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Protecting and Progressing Planetary Health



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As I write this, just after 2025 has come to an end, our world appears increasingly unstable and our very foundations are under attack from multiple directions. On every continent, peace is looking more fragile, and in every international forum, cooperation is under threat. Everywhere we look, hopes for collective progress seem to be fading and environmental concerns have been pushed way down the news agenda.

These observations could make me lose faith in our ongoing battle to safeguard planetary health, the climate, biodiversity, water and the oceans, and to support the energy transition.

And yet nothing could be further from the truth.

When I set up my Foundation 20 years ago, I wanted to leverage a combination of complementary resources to tackle these issues head on and in a new, more flexible and inclusive way. Regardless of the political leaning of governments or the power wielded by multilateral institutions, they do not hold all the cards. So we brought together NGOs, philanthropists, companies and activists to work on joint projects aligned with our guiding belief in the importance of robust scientific evidence.

It is an approach that is even more valid today. In this report, you will see how well it works, whether in establishing an Arctic research station, promoting coexistence between people and elephants in Benin, strengthening the Pelagos Sanctuary in the Mediterranean or raising public awareness of environmental issues around the world.

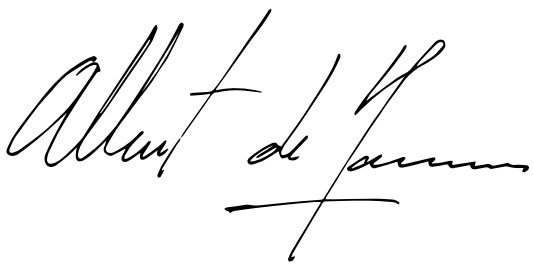
Another reason why I believe our efforts are increasingly relevant and worthwhile is the growing commitment to our cause among economic and financial professionals.

Many leaders in these sectors are now determined to take responsibility for environmental protection. This is evident in the success of the Blue Economy and Finance Forum that we hosted in Monaco last June and in the achievements of the various initiatives that we have launched, such as the ReOcean Fund, the Blue Economy Index and the Ocean Innovators Platform, all of which are featured in this report. This community has all the necessary resources, skills and motivation; we just need to provide guidance and encourage them to heed the warnings and recommendations of scientists.

Crucially, they are demonstrating that the Enlightenment philosophers' concept of "gentle commerce" as a vehicle for peace and progress can still be effective in new areas, such as protection of the climate, oceans and biodiversity.

The real challenge we face today is regaining a sense of science-based collective progress for the future benefit of all.

As you will read in the report, that is the challenge that drives us and motivates our donors, our partners and our teams, to whom I would like to pay tribute here. No matter what difficulties and uncertainties we encounter, we will not give up!



HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco





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The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is an international non-profit organisation whose mission is to improve the health of our planet by implementing concrete solutions to protect fragile ecosystems and foster a fairer, more sustainable model of society. Since it was established in 2006, encouraging successes have been achieved in the conservation of endangered species and the development of innovative measures to protect the environment. With the help of devoted environmental stakeholders all over the world, the Foundation supports projects at both local and global level, as well as running its own initiatives to strengthen its impact on the ground.



PROTECTING

TAKING ACTION TOGETHER

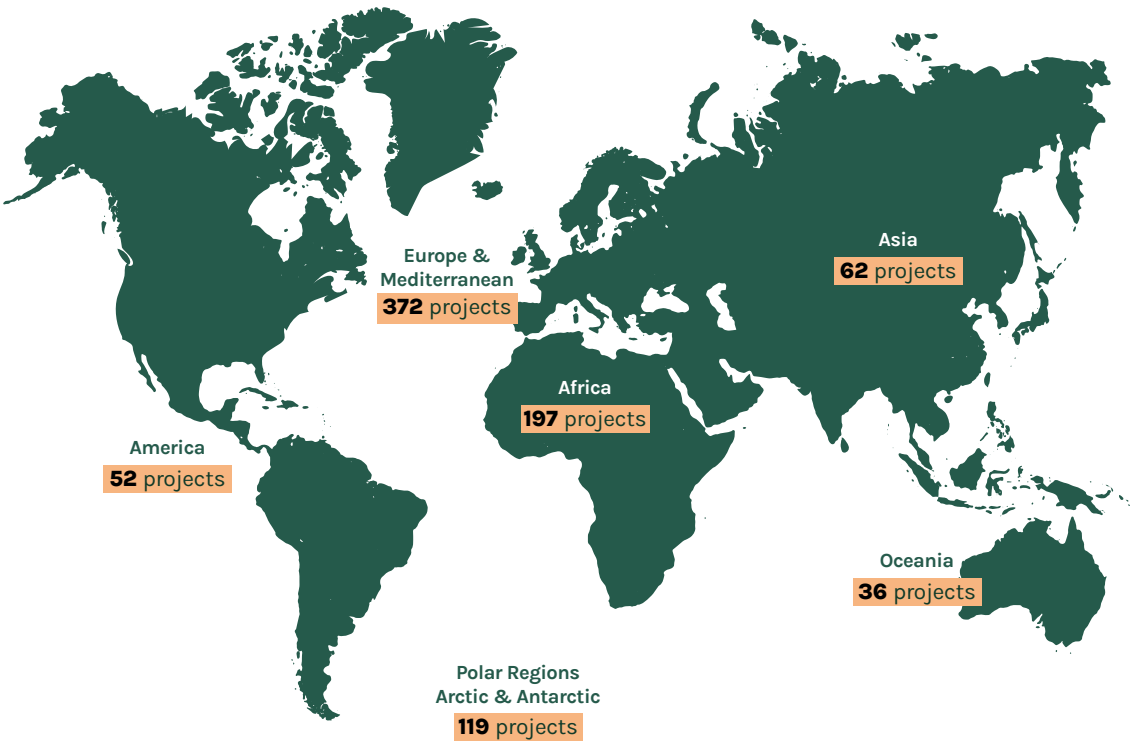
- Limiting the effects of climate change and promoting renewable energies.
- Safeguarding biodiversity.
- Managing water resources and combatting desertification.

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 communities and authorities about the impact of human activities on the natural environment and encouraging more sustainable 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.



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



NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED SINCE 2006 BY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL		FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN 2025
240	**SDG 14** I Life below water	2 036 270 €
233	**SDG 15** I Life on land	3 368 535 €
124	**SDG 13** I Climate action	488 396 €
89	**SDG 6** I Clean water and sanitation	20 000 €
57	**SDG 4** I Quality education	807 716 €
49	**SDG 7** I Affordable and clean energy	64 702 €
25	**SDG 12** I Responsible consumption and production	561 883 €
13	**SDG 11** I Sustainable cities and communities	108 701 €
7	**SDG 17** I Partnerships for the goals	1 060 150 €
TOTAL 838		TOTAL FOR 2025 8 516 353 €

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 affected communities

Impact and added value of the project:
- Exemplary nature and replicability of the project
- Tangible, measurable aspect of the project's anticipated results
- Integration of social and economic aspects into the project's activities (focus on sustainable development)
- Cooperation and involvement of the affected local communities

Competence and expertise of the project leader:
- Quality and stability of partnerships
- Technical and financial feasibility
- Competence of project leaders
- Quality of project management
- 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 2025, 250 projects were submitted after the call for applications.

-> 22 were shortlisted and presented to the Scientific and Technical Committee, then the Board of Directors.

-> 17 projects were accepted.

For many years, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, with the support of his Government and his Foundation, has been an active champion of environmental rights, which guarantee a fairer, more sustainable and more inclusive society – one that respects all living things. On the international stage, at the highest level, he communicates the messages of scientists concerning the protection of the ocean, the climate and biodiversity. The Sovereign Prince works with influential stakeholders – heads of state, philanthropists and leading figures from business and civil society – to ensure that concrete solutions are implemented to address today's environmental challenges and that they respect planetary boundaries and social justice.



DELIVERING A MESSAGE

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM IN DAVOS

At the 55th World Economic Forum held in Davos from 20 to 24 January, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and his Foundation participated in several events focusing on the blue economy.

Firstly, on Thursday 23 January, the Sovereign Prince took part in Monaco House day. Organised by the Government of Monaco's Attractiveness Unit, the event promoted the Principality's areas of excellence to an audience of global leaders.

In his address, HSH the Prince highlighted what sets Monaco apart in terms of innovations, sustainability and economic vitality. That evening he attended the inaugural gala dinner of the GAEA (Giving to Amplify Earth Action) Awards, which recognise inspirational partnerships that are driving impactful change. In his speech at the ceremony, held with a special focus on water, the Sovereign Prince pointed out, "Today we are able to take very concrete, effective action to protect water, our shared heritage. And we can do that thanks to initiatives that blend economic development, social progress and environmental protection".

The next day at the Davos Forum, the Foundation organised a high-level breakfast meeting in partnership with Una Terra. Entitled 'Bridging Perspectives: Advancing Solutions for Plastic Management', it invited around 30 international business leaders to share their experiences of, and best practice in, tackling plastic pollution, and to set up concrete joint projects. At the event, the Sovereign Prince stressed that, "the involvement of economic leaders is vital to help solve the plastic scourge". "This will, in turn, provide a significant opportunity for innovation, development and progress", he added. While plastic pollution is "a critical threat", he said, "we are not powerless against it. That is why we are here: to take action, to invest the necessary resources and to appeal for support".



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AASCO SUMMIT



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AASCO (Arena for the Gap Analysis of Existing Arctic Science Cooperation) brings together scientists to drive Arctic research and tackle climate change.

With the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, it held a two-day summit in the Principality to strengthen links between research groups, contribute to strategic planning and work on the upcoming International Conference on Arctic Research Planning, the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) ROADS roadmap and the fifth International Polar Year (2032–2033), among other initiatives. Opening the summit on Tuesday 4 February, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco said: “By fostering interdisciplinary dialogue, strengthening cooperation and embracing innovative research approaches, we can drive forward the solutions needed to safeguard the Arctic and, ultimately, our shared future”.

16TH MONACO BLUE INITIATIVE

Focusing efforts on UNOC3 and BEFF preparations



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The Monaco Blue Initiative (MBI) took place on Monday 24 March in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

Co-organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Oceanographic Institute–Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation, the 16th edition of this key annual ocean governance event brought together a range of prominent figures from the scientific and business communities, government and civil society. The primary focus this year was on preparing for the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) and the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF), two crucial meetings for the future of the ocean.

In his address, the Sovereign Prince stressed the importance of being able to count on committed individuals in today's uncertain international context: "We need people who refuse to put up with seeing our ocean devastated by climate change and marine biodiversity destroyed". He went on to highlight the positive and transformative potential of blue finance and the blue economy to tackle ocean issues: "The economy enables us to change our lives quickly and profoundly through consumer choices that shape production, transportation and waste management in line with our dreams. Finance makes it possible to mobilise vast resources that are often far greater than those available to states or multilateral organisations".

The MBI was structured around three working sessions:

- The regenerative blue economy as a solution for scaling up ocean protection.

- How science could better guide institutional and economic decision-making.

- The various instruments available to mobilise finance for SDG14 (Life Below Water), one of the most underfunded UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Three fireside chats took place alongside the working sessions: with Guillaume Sainteny, President of Plan Bleu (one of the Regional Activity Centres of the United Nations Environment Programme's Mediterranean Action Plan), who presented an update on the Mediterranean by 2050 report; with Angela Ellard, Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization, who discussed the challenges related to the entry into force of the Agreement on Subsidies for Fisheries; and with Razan Al Mubarak, President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), who highlighted the need to close the ocean finance funding gap by mobilising the financial sector, philanthropists and public–private partnerships.



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SOS OCÉAN

SOS Ocean was held in Paris on 30 and 31 March on the initiative of French President Emmanuel Macron. The international event brought together scientists, NGO representatives and other committed stakeholders to discuss the challenges of protecting the seas and oceans and to set out the strategic objectives for the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), which was scheduled to take place in Nice from 9 to 13 June. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco took part in this meeting for the future of the ocean. In his address, he warned those present about the "dramatic erosion of marine biodiversity and gradual degradation of the oceans". He also condemned the political obstacles preventing concrete solutions from being implemented. "We recently saw the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] fail to agree on a timeline under pressure from states that are increasingly unwilling to support its independence and research." He also highlighted the ever more important role and transformative impact of individuals in the business, scientific and non-profit sectors, working hard to advance the blue economy.

BLUE ECONOMY AND FINANCE FORUM

A pivotal event for the ocean



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Attended by 1,800 participants from around 100 countries, the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF) was one of 2025's landmark events. Co-organised by the Government of Monaco, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Oceanographic Institute–Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation with the support of France and Costa Rica, it took place on 7 and 8 June in Monaco as a UNOC3 Special Event in the immediate run-up to the conference in Nice. This large-scale event brought together high-level figures, from heads of state, business leaders and development bankers to investors, philanthropists and NGO representatives, with the shared goal of mobilising the financial resources needed for a sustainable and regenerative blue economy.

Opening the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF), HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco endorsed a model of economic growth that operates within the planetary boundaries. “The opportunities provided by the blue economy are endless, and the pathways it opens up are vital for the future of our planet”, he stated.

