level. Finally, as part of its awareness-raising remit, the UK branch partnered with the documentary *Lions, Bones and Bullets*, a film condemning lion breeding, hunting practices and the illegal bone trade, particularly in South Africa. On 10 March, alongside HRH the Prince of Wales, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco took part in the Water and Climate Summit organised by WaterAid, an organisation supported by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. The summit brought together key political, philanthropic and business figures to examine the impact of the climate crisis on access to drinking water. Discussions focused on the possibilities of overcoming potential obstacles, particularly in relation to regulations, investments and infrastructure, with the aim of finding sustainable solutions to the urgent problems raised at the summit ♦

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USA

The American branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, under its President, JB Kelly, and in partnership with the Embassy of Monaco in the United States, sponsored the first Gardening for Biodiversity sustainability symposium, which was held during the 2020 edition of the Philadelphia Flower Show. The event brought together horticultural experts, conservationists, leaders of non-profit organisations and distinguished guests such as Dr Peter Raven, world renowned botanist and winner of the National Geographic Society's 2018 Hubbard Medal, and Dr Dennis Whigham, botanist at the

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and founding director of the North American Orchid Conservation Center. The goal was to draw attention to environmental concerns at global level and throughout the Mid-Atlantic region by highlighting the central role that botany plays in environmental protection. Lastly, the Foundation's American office became a member of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Solve initiative, whose mission is to deliver sustainable solutions through tech-based entrepreneurs to meet the most urgent needs of today's world ♦

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CHINA

Although the pandemic has unfortunately meant that few actions could be carried out this year, the Beijing office of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, under its President Robert Shi, nevertheless helped organise the 10th International Tiger Day, which took place on 29 July 2020 in partnership with WWF China, Northeast China Tiger and Leopard National Park and the One Globe Natural Foundation. The event aimed to encourage the general public to join their Adopt a Tiger programme to help safeguard China's iconic Amur tiger. On an official trip to China in 2018, the Sovereign Prince visited the Amur tiger conservation centre run by WWF whose initiatives to protect the species, carried out with the Foundation's support since 2011, have enabled the tiger populations' protected habitat area to be enlarged, at the same time as strengthening surveillance and anti-poaching measures and focusing on ensuring the free movement of tigers between China and Russia via a cross-border migration corridor. These tiger protection systems put in place by WWF with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation are now integrated into China's national and provincial Amur tiger protection plan ♦





GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors sets the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's strategy and supervises the management of its activities. Since the Foundation was established, it has been supported by exceptional men and women. Their experience and skills in fields related to the environment are of great benefit to the Foundation in carrying out its work.

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The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation convened its Board of Directors on 12 June and 4 December 2020. The Scientific and Technical Committee met on 14 February and 2 October 2020.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Scientific and Technical Committee acts as a think tank and provides guidance in each of the Foundation's main areas of intervention. The Committee is involved in the project selection process and delivers opinions to the Board of Directors about the Foundation's projects and partnerships. The Committee is composed of key figures known for their expertise in the environment and sustainable development fields.

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Honorary Professor of the University of Dundee and Honorary Research Fellow in the School of GeoSciences at the University of Edinburgh, geographical advisor to the publishers of The Times Atlas of the World, former Director of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society

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The Ethics Commission guarantees that all the Foundation's activities respect its founding values and ethical requirements.