Following his address, the two BEFF Co-Chairs, Pascal Lamy, Vice-President of the Paris Peace Forum, and HE Ilana V Seid, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Palau to the United Nations, delivered their speeches. Mr Lamy stressed that a healthy ocean is a prerequisite for developing an ocean economy, while HE Ms Seid highlighted the example of the Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity initiative, whose ambition is to strengthen the ocean’s resilience in order to safeguard the livelihoods and well-being of Pacific Peoples. In her keynote speech opening the plenary sessions, Christine Lagarde, President of the European Central Bank, spoke of the importance of private investment and innovation to address economic and environmental challenges, pointing out that the cost of inaction is higher than the cost of adaptation. She also warned of the consequences of the many pressures facing the ocean, especially food security, saying, “We must choose the path of healing, not destruction”.

The two-day event was structured around four high-level panel discussions: investing for ocean health, preservation and resilience; financing a regenerative and sustainable blue economy; transforming blue ports and shipping; and ensuring sustainable ocean governance and finance.

HRH Prince William delivered a speech at the closing session of the BEFF, in which he stated: “With creativity, ingenuity, investment and support, we can unlock exciting innovations and solutions that protect our planet, create jobs, sustain livelihoods and encourage prosperity”.

Among the highlights of the forum were the speeches by French President Emmanuel Macron, Costa Rican President Rodrigo Chaves Robles and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Supporting the Sovereign Prince, they delivered a shared message calling for swift, concrete action to protect the ocean. President Macron underlined France’s commitments to ocean protection and its support for measures to safeguard the seabed and for the development of biodiversity credits. He pointed out that climate change is not an opinion, it is scientifically established, “so it is a political, ethical and scientific duty that we continue to fund free, open and cooperative science, and continue to understand, research and base our decisions on that science".



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As for President Chaves Robles, he described the blue economy as “an immediate necessity and a non-negotiable obligation for humanity”, before stating that his country is leading by example, having already protected 30% of its marine territory. He also stressed the importance of implementing financial incentive mechanisms so that science, economics and innovation can work hand in hand.

Meanwhile, President Lula drew attention to cuts in overseas aid and criticised the general lack of political willingness and commitment, noting that negotiations for a legally binding treaty to end plastic pollution are still ongoing, as was, at the time, the ratification of the international Agreement on Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (known as the BBNJ Agreement or High Seas Treaty). “The planet can no longer bear the weight of unfulfilled promises. There are no isolated solutions to challenges that demand collective action”, he declared from the podium.

The Sovereign Prince delivered a powerful message during his final remarks to close the BEFF. “Only by working together – governments, institutions, investors, scientists and citizens – can we build a regenerative blue economy that rises to the challenges of our time.”
He emphasised the urgent need for action – despite international crises disrupting investment – in the areas of ports, shipping and tourism, and especially to reduce plastic pollution. To address these challenges, we must take advantage of all existing solutions, from sustainable fishing and aquaculture to biotechnology. These are the keys to a new, blue economic model.

Blue Innovation Hall

The Blue Innovation Hall at the BEFF showcased technical innovations to drive the regenerative blue economy. In his opening address, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's Vice-Chairman and CEO, Olivier Wenden, summed up the ethos of the initiative: "Innovation is our compass; collaboration is the wind that fills our sails. Together, we can chart the course towards a thriving blue economy and a healthier planet".

Ten impactful companies were invited to demonstrate how the BEFF's vision can be implemented at scale through concrete solutions: Plastic for Change, Matter, Coral Vita, ECOncrete, Coast 4C, Protix, Symbrosia, Equatic, North Star.VC and NatureMetrics. They exhibited solutions in a wide range of areas: plastic pollution, sustainable fishing and aquaculture, green yachting and shipping, AI and ocean data.

In partnership with the Earthshot Prize, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation organised pitch sessions to turn the spotlight on these 10 companies that are ready for Series C funding. Their founders and CEOs took to the stage with one of their investors to give a five-minute pitch about their innovative solution and growth strategy. The initiative generated numerous connections, and follow-up meetings have already taken place. The pitches concluded with a fireside chat with renowned explorer Bertrand Piccard.

The Foundation also organised a workshop in partnership with the Future Investment Initiative Institute to address the findings of the international report published by the two institutions and produced in liaison with The Wave Global and Red Sea Global. Entitled 'Unlocking Innovation for Regenerative Tourism', the workshop highlighted the urgent need for investment and innovation to drive tourism that is not only sustainable, but also has a strong positive impact. By contributing to restoring ecosystems and empowering the communities that depend on them, regenerative tourism is an environmental and social must, as well as an economic opportunity. The workshop enabled participants to exchange ideas, evaluations and best practice, and highlighted the key role of cross-sector collaboration between tourism, public policy, finance and innovation. It also drew attention to the importance of developing a favourable legislative framework and global sustainability standards, and of accelerating funding to support blue technology and community-led models.



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Global surge in investment momentum

During the BEFF, over 25 billion US dollars in investments were attributed to projects supporting the transition to an ocean economy, in areas such as decarbonising maritime shipping and ports, restoring marine ecosystems, marine energy and biotechnology. Thanks to the multi-sector momentum driven by private, public, financial and philanthropic stakeholders, blue finance is becoming a reality. A panel discussion at the BEFF brought together major sovereign wealth funds and pension funds for the first time to explore new ways of raising the vast level of funding needed for ocean protection and regeneration.

New funding commitments

New funding commitments totalling an additional 8.7 billion euros by 2030, including 4.7 billion euros from philanthropists and private investors, and 4 billion euros mobilised by public financial institutions, were also confirmed at the BEFF. These commitments represent approximately 8% of current annual blue finance flows, estimated at 25 billion euros a year, and demonstrate a clear drive to support a regenerative and sustainable blue economy. This positive sign echoes the recent milestones reached by the High Seas Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Building strategic partnerships for the future of the ocean

Several major ocean-positive initiatives were formalised during the BEFF: the Business in Ocean call to action, signed by 80 companies based across 25 countries with 600 billion euros in combined turnover; Philanthropists and Investors for the Ocean, a new impact investing alliance supporting projects in the Global South in particular; the #BackBlue Ocean Finance Commitment, a platform of stakeholders ensuring the ocean is included in finance and insurance decisions, with assets under management currently amounting to 3 trillion US dollars; and Finance in Common, a global network of 20 development banks that have pledged to raise more than 5 billion US dollars a year for ocean protection.

Ultimately, the Blue Economy and Finance Forum paved the way for a financial alliance for the ocean. The innovative new platform demonstrated, as HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco pointed out, "how effective synergies between political leaders and economic stakeholders can be: to identify new ways of taking action; to base national and international regulations on the most sustainable solutions; and to help roll out and finance those solutions". That is the reason why "we must build more of these alliances […] Everything is now in place to reach the crucial turning point our ocean needs and the world expects". The Sovereign Prince concluded by saying: "This Forum has, I believe, laid solid foundations and charted a positive and concrete way forward".



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THIRD UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE

From 9 to 13 June, the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) took place in Nice, co-organised by the governments of France and Costa Rica. This large-scale event was held to support, amplify and accelerate initiatives to protect the oceans and their resources, and to identify practical ways to support the implementation of SDG14, Life Below Water. To rise to these ambitious challenges, the world's leading ocean stakeholders gathered in the capital of the French Riviera, from heads of state, intergovernmental organisations, financial and philanthropic institutions and NGOs to members of civil society, business owners, scientists, and representatives from Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco addressed the United Nations plenary session, attended by the 193 member states, to reiterate the urgent need to take action to save the ocean, "this treasure in peril". Stressing the importance of collective action and applying the precautionary principle, and the essential role of science, he focused his speech on Monaco's ratification of the High Seas Agreement, promoting marine protected areas (MPAs) and the need for an economic model that is compatible with sustainable ocean management. "We are not powerless, and we have not been inactive," he stated, adding that, even if "weakened [...] multilateralism remains our only solution".

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation was also an active participant during UNOC3, with a series of events run as part of its Polar and Pelagos initiatives, as well as by the Monk Seal Alliance.



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VISIT TO BEEKEEPING SCHOOLS IN RWANDA



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On Friday 26 September, during his official trip to Rwanda, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco visited two French Apiology Observatory (OFA) beekeeping schools in Musanze district, in the north of the country, accompanied by Thierry Dufresne, founder of the OFA.

Located at the Foyer de Charité Vierge des Pauvres (Catholic retreat centre) near Lake Ruhondo and at the One & Only resort on the edge of Volcanoes National Park, they train vulnerable women in beekeeping to help them achieve financial independence through honey production. During his visit, the Sovereign Prince spoke with the beekeepers and saw firsthand the positive impact the initiative is having on their living conditions. His trip concluded with the opening of a new beekeeping school in Ruhengeri.

80TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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From 22 to 24 September, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco visited New York to attend the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

In his address on Wednesday 24 September, he highlighted the invaluable role of the organisation, which "provides a forum for dialogue and exchange for all the member states", as well as appealing for strengthened multilateralism. Drawing attention to Monaco's example, he noted that "Monaco [had] ratified more than 270 UN treaties and they are more than just symbolic gestures – they improve the daily lives of our population". He also expressed his concerns about "a multi-polar world, in which national interests are often prioritised over the pursuit of a shared international ideal".

In addition, the Sovereign Prince announced that Monaco would "double its contributions to international climate action funding by 2028".

After stressing the urgent need to tackle the ocean crisis, he highlighted the Principality's exemplary environmental commitment, noting that it had hosted the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF), a major event held just prior to the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3). He concluded his remarks with an appeal to reform the United Nations: "The reform of our organisation must restore people's trust and bring them together within an effective, efficient body centred on its founding values".

During his trip to New York, the Sovereign Prince also took part in several bilateral meetings: with HE Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan; HE Vivian Balakrishnan, Singaporean Minister of Foreign Affairs; HE Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Republic of Portugal; and HE Sonia Guajajara, Brazilian Minister of Indigenous Peoples. With Ms Guajajara, he discussed the work carried out by his Foundation through its Latin American branch (located in São Paulo) and its Forests and Communities Initiative. A brief meeting with the Ukrainian President, Volodymyr Zelensky, was also arranged.

Coinciding with the start of New York Climate Week, the Sovereign Prince attended the Nasdaq Opening Bell Ceremony at the third edition of its annual Building the Future Summit, which brings together visionary leaders, investors, heads of state and corporate executives to address the climate economy. HSH Prince Albert II and Dr Andrew Forrest AO rang the Opening Bell and made an announcement about the ReOcean Fund.

Lastly, the Sovereign Prince participated in a round-table discussion organised by the Schwarzenegger Climate Initiative and the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change and attended by their founders, Arnold Schwarzenegger, former Governor of California, and Tony Blair, former British Prime Minister. Focusing on the theme of 'Leadership in the Age of Climate Disruption' and bringing together key figures from government, business and philanthropy, the round table identified three key drivers for mobilising climate action: nature, technology and communication with non-state actors. At the event, HSH Prince Albert II Sovereign Prince stressed the vital role of the ocean and the sustainable blue economy in solving environmental problems.



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On Friday 19 September, ahead of their 80th General Assembly, the United Nations announced that the 60 state ratifications needed to trigger the High Seas Agreement's entry into force had been reached. It will therefore become effective on 17 January 2026.

The Agreement opened for signatures on 20 September 2023 for a two-year period. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco signed it that same day. On 9 May 2024, the Principality of Monaco became the first European, and Mediterranean, state to ratify this pioneering treaty for the ocean.

This historic agreement represents the culmination of nearly 20 years of diplomatic negotiations. The Principality's proposals put forward during the sessions of the Preparatory Committee (2016–2017) and the Intergovernmental Conference, whose task was to draft the text of the Agreement (2018–2023), are now widely hailed as decisive contributions.

30TH UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN BELÉM



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The 30th Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP30), organised by the United Nations, was held in Belém, Brazil, from 10 to 21 November. It was preceded by the COP30 Leaders' Summit for heads of state and governments from 6 to 7 November, which was attended by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

In his address during the plenary session on Thursday 6 November, the Sovereign Prince highlighted a worrying paradox: "Science is facing the threat of ideology and relativism, even though it has never been as certain, as accessible and as clear as it is today". We urgently need to champion science, at a time when "humanity has never been as threatened [...] by climate change" and "is transgressing planetary boundaries year after year". Following his speech, HSH Prince Albert II participated in the round-table discussion 'Climate and Nature: Forests and Oceans', which focused on the conditions for a just and inclusive energy transition, protecting tropical forests and Indigenous populations, climate financing for vulnerable countries, and the international cooperation required to implement the Paris Agreement. Emphasising the vital importance of oceans and forests and calling for climate action to involve nature-based solutions, he mentioned practical initiatives developed in Monaco, such as support for blue carbon projects in Africa and research into carbon storage in underwater forests. The Sovereign Prince concluded by stressing the need for COP30 to be a conference built on solidarity and shared responsibility that drives concrete action for future generations, because "neither the oceans nor the forests, and even less so the communities who depend on them, can wait".

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco then continued his trip to Brazil by travelling to São Paulo for the official opening of his Foundation's Latin American branch. The event took place on Friday 7 November at the residence of Arnoldo Wald Filho, Honorary Consul of Monaco in Brazil and President of the branch, and brought together 500 prominent figures from the diplomatic service, scientific community, philanthropic sector and civil society.

In operation since 2023 and covering the entire South American continent, this branch is the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's 11th international office. Its presence in one of the most biodiverse countries on the planet marks a major step in strengthening the Foundation's work around the world.

The Sovereign Prince participated in an event at the Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado (FAAP). There, he joined an audience of art, economics and law students to hear 10 young entrepreneurs present their innovative solutions to major environmental challenges such as ecological forest restoration, biodiversity conservation, access to drinking water and protecting water resources, sustainable food systems and tackling food waste, eco-friendly textile fibres, climate justice and the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and climate adaptation and resilience. The presentations were fully aligned with the objectives of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, which prioritises support for sustainable innovation and talented young entrepreneurs, for example through its Re.Generation Future Leaders Program.



The transition to a more sustainable way of life cannot fully take place without a radical transformation of the economy, finance and innovation. For that reason the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation lends support to the stakeholders helping to invent tomorrow's solutions that will protect our ocean ecosystems while fostering a dynamic, regenerative economy. To drive targeted investments and blue innovation, the Foundation set up the Blue Solutions Hub, which encompasses initiatives such as the ReOcean Fund, a private investment fund, and the Ocean Innovators Platform, a network that promotes and supports pioneering ocean-tech companies.


INNOVATING

REOCEAN FUND

Investing in ocean innovations



Technological innovation is crucial for the transition to more ocean-positive living, but philanthropy alone is not enough to raise the substantial funds needed. To help safeguard marine and coastal ecosystems, the focus has to be on stimulating and scaling impact investing.

To that end, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and Monaco Asset Management set up the ReOcean Fund. Established to support United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water), this private investment fund intends to invest 100 million euros in ocean innovations. The ocean is an exceptional source of solutions for planetary health, but it is under serious threat. Investing in high-impact projects and unlocking a sustainable, regenerative blue economy to protect this precious common good has never been more urgent. In 2025, 22 investors placed their trust in the fund's strategy, and the first two companies, NatureMetrics and Bound4Blue, joined its portfolio.

The ReOcean Fund is in its growth phase and investing principally in innovative Series A and B companies across five key sectors on a global scale:

- Marine and coastal ecosystem restoration and protection;
- Solutions to plastic pollution;
- Healthy and equitable blue food;
- Green shipping and sustainable yachting;
- Ocean data.

Two companies join the ReOcean portfolio

In January 2025, NatureMetrics, a world leader in delivering nature data intelligence to businesses, became the first company to join the portfolio of the ReOcean Fund. NatureMetrics deploys cutting-edge technology to generate biodiversity data at scale using environmental DNA (eDNA), Earth Observation, and advanced data science and AI, which is revolutionising how businesses measure and report their nature-related impacts. “This innovation drives value creation while setting a new benchmark for embedding ocean health into business decisions”, explains Olivier Wenden, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Foundation.

A second investment was announced on 9 December: Bound4Blue, a world leader in wind-assisted propulsion systems as a turnkey solution for shipowners and operators looking to improve the environmental and economic performance of their fleets. “This investment choice illustrates our commitment to accelerating the decarbonisation of maritime transport with solutions that are both ambitious and immediately deployable”, Mr Wenden stated.

ReOcean Fund raises 73 million US dollars

On Monday 22 September, during New York Climate Week, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and Monaco Asset Management announced they had raised a remarkable 73 million US dollars in capital for their private investment fund, the ReOcean Fund. The declaration, made at the headquarters of Nasdaq with HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco in attendance, marks an important milestone in the fund’s target of raising 100 million euros for ocean innovation.

“The time has come to channel capital into this sector and accelerate the transition to inclusive, resilient economies”, said the Foundation’s Vice-Chairman and CEO, Olivier Wenden. Sharing this commitment to boosting the blue economy, the founder of the Minderoo Foundation, Dr Andrew Forrest AO, took to the stage alongside the Sovereign Prince and his team to officially announce his foundation’s support for the ReOcean Fund with an investment of 5 million euros.

ReOcean Fund objectives:

- **Reduce** the key sources of pollution in the ocean.
- **Transform** the way we produce blue food and travel across the ocean.
- **Protect** marine and coastal ecosystems and the critical services they provide.
- **Inform and equip** stakeholders with robust, transparent data.

BLUE ECONOMY INDEX

In 2024, in partnership with ODDO BHF Asset Management and Altitude Investment Solutions, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation launched the Blue Economy Index as part of its strategy of aligning philanthropy and impact investing. This innovative financial tool identifies companies that are driving the blue economy in key sectors including sustainable fisheries, waste management, plastic recycling and water treatment. It is a concrete solution for the green transition and helps investors looking to support companies with impeccable environmental, social, and governance (ESG) credentials.

The Blue Economy Index is managed by ODDO BHF Asset Management, which is charging reduced management fees. Meanwhile Altitude Investment Solutions is donating a percentage of the index management fees and entry charges on the financial products created to support the Foundation's Mediterranean programme, which takes action in a variety of areas: tackling plastic pollution, protecting emblematic species, conserving freshwater ecosystems, managing marine protected areas (MPAs) and supporting scientific research.

Partnership with Edmond de Rothschild Monaco

In 2025, to align financial performance with environmental commitment, Edmond de Rothschild Monaco bank offered its clients an investment solution based on the Blue Economy Index and donated the entirety of their management fees to the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. This collaboration has raised 70,000 euros to support the Foundation's conservation projects in the Mediterranean. The success of this partnership highlights how conviction-driven investment can be a powerful tool to accelerate action to improve the health of the planet.



PROMOTING THE SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY AND SUPPORTING OCEAN INNOVATION

ChangeNOW Summit in Paris



The ChangeNOW summit, held at the Grand Palais in Paris, is one of the largest international events driving change to accelerate the green transition.

From 24 to 26 April, leaders and changemakers from around the world were invited to take part in conferences, presentations of cutting-edge solutions, exhibitions and networking sessions at this unique event. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation was among them, to participate in a panel discussion entitled 'Investing in the Blue Economy', moderated by Carla Gautier, an environmentally-conscious architect who was part of the Re.Generation Future Leaders Program's 2024 cohort. The panel also featured Raphaël Ghiandai, the Foundation's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, Nicolas Sdez, CEO of Pronoë, also a member of the Re.Generation 2024 cohort, and Guillaume Bregeras, Chief Knowledge Officer and General Manager at 2050 investment fund. During the thought-provoking discussion, the panellists shared their expertise in, and solutions for, a sustainable, innovative blue economy that will drive ocean regeneration.

ClimateImpact Summit in London

On Wednesday 7 May, the ClimateImpact Summit in London pulled together over 500 participants for an exceptional one-day climate innovation event. Eminent speakers led conversations on crucial topics such as the energy systems transformation, potential decarbonisation pathways, new modes of mobility, sustainable and regenerative infrastructure, resilience strategies and the circular economy. Among the events held during the summit was a panel discussion on the blue economy hosted in partnership with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. Olivier Wenden, the Foundation's Vice-Chairman and CEO, spoke about the challenges facing companies working in the ocean sector, along with the blue finance and investment opportunities available to them. All the panellists addressed sector-specific issues, such as managing risk perception and capital requirements, and stressed the importance of developing pioneering blue solutions that have a positive impact on both the environment and market returns.

8th edition of the Monaco Ocean Protection Challenge

The grand finale of the eighth Monaco Ocean Protection Challenge (MOPC) took place at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco on Wednesday 14 May. This high-level competition, organised by the International University of Monaco, the Oceanographic Institute of Monaco–Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation, Monaco Impact and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, is open to students and young entrepreneurs from all over the world. Its aim is to support the creation and development of start-ups offering practical solutions that protect the ocean. Four young companies were awarded prizes: Cool Equity (in the Business Concept category), which designs cooling solutions that are transforming the seafood supply chain for the good; Rongbient Biotech (in the Start-Up category) for its products that are reducing the use of livestock feed additives; Izalgue (People's Choice Award), which creates sustainable, seaweed-based insulation solutions for the building industry; and Acquaden (Spotlight on Africa Award), which develops hatchery systems for eco-friendly aquaculture.

9th Future Investment Initiative Conference in Riyadh

The ninth Future Investment Initiative (FII) Conference, considered to be the largest international forum for investment and innovation in the Middle East, took place in Riyadh from 27 to 30 October under the banner 'The Key to Prosperity: Unlocking New Frontiers of Growth'. The event convened 7,500 policymakers, investors and innovators in the Saudi Arabian capital to discuss the crucial issue of global economic transformation. On Wednesday 29 October, Raphaël Ghiandai, Chief Financial Officer at the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, participated in a session at the conference hosted by WAVE, a platform set up to drive ocean regeneration through finance and sustainable development. The discussion focused on the regenerative blue economy, which restores ocean ecosystems while improving the well-being and prosperity of the communities that depend on them. The speakers explored ways to mobilise and accelerate investment in this sector, highlighting the essential role of innovation and collaboration in developing the full potential of a blue economy to sustain a healthy, resilient and opportunity-creating ocean.

Blue innovation and finance round table at Climate Week NYC

On Monday 22 September, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation hosted a busy programme of events during New York Climate Week (21 to 28 September), including a round-table discussion on growing ocean innovation through blue finance, featuring four nature-positive companies: NatureMetrics, Natural Ecosystems, Dominari and ECOncrete. Addressing various topics, such as advances in green shipping, reducing plastic pollution, the challenges of offshore energy and sustainable blue food, investors and institutional representatives explored ways of directing capital towards innovation and, ultimately, of driving systemic change in ocean management. Citing the example of the ReOcean Fund, a high-impact investment vehicle, the inspirational participants discussed practical ways of unlocking the potential of the blue economy, which is both an urgent need for the environment and a global economic opportunity.

MIT Solve 2025



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The Solve Challenge Finals were held alongside the 80th United Nations General Assembly and Climate Week in New York on Monday 22 September. This annual event hosted by MIT Solve (a Massachusetts Institute of Technology initiative) supports tech-powered innovations in the health, education, climate and economic sectors. A total of 1.5 million US dollars was awarded to pioneering environmental solutions this year. In addition, the Monaco Ocean Innovation Prize, awarded by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation in partnership with MIT, recognised two companies developing high-impact processes to protect marine ecosystems.

Accompanied by a 100,000 US dollar grant, the prizes were presented by Romain Ciarlet, Executive Director of the Foundation, and by John B. Kelly III, President of the American branch, to Rongbient Biotech for its seaweed solutions for sustainable aquaculture, and to ATAREC (Advanced Third Age Renewable Energy Company) for its Wave Beat technology, which converts ocean wave energy into electricity.

OCEAN INNOVATORS PLATFORM

Cutting-edge ocean protection solutions



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The objectives of the Ocean Innovators Platform:

- **Promote** the best innovative solutions and approaches to maximise the positive impact on the global ocean.
- **Connect** policymakers, investors, business leaders and philanthropists with talented innovators and entrepreneurs.
- **Create** an active community of economic stakeholders interested in business opportunities related to ocean protection.

Launched in 2022, the Ocean Innovators Platform (OIP) is a large-scale, private event that puts innovation, investment and entrepreneurship – three key drivers of marine ecosystem regeneration – at the heart of discussions. Taking place at a variety of international meetings, the OIP spotlights cutting-edge technologies and pioneering solutions that safeguard the seas while accelerating a sustainable blue economy. The platform provides a unique opportunity for dialogue between high-level stakeholders – entrepreneurs, experts and investors – enabling them to share ideas and knowledge to spotlight the most impactful measures for a protected, resilient ocean.

Pollution, climate change and human-driven biodiversity destruction are among the many dangers threatening marine environments. The OIP addresses the urgent need to take action through innovation and entrepreneurship. Its overarching aim is to unlock the power of the ocean to tackle the climate crisis – by using marine resources responsibly, reducing our impact on ecosystems and advancing planetary health.

9th Ocean Innovators Platform in Hong Kong

On Wednesday 22 October, the ninth edition of the Ocean Innovators Platform (OIP) was co-hosted in Hong Kong by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Sustainable Finance Initiative, with support from the AVPN (Asian Venture Philanthropy Network), the Hong Kong Academy for Wealth Legacy and Builders Vision. The event brought together over 100 private and institutional impact investors at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club to facilitate dialogue around the issues of blue innovation, finance and sustainability.