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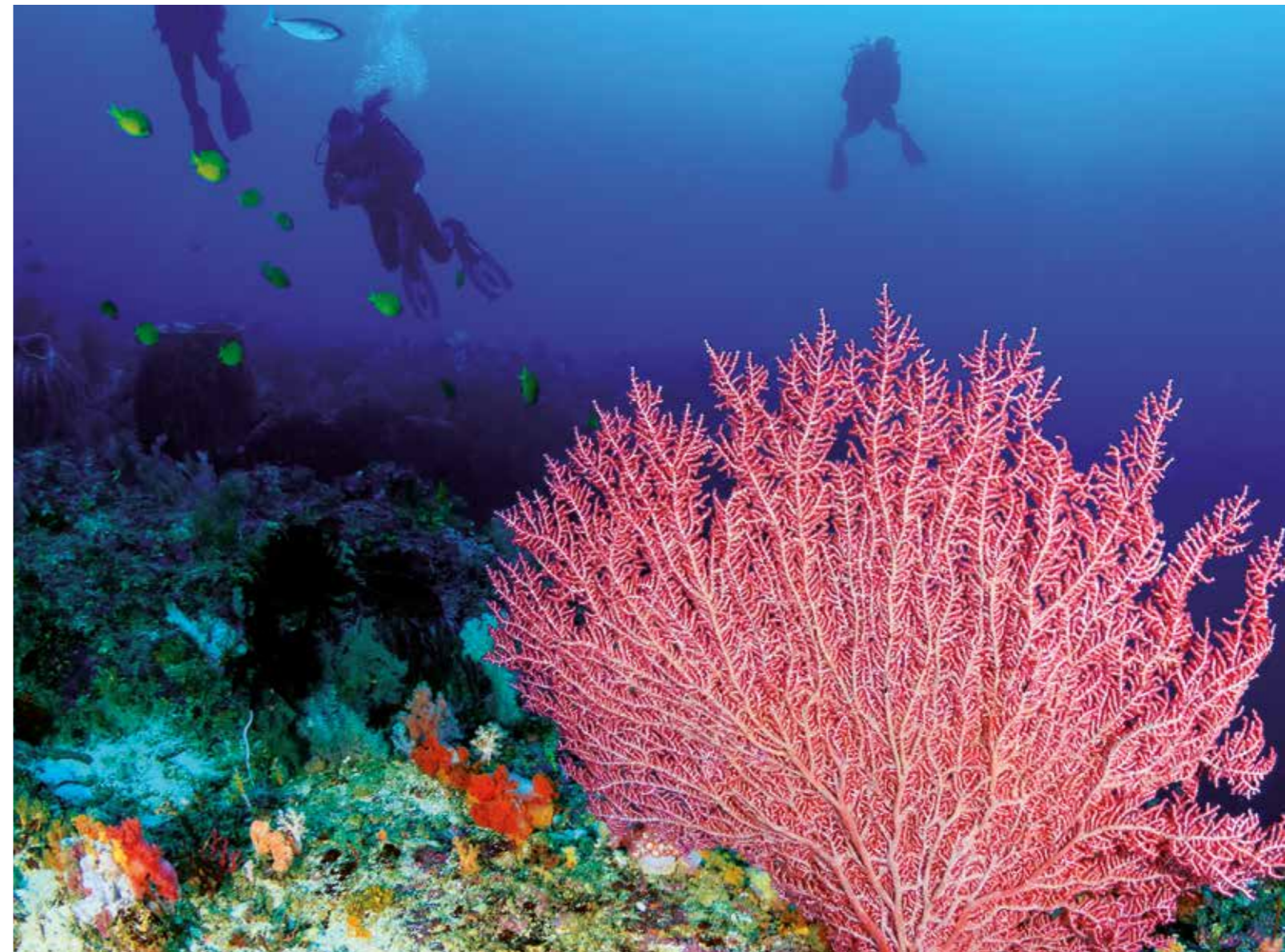
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DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Development and Fundraising Committee helps set the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's international development strategy. It also assists in raising the financial resources needed to carry out the Foundation's programme of action.

HE MRS EVELYNE GENTA

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Member, Co-founder of the production company Ambi Pictures

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Member, President of the Singapore branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation

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TRIPLE QUALITY, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY ISO CERTIFICATION

In 2013, as part of its commitment to optimising its activities, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation introduced an Integrated Quality and Environment Management System according to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, followed by an energy management system according to ISO 50001 in 2016. In December 2018, following the audit carried out by DNV-GL, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation had all three certifications renewed for a period of three years.

The intermediate audit, as provided for in the certification, took place in January 2021 to ensure the effectiveness of the Quality-Environment management system in place year on year.

Adhering to these international frames of reference is a way for the Foundation to show that it operates in compliance with current standards to ensure that its initiatives are properly managed, its efficiency is continually tested and its relationships with partners are continuously improved, with the overarching aim of reducing the environmental impact of its activities.

Our commitments:

- Provide, maintain and develop the human, organisational and technical resources needed to meet our objectives.
- Respond as effectively as possible to all requests.
- Build on our expertise.
- Comply with the legal and regulatory requirements specific to our activities.
- Anticipate, control and reduce our impact on the environment.
- Carry out an energy assessment and take the necessary steps to reduce our energy consumption.
- See to it that our processes and performance are continuously improved.

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