Several round tables focused on how to align environmental protection, innovation, investment and international cooperation to harness the ocean's full potential, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

Sustainable fisheries, ocean conservation, marine energy development and plastic waste reduction were among the key areas for blue investment addressed by the high-level speakers, who included Olivier Wenden, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Foundation, Katy Yung, Dr Lizzie McLeod, Angel Chia, Ronald Chan, Darryl Tan, Rob Kaplan, Jérémy Genin and Sébastien Guillaud. Innovative financing models and cross-sector collaboration emerged as vital for unlocking the ocean's economic potential. Businesses such as Plastics for Change, Bound4Blue, Katapult Ocean Asia and Shift4Good presented their impact-driven solutions during pitch sessions. Finally, working groups focused on key blue finance topics, such as financing ocean innovation in Asia-Pacific, incubating blue start-ups, balancing resource conservation and livelihoods in ocean communities, decarbonising the marine industries and using AI to protect marine ecosystems.

The three key takeaways from this OIP:

- the obligation to align environmental protection with economic growth,
- the importance of robust metrics based on transparency,
- the urgent need to build an innovative, sustainable and collaborative blue finance ecosystem.



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Since it was established, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has stood out for its ability to bring together, all over the world, devoted, inspirational individuals from diverse backgrounds. Committed to the importance of working collaboratively to protect our climate and environment, it surrounds itself with political and non-profit leaders, NGO representatives, philanthropists, scientists, business executives, citizens and community members to ensure its messages reach and impact the widest audience possible. By hosting meetings and discussions, the Foundation acts as an ideas incubator and helps generate innovative concrete projects aimed at improving the health of the planet.



BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER



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SUSTAINABLE YACHTING INNOVATIONS

The Monaco Energy Boat Challenge, a leading event focusing on innovation and the green transition in the yachting sector, took place from 1 to 5 July. Hosted by the Yacht Club of Monaco with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the 12th edition brought together 42 teams from 20 countries. In total, over 1,000 students and young engineers from 29 universities gathered alongside key industry stakeholders to test the latest developments in alternative propulsion systems and renewable energy. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Sustainable Yachting Technology Award, worth 25,000 euros, was presented to an innovation at the event: in this case, a counter-rotating traction engine that improves energy performance while reducing environmental impact, developed by a team from the University of Bologna (Italy).

The Monaco Energy Boat Challenge also hosted the sixth Hydrogen and Alternative Fuels Conference, organised jointly by the Yacht Club of Monaco, the Foundation and the Mission for Energy Transition. Topics such as decarbonisation, improved hydrogen storage and refuelling, and the potential of methanol and dual-fuel engines were discussed in the context of delivering the yachting sector's energy transition in a comprehensive, pragmatic and progressive way.

A landmark step was also announced for the SEA Index®, the benchmark tool created by the Yacht Club of Monaco to drive sustainability in yachting: previously focusing on superyachts' carbon emissions, the index now measures their contribution to local air pollution.

STELIOS PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Every year since 2013, the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation has hosted a fundraising dinner to support the environmental initiatives of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and WWF. Hosted by Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou and attended by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and Dr Kirsten Schuijt, Director General of WWF International, the 13th edition on Wednesday 17 September brought together 60 environmentally-conscious supporters who demonstrated the impact of philanthropy in the field of nature conservation. The sum of 570,000 euros was raised, which is being shared between the two institutions to fund projects protecting the Mediterranean Sea, a biodiversity hotspot.



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MONACO SMART & SUSTAINABLE MARINA

On 21 and 22 September, the Yacht Club of Monaco hosted the fifth edition of Monaco Smart & Sustainable Marina, a cutting-edge showcase of yachting innovation organised by Monaco Marina Management with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. The international event brought together entrepreneurs, investors, marina developers and naval architects to discover and share concrete solutions for a cleaner, more sustainable yachting sector. The inspirational two-day event focusing on the green transition of marinas and yachts featured a busy programme of workshops and talks, attended by high-level guests including Céline Caron-Dagioni, Monaco's Minister of Public Works, the Environment and Urban Development, and Belinda Balluku, the Republic of Albania's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure and Energy. The best innovations were honoured at the annual award ceremony, which closed the event.

NEW YORK CLIMATE WEEK

Climate Week NYC is a major annual international event that brought together key climate stakeholders from 22 to 29 September. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation was very actively involved again this year, hosting The Living Room, a one-day platform for high-level discussions, on Monday 22 September at Glasshouse Chelsea in the heart of Manhattan.

The event was structured around four sessions, each bringing together around 60 international leaders and experts and focusing on the urgent environmental and social challenges being tackled by the Foundation, through the lens of three of its initiatives and its investment fund. The first session, hosted by the Forests and Communities Initiative, highlighted, two months ahead of COP30, the importance of Indigenous leadership in forest protection. The second, organised by the Polar Initiative, addressed the role of science diplomacy in protecting the polar regions. The third session, led by the Green Shift Initiative, focused on innovations in sustainable fashion. Finally, a panel was convened by the ReOcean Fund to discuss the challenges and future of the blue economy. Members of the Foundation's Re.Generation Future Leaders community participated in various events throughout the day, sharing their expertise in environmental rights advocacy.

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ANNUAL SUPPORT OF MONACO YACHT SHOW



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On Thursday 25 September, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco attended the 34th Monaco Yacht Show (MYS), where he received a donation of 54,000 euros for his Foundation. The cheque was presented by Gaëlle Tallarida, Managing Director of the MYS, and Lord Stephen Carter, Group Chief Executive of Informa PLC, on board the catamaran yacht *Reduce*. The vessel was the recipient of the Special Jury Prize in recognition of its eco-friendly innovations, announced at the inaugural Blue Wake Awards on the opening night of MYS. Joining them on board, Olivier Wenden, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Foundation, expressed his gratitude for the annual donation. The MYS has been supporting the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's initiatives since 2010, not least the Ice Memory project, which is preserving climate history by safeguarding ice cores from glaciers that are shrinking and even in danger of disappearing.

14TH PRINCE'S ROUNDTABLE FOR PHILANTHROPY

The 14th Prince's Roundtable for Philanthropy was held in Monaco on Monday 6 October under the title 'Science in Peril: A New Agenda for Philanthropy'. This joint initiative of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Tocqueville Foundation – an international foundation operating under the auspices of the Fondation Entreprendre – brings together prominent figures from all over the world who are committed to strategic, collaborative philanthropy.

At the high-level event, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco presented the Prize for Innovative Philanthropy to Alison Hill, CEO of LifeStraw, a company facilitating access to clean drinking water worldwide through technological innovations in purification and filtration. Olivier Wenden, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's Vice-Chairman and CEO, said the purpose of the prize was "to highlight those who turn vision into action", noting that the winner and her company "perfectly embody this spirit of impactful philanthropy, where innovation and personal commitment come together to deliver tangible solutions that benefit both people and the planet".



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IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation participated in the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 9 to 15 October, a major event organised every four years. The Foundation also took part in the first IUCN Philanthropy Summit, held in the Emirati capital on Wednesday 8 October, when Vice-Chairman and CEO, Olivier Wenden, joined in a high-level panel discussion on raising capital for inclusive ecosystem conservation (conservation implemented by and for local communities).

On Friday 10 October, the Foundation co-led a Mediterranean-themed session at the Congress to present ambitious funding solutions for biodiversity protection in that region. The Foundation spotlighted two of its initiatives during the event: the Human–Wildlife Initiative (IHF), which works towards the harmonious coexistence of wild animals and human activities in rural and mountain areas; and the DIMFE initiative, which focuses action on conserving and restoring freshwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean.



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18TH PLANETARY HEALTH AWARDS CEREMONY

Since 2008, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Planetary Health Awards have celebrated individuals and organisations for their outstanding commitment to preserving our planet, in three key areas: awareness, science and innovation. This year, the 18th awards ceremony took place on Friday 17 October at 116 Pall Mall, a magnificent Georgian building in central London, with HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco in attendance.

In his opening speech, the Sovereign Prince highlighted the fundamental role of science in addressing environmental challenges. “At a time when divisions are deepening and uncertainty is growing, science remains our only common language. It is our bridge to understanding, our foundation for cooperation and our best hope for the future”, he declared. “That is why we will continue to amplify its voice and to support those who enlighten us through their knowledge, creativity and commitment.” He also stressed the need for collective action to achieve the task in hand: “alliances between policymakers, entrepreneurs, scientists, journalists, artists and activists. Between generations too, bringing established and emerging talents together like we are doing as part of our Re.Generation initiative. And, of course, alliances with the outstanding winners [of the Planetary Health Awards]”.

The 2025 winners

• In the Awareness category
International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)
The ISSB, which was established by the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Foundation in 2021 and is headed by its Chair, Emmanuel Faber, has developed a global framework of sustainability-based financial reporting standards. Backed internationally, its two standards IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 are reshaping corporate responsibility by providing investors and regulators with transparent, comparable data on environmental and climate risks. Accepting the award on behalf of the ISSB, Mr Faber said he was honoured that the Foundation recognised "the work of the ISSB in enabling the disclosure of better information to capital markets". By incorporating the concept of sustainability, he said, they support "better decision-making".

• In the Science category
British climatologist Dr Gavin A Schmidt
Dr Gavin A Schmidt is the Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies and an internationally renowned scientist, who has authored over 170 scientific articles and developed tools that have become essential for understanding Earth's climate trajectory. His commitment to making science accessible has had a global impact on policymaking and public awareness. Receiving the award, Dr Schmidt stressed that his work and outreach would not have been possible without the contributions from "my many colleagues who have worked with me for decades to support and improve our scientific understanding around climate change".

• In the Innovation & Solutions category
Swiss agronomist Ernst Götsch
Ernst Götsch developed the concept of "syntropic agriculture", a regenerative approach based on natural forest processes. He successfully transformed degraded land in Brazil into thriving ecosystems, proving that farming could restore biodiversity, regenerate soils and produce abundant harvests without the use of chemicals. Mr Götsch said in his acceptance speech that receiving the award was "a great encouragement" and "a flash of hope" that there will be a reconciliation between people and nature. Many farmers around the world are now drawing inspiration from his approach.

Following the awards ceremony, the three winners took part in a panel discussion moderated by Lovelda Vincenzi to reflect on their careers. They unanimously called for stronger links between science, governance and innovation to address environmental challenges and build a more resilient world.

The awards ceremony on Friday 17 October concluded an important day for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, which had begun with the traditional meetings of its governing bodies, bringing together the Board of Directors and Branch Presidents.



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Raising public awareness is central to the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's mission. Its ambition is to inform people about the planetary boundaries, the fragility of our environment and the need to safeguard our common good by sharing knowledge and sparking ideas with a focus on participation and positivity. Through festivals, exhibitions, screenings and educational initiatives, the Foundation raises awareness with the intention of collaboratively creating narratives that bring people together around inspiring, sustainable ways of achieving a green transition.



RAISING AWARENESS

STUDENTS ON ICE: LAUNCH OF THE 2025 EDITION

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's competition to select two first-year college students (aged 16 to 17) from the Principality to go on a Students on Ice (SOI) expedition to the Canadian Arctic, accompanied by scientists and educators, was launched on Wednesday 5 February at the Théâtre Princesse Grace in Monaco. Organised by the Foundation in partnership with the Department of National Education, Youth and Sports, the event brought together students from Monaco's three colleges. Geoff Green, Founder and President of the SOI Foundation, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, presented the aims of the SOI initiative. Next, the winners of the Foundation's 2024 competition, Anna Hnatenko, from the Lycée Rainier III, and Maxime Harbreteau, from the Lycée Albert I, shared stories of their expedition. Lastly, 2015 competition winner Justin Sargenti gave a talk about his SOI experience and his career. Currently an architect specialising in the study of hostile environments, he also took part in an expedition to Antarctica in 2023 with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.



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Laurent Ballesta's exhibition *Seas and Mysteries* © Arnold Jerocki/FPA2

TWO PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITIONS CELEBRATING THE SEA

Between 2023 and 2024, with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's Pelagos Initiative, photographer Greg Lecoeur undertook scientific explorations in the Pelagos Sanctuary, a protected area of the Mediterranean Sea located between France, Monaco and Italy, with the aim of raising public awareness of the challenges facing that endangered area of exceptional biodiversity. The expeditions led to *Pelagos Sanctuary*, a touring photography exhibition, organised by NGO We Are Méditerranée. First shown on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice from June to October 2024, the photos were then displayed in the Port of Genoa from March to May 2025, before travelling to the Galerie des Pêcheurs in Monaco from 1 April to 15 June.

Meanwhile, the work of photographer and biologist Laurent Ballesta was selected for an exhibition at the Charles Nègre Photography Museum in Nice from 5 April to 28 September. The show was presented as part of the Côte d'Azur capital's Arts and the Ocean Biennale, which coincided with the third United Nations Conference on the Ocean (UNOC3), held in the city in June 2025, and was supported by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. *Seas and Mysteries* brought together around 50 photographs depicting the fragile natural treasures in the waters off Adélie Land, in the Mediterranean Sea and in the Pacific Ocean.



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RENEWED PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTING SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN

The initiative to create vegetable gardens in Monaco's schools, which aims to teach children about the seasonal rhythm of growing food and the importance of respecting biodiversity, continued for the seventh year in a row. The partnership was officially renewed on Wednesday 16 April by Olivier Wenden, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Jean-Philippe Vinci, Director of the Department of National Education, Youth and Sports, and Jessica Sbaraglia, Founder of Terrae, which runs the project, in the presence of Corinne Pirinoli, Director of Human Resources, Communications and Customer Relations at Monaco Telecom. The Monegasque company continued to support the project through the Foundation with a donation of 10,658 euros that had been raised, once again this year, from revenue generated by customers paying for paper bills.

WORLD PREMIERE OF DOCUMENTARY *OCEAN WITH DAVID ATTENBOROUGH*

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation supported the production of *Ocean with David Attenborough*, which was released in cinemas on 8 May 2025. Presented by eminent British naturalist Sir David Attenborough and directed by Toby Nowlan, Colin Butfield and Keith Scholey, the documentary takes viewers on a breathtaking, immersive journey into marine ecosystems to sound the alarm about the challenges facing the ocean, which plays an essential role in maintaining life on Earth. The world premiere took place on Tuesday 6 May at the Royal Festival Hall in London and was attended by Olivier Wenden, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Foundation, and HE Evelyne Genta, President of the Foundation's British branch and Ambassador of Monaco to the United Kingdom. A private screening was also held in the Principality on Saturday 7 June as part of the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF).



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BEE SCHOOL

In 2025, two primary school classes in Monaco took part in an educational initiative called Bee School. Run by the French Observatory of Apidology (OFA) and supported by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, it raises children's awareness of the vital role that bees and other pollinating insects play in maintaining biodiversity. Workshops designed by the OFA were delivered on World Bee Day, Tuesday 20 May, by teachers at the schools. The young pupils then presented their new-found knowledge to representatives from the two partner institutions: a giant exercise book at the École de Révoires and a group presentation at the École Saint-Charles. Coinciding with this event and as part of the Flowers for Bees campaign, sachets of nectar-rich plant seeds were distributed to all nursery and primary school pupils in the Principality, in partnership with the Department of National Education, Youth and Sports.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Raising public awareness of the need to protect nature through the power of images

From 3 June to 31 July, the Promenade du Larvotto provided the setting for an exhibition of the 36 photographs shortlisted for the 2025 edition of the Environmental Photography Award, which celebrated its fifth anniversary this year. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's flagship awareness-raising event once again enjoyed the support of its loyal partner, SEK International University.

The official opening took place on Friday 6 June in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. A highlight of the event was the presentation of certificates to some of the winners in person: Angel Fitor, the overall winner of the competition and winner of the Ocean Worlds and Change Makers: Reasons for Hope categories; Amy Jones, winner of the Humanity versus Nature category; Iacoppo Nerozzi, winner of the Into the Forest category; and Fernando Faciole, winner of the Public Award. During the ceremony, members of the jury, including Emanuele Biggi, Aaron Gekoski, Tom Gilks and Ralph Pace, took the opportunity to highlight the importance of photographers in raising awareness of environmental issues. By documenting the state of the living world, they are carrying out invaluable advocacy work to champion nature. Their speeches echoed the words of Ami Vitale, President of the Jury, who stressed the need to "motivate more of us to transition from passive observation to active advocacy for our planet". "Safeguarding the planet is not a one-day affair," Vitale declared; on the contrary, "continuous awareness and action are needed". In that respect, initiatives such as the Environmental Photography Award play a critical role.

The fifth edition demonstrated the vitality of the initiative, which continues to grow thanks to the talented professional and amateur photographers from around the world who take part, the renowned photographers who make up its jury and the dedication of Sergio Pitamitz, Chairman of the Award. As further proof of its dynamic nature, the Photography Award exhibition is touring more and more around the world, accompanied by the competition's annual publication. As Olivier Wenden, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, has emphasised, the poignant images continue to "give a voice to the living world and speak directly to the heart of the public".



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THE WINNERS (from left to right on each line)

- Ocean Worlds and Environmental Photographer of the Year 2025 (see page 55):
  Angel Fitor, *Unseen Unsung Heroes*, Spain, 2023
- Students' Choice 2025: **Bambang Wirawan**, *Forest Guard*, Indonesia, 2021
- Polar Wonders: **Galice Hoarau**, *Jellyfish and Iceberg*, Greenland, 2019
- Change Makers: Reasons for Hope: **Angel Fitor**, *Training Day*, Spain, 2022
- Into the Forest: **Iacopo Nerozzi**, *Clash of Kings*, Italy, 2022
- Humanity versus Nature: **Amy Jones**, *Breeding Machine*, Thailand, 2023
- Public Award 2025: **Fernando Faciole**, *After the Flames, Hope*, Brazil, 2024













THE GREEN SHIFT FESTIVAL

Exploring joyful and desirable ways to achieve the green transition

Ever since it was launched in 2023, the Green Shift Festival has been a major awareness-raising event for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. Friendly and free to all to attend, it promotes positive narratives to encourage the public to embrace a united and joyful green transition. This third edition took place on 4, 5, and 6 June in the Place Anne-Marie Campora on the Promenade du Larvotto. Each day of the festival was organised around a specific theme and ended with a thought-provoking evening event:

- **Welcome to 2050:** this event combining storytelling, future speculation and performance invited the audience to participate by envisaging a future in which a successful green transition has already taken place. Hosted by Yasmina Auburtin, Editorial Coordinator at So good, it brought together Hélène Binet, Communications and Editorial Director at makesense, and Mathieu Baudin, Director of the Institute of Desirable Futures.

- **At the Heart of the Living World:** the aim of this immersive event was to restore the bonds that unite people and living things. Revolving around a performance entitled *The Sperm Whale is No Different to the Bat*, the talk was moderated by Magali Payen, Founder of the 'On est prêt' citizen movement and President of Imagine 2050, and led by eco-psychology expert Marianne Leenart, oceanographer François Sarano and biologist Laurent Tillon.

- **Music and Ecology:** Hosted by Alfonso Ciulla, Artistic Director at Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer, this final evening celebrated music as a vehicle for raising awareness and mobilising support for the planet, bringing together in conversation Magali Payen, Arthur Lecercle, Founder of Music for Planet, singer–songwriter Tom Frager and music composer Hélène Vogelsinger.



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Each day began with a well-being session given by the Kate Powers Foundation: mindful breathing, qi gong and sound therapy. Early evening "environmentally conscious happy hours", hosted by Sébastien Uscher, featured presentations about local ecological initiatives, entertainment and performances for the public, and invited them to express themselves in a large-format interactive artwork designed in association with space and set design agency Bureau Walter and illustrator Chloë Monti. Sustainable food was served in partnership with Monaco food truck Valentin, and music was provided courtesy of DJ Baloo.

Another highlight of the three-day festival, organised in liaison with the Monaco Department of Cultural Affairs, was a professional workshop that brought together the Principality's leading cultural institutions for the third year in a row with the aim of driving the green transition in the sector. In addition, a presentation about jobs of the future was given to second-year students at the Lycée François d'Assise-Nicolas Barré with the organisation makesense.

The 2025 edition of the Green Shift Festival was organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation with the support of Sogeda and MTB Recycling, and in partnership with its institutional, cultural and media partners: the Department of Cultural Affairs, Monaco City Hall, Les Rencontres Philosophiques de Monaco, Monaco Multimedia Library, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer, SMEG, Kate Powers Foundation, Carmignac Foundation, Imagine 2050, Actes Sud, Time for the Ocean, Music for Planet, Mouvement Bleu, *Écologie 360* and *Les Échos*.

A SUMMER AT SEA BOOK LAUNCH



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The book launch of *Un été en mer : voyage en Pelagos, sanctuaire de la Méditerranée* ('A Summer at Sea: Travels in the Pelagos, a Mediterranean Sanctuary'), written by Simonetta Greggio and Olivier Weber (Actes Sud, 'Mondes Sauvages' collection), was held at the Charles Nègre Photography Museum in Nice on Tuesday 10 June. The event was organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation to coincide with the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), which took place in the Côte d'Azur capital from 9 to 13 June. In conversation with journalist Emmanuel Khérad, the two authors discussed how their book came about on a writing residency supported by the Foundation's Pelagos Initiative, during which they met fishers, scientists, cetacean observers and sea turtle conservationists. Like a co-authored ship's log, the book *Un été en mer* immerses readers in the remarkable natural wonders of the Mediterranean Sea, at the same time as raising awareness of the urgent need to protect them. A highlight of the thought-provoking evening was a performance by dance collective Minuit 12, accompanying the book readings.

PHILOMONACO WEEK

The theme of PhiloMonaco Week, which took place from 10 to 15 June, was 'truth'. Explored from an artistic, psychological, political, ethical and philosophical perspective, the concept formed a common thread throughout the many programmed events. On Thursday 12 June, the morning session hosted by philosopher Marc Crépon and journalist Téo Schumer focused on 'the price of truth'. Olivier Wenden, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, was part of the high-profile panel, along with psychiatrist and professor Florence Askenazy, psychologist and psychoanalyst Laurence Joseph and philosophers Flora Bastiani, Robert Maggiori and Judith Revel. The event, held at La Condamine market, was organised by Les Rencontres Philosophiques de Monaco, in association with Monaco Info and the Monaco City Hall.

UPAINT MONACO 2025

The ninth consecutive edition of the UPAINT street art festival took place on the Promenade du Larvotto from 13 to 16 June. To coincide with the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice, this year's event was designed as a 'Blue Edition' under the title, 'UPAINT the Ocean'. The fun, informal event featured performances and interactive installations and provided a platform for 12 international artists to create impactful works to raise the public's awareness of the need to protect marine ecosystems. The festival's annual auction closed the event. Two cheques for 14,450 euros each, raised through the sale of artwork at the previous edition, were handed over to HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco for his Foundation and to Monaco SPA (Society for the Protection of Animals).

MONTE-CARLO TELEVISION FESTIVAL



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At the Golden Nymph Awards Ceremony that closed the 64th Monte-Carlo Television Festival on Tuesday 17 June, the Prince Rainier III Special Prize, awarded in partnership with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, was won by the documentary *Rewilding Sharks*. Directed by Mélissa Godin and produced by Clément Gargoullaud (Kraken Films), the film tells the story of Indonesian marine biologist Nesha Ichida, who is fighting for the reintroduction of leopard sharks into the waters off the islands of Raja Ampat in her native country, where the species is at risk of becoming extinct due to industrial fishing. The winners, who also received a prize of 10,000 euros, were presented with their award by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, Honorary President of the festival, and HSH Princess Charlene.

FIRST EDITION OF 'ODYSSÉE DE L'ULIS' INCLUSIVE EDUCATION INITIATIVE

'Odyssée de l'ULIS' is an innovative educational initiative designed specifically for students with special educational needs and disabilities receiving support from the SEND unit (ULIS) at the Collège Charles III in Monaco. Devised and run by Olivier Anrigo, a nature photographer and Founder of the organisation Wildlife Interactions, and supported by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Department of National Education, Youth and Sports, it aims to raise young people's awareness of biodiversity challenges in the Mediterranean. The first edition featured several activities focused on protecting the Pelagos Sanctuary, planned jointly with teachers. These took the form of classroom workshops and field trips, as well as boat trips paid for by the Foundation. In addition, a large-format artwork on the theme of marine protection was created by the students and presented to the Foundation as a token of their thanks.



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UNIVERSITY OF THE LIVING WORLD

The sixth edition of the Agir pour le Vivant ('action for the living world') festival was held in Arles, France, from 23 to 28 August. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has partnered with the event since 2023, specifically supporting its educational initiative, the Université du Vivant ('university of the living world'). The scheme offers around 30 young people aged 18 to 25 the chance to enjoy the festival while taking part in a free programme of masterclasses and workshops designed to nurture their environmental commitment. The thought-provoking sessions of the week-long summer school included a discussion with Célia Roussin, a member of the Foundation's 2025 Re.Generation Future Leaders cohort and Founder of Pépite Raisin, a company developing innovative solutions for recycling wine-making waste.

EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS



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The 30th European Heritage Days put architecture in the spotlight in 2025 under the theme 'Heritage and Architecture: Windows to the Past, Doors to the Future'. As part of the event, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation opened its doors to the public on Sunday 5 October, offering guided tours of Villa Girasole in partnership with the Principality's Heritage Institute. With all eyes on the future, the Foundation invited second-year Masters students from BESIGN Sustainable Design School in Cagnes-sur-Mer to exhibit four works addressing architecture in the era of global environmental crises. The young designers presented their models for a floating marina, flood mitigation street furniture, a water tank that irrigates the soil and protects biodiversity, and a platform for innovative, collaborative design solutions to address local problems on the ground, and had the opportunity to discuss their sustainable innovation research projects with the public.

To strengthen its impact on the ground, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation runs 13 initiatives, bringing together local communities and international experts and partners to develop targeted programmes that drive positive change for natural ecosystems and the people who rely on them. Protecting endangered species, preserving fragile ecosystems, supporting a sustainable blue economy, empowering younger generations and amplifying Indigenous voices are the priority areas in which the Foundation takes concrete action.



INITIATIVES

FORESTS AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE



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Forests are home to the majority of plant and animal species in the biosphere. They fertilise our soils, moderate our climate and provide many other ecosystem services. They are the green heart and lungs of our planet. However, over the course of modern history, they have been destroyed at an unprecedented rate.

It is now recognised that global biodiversity targets cannot be met without the full and meaningful involvement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLCs). Studies show that 91% of land managed by these communities is in good or fair ecological condition. For that reason, in 2022, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, together with the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, the International Ranger Federation, the Global Forest Coalition and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, launched the Forests and Communities Initiative (FCI) to protect tropical forest ecosystems through the direct action of IPLCs. In 2025, the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas joined the initiative. In delivering its programmes, FCI adopts a holistic approach encompassing environmental law, best practice in forest conservation, management of protected areas and sustainable financing. In 2025, FCI continued it support of 11 projects around the world, representing a total investment of 1.54 million euros.

It also launched a call for expressions of interest, with the aim of establishing direct financial and strategic partnerships with Indigenous-led organisations active on the ground in regions critical to forest protection: the Amazon and Congo basins and South East Asia. Following a rigorous selection process, 3 organisations were selected from over 80 applicants to deliver high-impact local projects: Associação Floresta Protegida in the Brazilian Amazon, the Samdhana Institute in South East Asia, and the Centre for Innovative Technologies and Sustainable Development in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Direct engagement with IPLCs, rather than reliance on international intermediaries, enables communities to shape and develop projects that repond to their own priorities, strengthening effective local forest protection.

FCI hosted various events in 2025, including a panel discussion at Climate Week NYC involving renowned Indigenous leaders. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco also held talks with Sonia Guajajara, Brazil's Minister for Indigenous Peoples, at a bilateral meeting at the United Nations headquarters. At COP30 in Belém, Brazil, FCI was a partner of the Forest Pavilion organised by the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), where it hosted a flagship event on the roles of women, youth and Indigenous peoples under the overall theme of Forests, Oceans and Biodiversity.

This inspiring event, which attracted a large audience and was livestreamed on the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) YouTube channel, reinforced the inclusion of Indigenous voices in the Blue Zone at COP30. On the margins of COP30, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation also officially inaugurated its Latin American branch in São Paulo, which was attended by HSH Prince Albert II.

www.forestsandcommunitiesinitiative.org

OBJECTIVES

• Fund IPLC-led projects, with a focus on sustainable forest management and demarcation of Indigenous lands in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, South and South East Asia, and the Pacific Islands.
• Coordinate a network of stakeholders to share knowledge and advance new solutions.
• Support local experts in the key areas by providing training to build conservation skills and monitoring capacity.



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PELAGOS INITIATIVE



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The Pelagos Sanctuary is the first cross-border area of the Mediterranean dedicated to the protection of marine mammals. It stretches over 87,500 square kilometres between France, Monaco and Italy and harbours remarkable biodiversity. Rich in plankton, it is home to an abundance of different whale and dolphin species, several of which are on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. However, the Sanctuary is subject to numerous threats. Most of the coastline around it is made up of densely populated tourist areas, which put pressure on organisms and ecosystems. It is also affected by heavy shipping traffic and increasingly noticeable impacts of climate change. Currently, less than 9% of the Mediterranean Sea is officially protected and the Pelagos Sanctuary covers almost half of that area, although most of it is not under strict protection. The purpose of the Pelagos Initiative is to act as a catalyst to enhance the protection of the Sanctuary, which the member states of the Pelagos Agreement have been implementing since 2002. As the territory of the Pelagos Sanctuary extends well beyond the coastal zone, stronger protection here could serve as an example for the management of offshore marine protected areas. However, due to inadequate resources and an insufficient collective commitment to meet the challenges, the Pelagos Sanctuary has struggled to achieve its initial goals. In response, civil society stepped in and took action: in 2021, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Mediterranean Marine Protected Area Managers Network (MedPAN) joined forces to create the Pelagos Initiative. Several other institutions joined the initiative as financial partners more recently: the Didier and Martine Primat Foundation, UBS Monaco and UBS Optimus Foundation in 2023, Hans Wilsdorf Foundation in 2024, and Tiffany & Co. Foundation, Adessium Foundation and Oceans 5 in 2025.



This year the focus has been on the development of a new project, the Pelagos Consortium, which will take implementation of the initiative to a new level. The project, whose scientific implementation is being coordinated by Tethys Research Institute, brings together 13 organisations representing the research community, civil society and local stakeholders. This four-year project is intended to improve protection for cetaceans in the Sanctuary by implementing regulatory measures (enforcing speed limits for ships, reducing underwater noise and establishing highly protected marine areas), engaging with maritime stakeholders, strengthening cross-border governance and generating scientific data for policymaking. Through this new alliance, additional partners have been mobilised to join the collective action and increase the project's financial potential.

The launch of the Consortium was officially announced in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and the French Minister for the Ecological Transition, Agnès Pannier-Runacher, at an event held during the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), which took place in Nice in June 2025.

This year also saw the publication of the book *Un été en mer. Voyage en Pelagos, sanctuaire de la Méditerranée*, commissioned by the Pelagos Initiative and co-written by Simonetta Greggio and Olivier Weber. The book, published by Actes Sud as part of their 'Mondes Sauvages' collection, showcases the treasures of the Sanctuary through the authors' onboard journals. It had an official launch at UNOC3, which was attended by the authors.

www.initiativepelagos.org

OBJECTIVES

- Support and promote research and collaborative activities in the Pelagos Sanctuary to protect marine mammals and their habitats.
- Raise awareness of the Sanctuary and the actions undertaken there.
- Facilitate interaction between the Sanctuary's MPA managers and organise joint activities.
- Raise funds and launch annual calls for projects to implement these actions and contribute to the Sanctuary's protection and conservation objectives.

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RE.GENERATION FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM



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To tackle the challenges of climate change and accelerating biodiversity loss, it is essential to foster the emergence of ambitious new leaders who can help businesses across all sectors transform the way they operate to positively impact the environment. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation launched the Re.Generation Future Leaders Program in 2023 with the support of the Cuomo Foundation, Boustany Foundation, Moët Hennessy group and Moross family.

This initiative promotes and supports talented people under the age of 35 who are destined to step into decision-making roles. These promising individuals come from across the world and a wide range of sectors, including activism, conservation, science, media, finance, politics, art, entrepreneurship and innovation. They all display an outstanding commitment to the environment, borne out by concrete action. Around 10 talented young people are selected by the Foundation every year in liaison with a network of high-level partners (eg National Geographic, Jackson Wild, IUCN, One Young World, EuroNatur, Teri, Edinburgh Ocean Leaders, International University of Monaco and Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute).

The selected future leaders initially take part in a campus programme in Monaco, where they receive leadership and communication training delivered by INSEAD business school. They also attend several masterclasses given by eminent figures, which provide opportunities for discussion and experience sharing. The Foundation then offers them 12 months of public relations support by facilitating speaking engagements at international events and securing coverage of their environmental messages in high-impact media sources.

In 2025, the third Re.Generation Future Leaders Program cohort, comprising 10 talented budding leaders, participated in the campus programme in the Principality, which mirrored the format of previous editions, but was enhanced this year with a short stay in Reims, at the invitation of initiative partner Moët Hennessy.

This was followed by several contributions on the international stage: New York (Climate Week), Arles (Agir pour le vivant festival), London (Blue Earth Summit), Abu Dhabi (IUCN World Conservation Congress), Munich (One Young World Summit) and Belém, Brazil (COP30). The group's visibility was boosted thanks to articles in *Les Échos* (France) and EFE (Spain), as well as interviews with the BBC (UK). Further events will take place in the coming months, in the context of the initiative's commitment to supporting the future leaders for a year.

At the same time, the programme's previous cohorts continued to develop their profiles. Every Re.Generation participant becomes member of a community of experts and future leaders that the Foundation is building over time. They are given opportunities to network and share knowledge through a dedicated digital platform, exclusive podcasts and additional training, as well as a host of other opportunities provided by the Foundation, including speaking engagements at international platforms, visibility in key media and community gatherings at major events around the world.

www.regeneration-leaders.org

OBJECTIVES

- **Strengthen the leadership and communication skills of the talented young people selected.**
- **Increase their visibility to raise the profile of their environmental commitment and projects.**
- **Grow their network as part of a community of committed young leaders to boost the impact of their actions.**

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DONORS' INITIATIVE FOR MEDITERRANEAN FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS - DIMFE



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Protecting freshwater ecosystems and managing water resources sustainably are key challenges in the 21st century. In 2021, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the MAVA Foundation and the Aage V. Jensen Charity Foundation joined forces to focus their efforts on the conservation and restoration of freshwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean, through the Donors' Initiative for Mediterranean Freshwater Ecosystems (DIMFE). The initiative has since been joined by the Hans Wilsdorf Foundation and the Sigrid Rausing Trust.

Rivers, lakes and wetlands cover less than 1% of the Earth's surface, but are home to 12% of all known species. Despite being so important for biodiversity and water supply, freshwater ecosystems are under constant threat, with extinction rates four to six times higher than those in marine or terrestrial environments. In the Mediterranean, more than half of all wetlands have been lost since the 1970s, mainly due to human activities – dam building, drinking water extraction, urban development and agriculture – and the impacts of climate change, such as drought, flooding and oxygen depletion in waterways. In the Mediterranean region, 36% of species in these ecosystems are currently endangered.

Following the fourth call for projects under the initiative, which closed in October 2024, eight new projects were selected from seven countries – Albania, Croatia, Greece, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Spain. Four projects concluded in 2025, with transformative outcomes. In Croatia, the restoration of 34 ponds and wells has restored water, biodiversity and pastoral uses at 200 sites in karst mountain ranges that had been identified for priority action. Biodiversity is flourishing around these restored water sources and traditional pastoral practices have been re-established in conjunction with sustainable principles. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, work carried out in Livanjsko

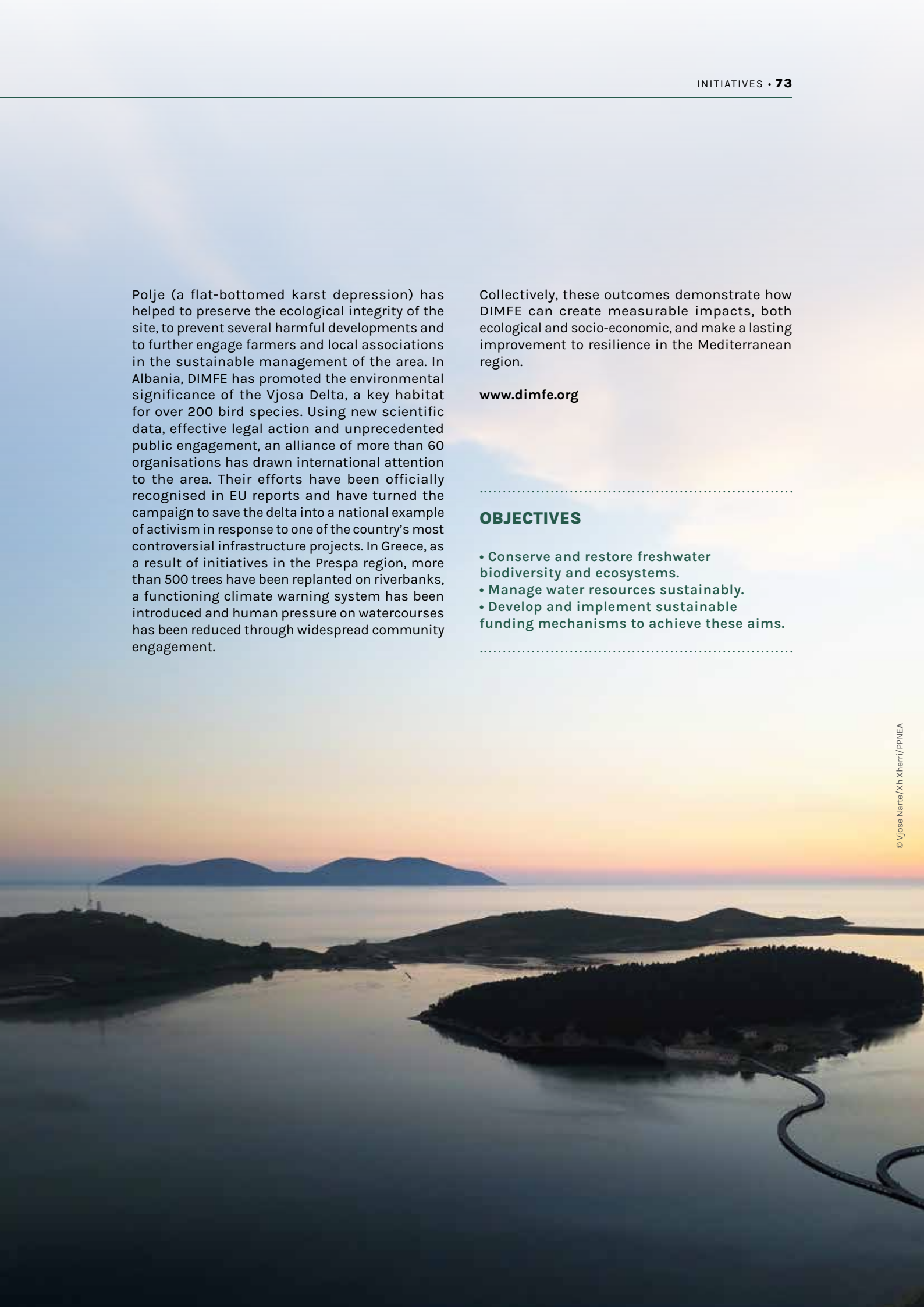
Polje (a flat-bottomed karst depression) has helped to preserve the ecological integrity of the site, to prevent several harmful developments and to further engage farmers and local associations in the sustainable management of the area. In Albania, DIMFE has promoted the environmental significance of the Vjosa Delta, a key habitat for over 200 bird species. Using new scientific data, effective legal action and unprecedented public engagement, an alliance of more than 60 organisations has drawn international attention to the area. Their efforts have been officially recognised in EU reports and have turned the campaign to save the delta into a national example of activism in response to one of the country's most controversial infrastructure projects. In Greece, as a result of initiatives in the Prespa region, more than 500 trees have been replanted on riverbanks, a functioning climate warning system has been introduced and human pressure on watercourses has been reduced through widespread community engagement.

Collectively, these outcomes demonstrate how DIMFE can create measurable impacts, both ecological and socio-economic, and make a lasting improvement to resilience in the Mediterranean region.

www.dimfe.org

OBJECTIVES

- Conserve and restore freshwater biodiversity and ecosystems.
- Manage water resources sustainably.
- Develop and implement sustainable funding mechanisms to achieve these aims.



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POLAR INITIATIVE



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The Arctic and Antarctic polar regions are crucial for maintaining Earth's balance. They regulate the climate, influence sea levels and host unique ecosystems. The Arctic is also home to Indigenous Peoples whose livelihoods depend on these vulnerable environments.

Both polar regions are experiencing abrupt climate-induced changes, from melting ice and permafrost thaw to tundra wildfires and species displacement. These imbalances, which were outlined in the 2019 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 'Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate', have social, economic and environmental consequences for the whole planet. In response, efforts are currently focused on protecting polar ecosystems and developing long-term climate-resilient management strategies through international collaboration, drawing on both scientific and Indigenous knowledge. Launched in 2022 by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation in partnership with the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and the Oceanographic Institute–Prince Abert I of Monaco Foundation, the Polar Initiative facilitates and supports scientific collaboration between the two poles, awareness-raising among the public and policymakers, capacity-building and conservation field projects.

In 2025, the Polar Initiative stepped up efforts to bring the polar regions to the international stage and to strengthen dialogue between scientists, Indigenous Peoples and policymakers.

At the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice, the Foundation partnered with the Pavillon de la Cryosphère, hosted by the Albédo Foundation for the Cryosphere. At New York Climate Week, it co-organised a workshop on solutions to build Arctic resilience to rapid change with the Harvard Kennedy School and Woodwell Climate Research Center. Lastly, at the Arctic Circle Assembly, it led a session on the protection of the Arctic high seas. The Foundation also joined the committee tasked with preparing the UNESCO Decade of Action for Cryospheric Sciences (2025–2034) and partnered with its official launch events.

The Polar Initiative also continued to support field projects, selecting three new projects focusing on polar ecosystem protection and using scientific data to inform public policy. The 2025 call for projects, launched in the Pavillon de la Cryosphère at UNOC3, generated enormous interest, with 96 submissions received. In the context of its joint fellowship programme with SCAR and IASC, the initiative selected three new IASC fellows and co-organised masterclasses on science communication with the Harvard Kennedy School.

Finally, 2025 saw the official launch of the Polar Donors Roundtable at UNOC3. Established by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Albédo Foundation for the Cryosphere, Oceans 5, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the Blue Nature Alliance, this new platform brings together leading philanthropic institutions that share a commitment to protecting the polar regions. The aim of this collaborative initiative is to increase collective impact, foster strategic alignment and secure funding for foundational projects that build the resilience of polar ecosystems and the communities that rely on them.

www.thepolarinitiative.org

OBJECTIVES

- **Strengthen international diplomacy and inform decision-making to improve the protection and sustainable management of Arctic and Antarctic ecosystems.**
- **Facilitate collaboration between the various different international stakeholders in both polar regions, and strengthen research programmes, focusing on capacity-building for early-career scientists.**
- **Support Indigenous populations in managing the impacts of polar changes on their culture and way of life.**



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MONK SEAL ALLIANCE



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The Mediterranean monk seal was once abundant throughout the Mediterranean Sea and parts of the adjacent Atlantic. However, after significant decline resulting from hunting, deliberate killing, accidental entanglement in nets, disease and habitat destruction, the species was classified as Critically Endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List in 2008.

Bold regional and national measures to save the species, including the creation of marine protected areas (MPAs) and dialogue with fishing communities, have relieved the pressure. These efforts have borne fruit and the current population is estimated at around 1,000 individuals, distributed across a handful of key sites in the Mediterranean (mainly in Greece, Türkiye and Cyprus), as well as Madeira and Cap Blanc in the Atlantic.

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has been supporting monk seal conservation projects in the Mediterranean since 2011. To address the lack of collaboration between stakeholders, it began organising expert meetings in 2017, and in 2019 it spearheaded the launch of a coalition of donors to protect monk seals and their habitat: the Monk Seal Alliance (MSA). The alliance currently brings together four foundations: the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Fondation Segré, Thalassa Foundation and Hans Wilsdorf Foundation. The aim of the MSA is to mobilise resources to intensify

efforts to protect the monk seal. Seal Greece, a project co-led by the MSA and the Greek Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA) that aims to reinforce the protection of monk seals and their habitat in Greece, ran a major national awareness campaign with unprecedented public reach in 2025, generating over 1.79 million views on TikTok and prompting more than 6,600 people to take part in fieldwork over an area of nearly 1,000 nautical miles. This impressive campaign has significantly raised the public's awareness and mobilised their support for and participation in efforts to protect the monk seal. The Seal Greece project was also presented during the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

In 2025, the evaluation of the Gyaros MPA in Greece was completed and distributed to more than 90 local and national authorities, as well as to the main stakeholders in the project. This resource will feed into future decisions about management and protection of the site, which is emblematic for monk seals.

In Mauritania, the seal colony in the reserve is now under surveillance for 12 hours a day, all year round, ensuring continuous presence at this critical site. It has directly contributed to a reduction in intrusion and disturbance in resting and breeding areas.

In Lebanon, IndyAct held an initial national meeting for stakeholder consultation, a key step in shaping future strategy to protect the species along the country's coastline.

www.monksealalliance.org

OBJECTIVES

- **Encourage concerted action to protect the Mediterranean monk seal and its habitat.**
- **Support collaborative conservation projects throughout the seal's range (geographical area), with targeted objectives: advancing knowledge, establishing or strengthening MPAs, raising awareness among stakeholders or standardising scientific protocols.**
- **Increase cooperation between both donors and stakeholders on the ground at local, national and regional level.**



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BLUE SOLUTIONS HUB



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Oceans offer huge potential in terms of mitigating climate change and biodiversity loss and many ocean-based solutions are being developed by promising start-ups. However, they struggle to access the capital needed to scale their impact. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14, Life Below Water, is still severely underfunded, making it difficult for these companies to deliver meaningful environmental and societal benefits.

The Blue Solutions Hub is a cross-cutting initiative by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, designed to direct more capital towards these innovative solutions and accelerate the transition to a sustainable blue economy. Its main partners are Monaco Asset Management, Builders Vision, Barclays and MIT Solve.

The Hub effectively brings together several complementary initiatives – including the Ocean Innovators Platform and ReOcean Fund – that collectively cover the entire blue innovation financing chain. It supports solutions at various maturity levels, from securing philanthropic support for early-stage projects to accessing large-scale impact investment, promoting these solutions and bringing key players in the sector on board.

The Blue Solutions Hub focuses on identifying, supporting and nurturing innovative ocean solutions with strong potential for environmental and systemic impact. It aims to stimulate the flow of capital towards a sustainable blue economy, by mobilising resources that range from philanthropic funds to impact investment.

The initiative also raises the awareness of investors, philanthropic donors and policymakers about the opportunities offered by the blue economy and encourages them to become involved. Finally, it helps to accelerate the scaling of solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect marine biodiversity and support the ecological transition in maritime industries.

In 2025, for the third consecutive year, the Foundation awarded a total of 100,000 US dollars to two particularly innovative projects through its partnership with MIT Solve. Wave Beat, based in Morocco, is developing installations along the coastline that capture wave energy and convert it into electricity. Rongbient, in Vietnam, is offering a circular solution based on growing seaweed on top of shrimp ponds.

Outreach activities included an edition of the Ocean Innovators Platform held in Hong Kong, which focused specifically on investment in the blue economy in Asia. The event attracted around a hundred participants, including institutional investors, major philanthropists and families from the region, and shone a light on various practical solutions and investment opportunities. Elsewhere, the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF) hosted a pitch session that showcased a dozen innovative start-ups working in the ocean economy. The event helped to increase their visibility among investors and international policymakers.

Finally, in terms of impact investment, the ReOcean Fund has reached 80 million US dollars raised with two major investments completed since its inception. The first was in NatureMetrics, a UK-based company specialising in the use of environmental DNA (eDNA) technology to monitor biodiversity and assess the impacts of human activity. It is a vital tool for businesses, local authorities and governments that are seeking increasingly accurate means of measuring and reporting on the environmental impact of their activities. The second investment was in Bound4Blue, a Spanish company developing rigid suction sails for commercial shipping vessels. This technology can reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by 15 to 20%.

OBJECTIVES

- Foster the development of ocean innovation.
- Accelerate the transition towards a sustainable, regenerative blue economy.
- Bring together policymakers, investors and innovators to foster collaboration and facilitate access to resources.
- Invest in innovative, high-impact companies.



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GLOBAL FUND FOR CORAL REEFS - GFCR



Coral reefs are home to a quarter of all marine life and support the livelihoods of at least a billion people around the world. They provide an estimated 2.7 trillion US dollars in goods and services per year. However, these ecosystems are under serious threat from climate change, pollution, overfishing and other anthropogenic stress factors. Without immediate action and rapid mobilisation of resources, 90% of the world's coral reefs could degrade or disappear in the next 20 years.

The Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR) was created as a result of joint efforts by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, in partnership with the United Nations, which coordinates the initiative. The Fund is now a global coalition of member countries, philanthropic organisations, UN agencies, financial institutions, impact investors and conservation organisations.

The GFCR is working to mitigate local drivers of coral reef degradation, while supporting businesses that are helping to create sustainable coastal economies, transform livelihoods for local communities and enhance ecosystem resilience. Its action is focused on the reefs most resistant to climate change.

The GFCR is a fund with a 10-year duration, established to mobilise new public and private resources to accelerate the development of sustainable finance solutions. It adopts a blended approach, combining a grant fund and an investment fund. The grant fund, which is managed by the United Nations, provides financial support, concessional finance and technical assistance, and contributes towards capacity building. Through its convening agents, the GFCR develops an investment pipeline and supports incubators and accelerators, with a target of supporting more than 400 reef-positive small- and medium-sized businesses and the creation of 20,000 jobs by 2030. The equity fund, which is managed by Pegasus Capital Advisors, generates secure investment capital for companies that are producing positive returns while also having measurable impacts on coral reef health. The GFCR is focusing on 10 priority sectors: marine protected areas (MPAs), coral reef restoration, sustainable fishing, sustainable aquaculture, ecotourism, plastic waste management, coastal agriculture, clean energy and transport, waste and wastewater treatment, and marine and land-based pollution management.

In 2025, the GFCR's portfolio covered 22 coral reef countries, including 10 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs). It ran 17 programmes across 72 priority sites identified among the coral reef regions. It increased global awareness of the urgent need to protect coral reefs, working with a total of 245 public institutions and implementation partners, as well as supporting 113 reef-positive solutions or businesses worldwide.

2025 also saw a sharp acceleration in the development and implementation of blue finance mechanisms, with 33 now in place. There was also continued growth in the entrepreneurial sector working on issues such as sustainable aquaculture, waste management, ecological restoration and plastic pollution reduction. To date, the GFCR has secured over 142 million US dollars for the equity fund and 115 million for the grant fund. Since it became operational, the GFCR has dispersed a total of 126 million US dollars for catalytic grant programmes, technical assistance, global portfolio operations and equity fund investments. In 2025, GFCR also furthered its diplomatic and technical contributions, in particular through the Coral Pavilion at the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) and the Coral Finance Meeting at COP30.

www.globalfundcoralreefs.org

OBJECTIVES

• Strengthen the resilience of coral reef ecosystems, as well as the communities and economies that depend on them, by facilitating the expansion of sustainable businesses and tailored financial solutions.
• Develop conservation solutions that focus on the local causes of ecosystem degradation.
• Unlock public and private finance streams to support conservation and increase communities' adaptive capacity.



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Nearly 9% of the Mediterranean Sea benefits from protection in the form of marine protected areas (MPAs) and other area-based conservation measures. Properly managed MPAs are scientifically proven to protect marine biodiversity, restore fish stocks and improve the resilience of marine ecosystems. However, a scant 5% of Mediterranean MPAs have sufficient budgets to fully meet their objectives.

The MedFund is a Monaco-based environmental trust fund that was established in 2015 by France, Tunisia and Monaco at the initiative of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. Established specifically with the goal of financing MPAs in the Mediterranean, the MedFund embodies the commitment of several Mediterranean countries and international environmental organisations to protecting this unique ecosystem.

Bringing together funding from public, private and philanthropic partners, the MedFund delivers long-term support for local initiatives to protect the Mediterranean Sea and its natural assets. The fund consists partly of an innovative financing mechanism designed to build substantial capital, where regular returns are reinvested in strengthening MPAs over the long term. The MedFund is a transparent and secure facility that adheres to a responsible investment policy designed to meet the challenges of a new, more sustainable Mediterranean economy.

The MedFund receives funding from the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, MAVA Foundation, Hans Wilsdorf Foundation, Pew Bertarelli Ocean Legacy partnership, Global Environment Facility (GEF), French Global Environment Facility (FFEM), French Development Agency (AFD), Governments of Monaco and Spain and a network of partner aquariums and zoos.

In 2025, the MedFund Board of Directors approved funding of more than 760,000 euros over the next five years (2026–2030) for three MPAs: Dalyan in Türkiye, Pakleni Islands in Croatia and Tyr Nature Reserve in Lebanon. The Board also renewed funding for a further five years (2026–2030) – a total of 675,000 euros – for three coastal MPAs in Tunisia: the Kuriat Islands, Galite Islands and Kneiss Islands.

The MedFund is currently supporting 19 MPAs, 5 of which are under strong protection, in 8 Mediterranean countries: Albania, Tunisia, Morocco, Türkiye, Montenegro, Lebanon, Croatia and Greece. This equates to over 9,785 square kilometres of protected coastal and marine areas and a total financial investment of over 7.3 million euros to date.

Guided by the new Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the Convention on Biological Diversity, along with the objective of protecting 30% of marine areas by 2030, the MedFund intends to consolidate its impacts and achievements to date in the countries in which it operates, and to expand its activities in the Mediterranean region. It is aiming to double the number of MPAs it supports by 2030. Building on this collective momentum, it has adopted a new strategic plan for 2025 to 2030.

www.themedfund.org

OBJECTIVES

• Mobilise public, private and philanthropic stakeholders to unlock new funding streams and raise awareness about the role of MPAs.
• Establish long-term trusted partnerships with beneficiary countries, tailored to each country's institutional framework.
• Develop projects, consolidate local governance and build lasting relationships between public institutions, MPA managers and civil society.



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BEYOND PLASTIC MED - BEMED



Plastic pollution is a major ecological problem for the ocean. Once it finds its way into the natural environment, plastic can take up to 500 years to disappear and is harmful to many animal species. The Mediterranean is one of the most heavily polluted seas in the world, contaminated with over 3 trillion plastic particles. To address the problem, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation teamed up with the Tara Ocean Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Europe, MAVA Foundation and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in 2015 to launch the Beyond Plastic Med (BeMed) initiative. In January 2019, BeMed became an association under Monaco law.

BeMed is dedicated to reducing plastic pollution in the Mediterranean by supporting a network of committed stakeholders, implementing solutions and facilitating the sharing of knowledge and best practice.

Strengthening the BeMed community
In 2025, in addition to funding 20 new projects, BeMed stepped up support for its community by organising discussions, promoting opportunities and arranging an in-person gathering. This landmark event in Cyprus brought many Mediterranean project leaders together and led to new synergies with the activities of the Business Club in the hospitality sector.

Launch of a working group for hotels
Following two pilot projects in the hotel industry, BeMed has launched a working group through its Business Club that connects civil society organisations and hoteliers to help the latter introduce a zero single-use plastic strategy. Seven eco-conscious Mediterranean hotels formed the initial group, which launched in June 2025.

Ongoing pilot project in high-volume retail
Since 2024, the BeMed Business Club has been running a pilot project with Carrefour Monaco to reduce single-use plastic in-store. This two-year project focuses on three areas: promoting reuse, reducing plastic by eliminating or replacing it in consumer products and supporting behaviour change among customers and staff.

Next steps for BeMed+ project
In 2025, activities in the two pilot regions, Monastir in Tunisia and the Shkumbin River in Albania, continued in partnership with Surfrider Foundation Europe, IUCN, Notre Grand Bleu and the Institute

for Nature Conservation in Albania. Field studies were also completed to identify the main sources of plastic pollution, initiatives and good practice in other cities, policy levers and barriers, as well as the social and economic measures required to reduce society's dependence on plastic and limit plastic "leakage" into the environment in those regions. Building on the information gathered, an action plan was developed for each region, and discussed with stakeholders in the hospitality, sport and waste management sectors. Local and national authorities are involved in the discussions and are supporting the project.

www.beyondplasticmed.org

OBJECTIVES

- Coordinate pilot projects aimed at reducing the use of plastics at source.
- Support stakeholders on the ground and fund initiatives implementing practical and replicable solutions.
- Facilitate experience sharing, collective intelligence and dissemination of best practice by coordinating and promoting a network of Mediterranean stakeholders and a Business Club.



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OCEAN ACIDIFICATION AND OTHER OCEAN CHANGES IMPACTS AND SOLUTIONS - OACIS



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Every day, the ocean absorbs more than a quarter of all CO2 emitted by human activities, playing a critical role in mitigating global warming. However, the absorption of CO2 alters the chemistry of seawater: it becomes more acidic and the pH drops. Another consequence is warmer, oxygen-poor water. These combined stressors pose a threat to marine biodiversity and the communities that depend on it. But these impacts of climate change can be offset by ocean-based solutions, including the development of marine renewable energy, protecting and restoring carbon-storing ecosystems (such as mangroves and seagrass meadows) and alkalinisation, which involves adding alkaline rock dust to seawater to increase its CO_2 absorption potential. Unfortunately, there has been very little research into the potential impact of these measures on marine life.

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and his Foundation brought attention to these issues at a very early stage, namely through the Monaco Declaration on Ocean Acidification, which was signed by more than 150 scientists from 26 countries in 2009. The OACIS initiative (Ocean Acidification and other Ocean Changes – Impacts and Solutions) was launched in 2013 to study the impacts of climate change on the ocean, such as acidification, as well as solutions to mitigate them.

OACIS brings together various stakeholders, including the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Government of Monaco, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Marine Environment Laboratories, the Monaco Scientific Centre, the Oceanographic Institute–Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation, the Institut de la Mer de Villefranche (IMEV), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI). As one of the Foundation's most technical initiatives, OACIS focuses on coordinating a network of scientists, advancing research and disseminating its findings to decision-makers

and the general public. OACIS organises expert meetings to improve understanding of multiple climate stressors and explore solutions to mitigate them, as well as running training courses for young researchers.

In April 2025, OACIS organised the first international training course on ocean alkalinity enhancement (OAE). This was attended by 10 researchers from different countries (Argentina, Chile, China, Colombia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Mozambique, Portugal and the US), along with experts from the IAEA, IMEV and the Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer (IFREMER). The course drew on the 'Guide to Best Practices in Ocean Alkalinity Enhancement Research', which was published in 2023 with support from OACIS. The training course was co-funded by the Foundation and the IAEA, and held at the IAEA Marine Environment Laboratories in Monaco. In June, OACIS contributed to a session at the One Ocean Science Congress in Nice, which brought together researchers, engineers, decision-makers and philanthropists to discuss strategies for marine carbon dioxide removal (mCDR) and explore avenues for development. The initiative subsequently ran a side event at the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), where scientific, political and private sector stakeholders discussed nature-based and technological approaches. OACIS also facilitated an interactive session for scientists, policymakers and managers on the topic of tipping points and safeguarding biodiversity in a changing ocean. Finally, from 24 November to 5 December, it ran its third Winter School on Ocean Acidification and Multiple Stressors at the IAEA Marine Environment Laboratories.

OBJECTIVES

- **Advance research on ocean acidification and other climate change effects, including their impacts and potential solutions.**
- **Bring together stakeholders working in this field.**
- **Train the next generation of scientists studying the effects of climate change on marine life.**



HUMAN–WILDLIFE INITIATIVE



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As economic and recreational activities expand in natural environments, people are more frequently brought into contact with wildlife. This growth increases pressure on ecosystems and reinforces the need for a harmonious sharing of space. To preserve biodiversity, the expansion of human activities must be accompanied by appropriate measures grounded in science and dialogue. To address this issue, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation launched the Human–Wildlife Initiative in 2020 in partnership with the French National Council for the Protection of Nature, the Alpes-Maritimes Chamber of Agriculture, the Alpes-Maritimes Hunting Federation and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur League for the Protection of Birds (LPO PACA). When it was first created, the initiative covered the southern Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (PACA) region of France. It was subsequently extended to Spain in 2022 and to French-speaking Switzerland in 2024, in partnership with the Kora Foundation, Pro Natura and the Swiss Ornithological Institute.

The Human–Wildlife Initiative provides a forum for discussion between regional stakeholders representing agriculture, hunting, conservation organisations and local authorities, ensuring that a wide range of viewpoints are heard. It develops operational partnerships and supports actors on the ground in implementing practical solutions to improve human–wildlife coexistence. Through technical workshops and joint projects,

the initiative acts as a springboard for new local synergies. Its main objectives are to support field projects, reduce conflict (such as livestock attacks and crop damage) and promote positive messages about human–wildlife interaction.

In 2025, 22 new projects were launched in Spain, southern France and French-speaking Switzerland. These projects cover a range of activities, including studies of wolf behaviour and diet, trials of non-lethal deterrents and support for farms that experience interactions with wolves and bears. Others involve educational programmes, codes of practice and teaching tools. These complementary activities are building a coherent approach based on science, prevention and local collaboration.
The initiative also strengthened its international presence in 2025. It took part in the Managing Wildlife in Large Landscapes conference in Jackson, USA, and the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where it presented its current and future strategic plans and held talks with professionals from around the world about large carnivore management. New partnerships were initiated with the International Ski and Snowboard Federation to integrate biodiversity protection into snow sports events, and with the IUCN Species Survival Commission to boost the initiative's participation in specialist international networks.

www.initiativehommefaunesauvage.org

OBJECTIVES

- **Identify and mobilise local stakeholders committed to improving coexistence between humans and large wildlife species.**
- **Put forward innovative solutions and practical recommendations for improved consideration of wildlife in the management of rural and mountain areas.**
- **Reduce conflict between large wildlife and human activities (livestock farming, agriculture, hunting, outdoor activities and community life) in France, Spain and French-speaking Switzerland.**



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THE GREEN SHIFT INITIATIVE



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Since it was established, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has been working to rebuild our relationship with nature in a deeply humanistic and forward-looking way. It has done this through supporting projects on the ground, engaging in diplomacy at major international meetings, and carrying out mediation and awareness raising.

Understanding that the ecological transition cannot be achieved without profound cultural transformation, the Foundation launched the Green Shift Initiative in 2023. Adopting a multidisciplinary approach encompassing all aspects of science, art and culture, it sets out to encourage the emergence of positive and inspiring ecological narratives. Ultimately, it is about taking a fresh look at our environment and triggering lasting change in the way we think, which will in turn influence our behaviour and choices. The initiative engages the general public as well as specific audiences (such as professionals, students and entrepreneurs) to inspire and drive change through four key avenues.

The Environmental Photography Award, launched by the Foundation in 2021, has become one of the pillars of the Green Shift Initiative. Its purpose is to recognise photographers for their work to promote the protection of the living world. Every year, through a touring exhibition and a book, it showcases images that celebrate the incredible beauty of our planet and illustrate the diverse relationships that people can have with nature.

The Green Shift Festival is the second key component of the initiative. Free, open to all and held every summer in the Principality, it offers an opportunity to reflect and exchange ideas during joyful and inclusive ecology-focused events. At the third edition in 2025, the festival programme was enhanced to make it more inclusive and encourage more audience participation. During the thematic evening sessions, discussions focused on futurology as a way of imagining desirable futures, the importance of placing humans at the heart of the living world, and music as a soft power tool to support the transition. Two invitation-only side events accompanied the festival: a presentation about the jobs of tomorrow for high school students, held in conjunction with the non-profit makesense; and the third edition of a professional workshop to help cultural institutions identify new sustainable benchmarks and appropriate courses of action, hosted in partnership with the Monaco Department of Cultural Affairs.

The third pillar of the Green Shift Initiative focuses on changing practices within the fashion and design industries, with the aim of advancing understanding and skills among the workforce and showcasing existing innovative solutions for sustainability. In September 2025, at New York Climate Week, the Foundation held its third Tides of Change round table, in partnership with Fashioning for Social Environmental Justice. The event invited participants on a forward-looking journey into tomorrow's fashion. From a deeper understanding of the industry's impacts on ecosystems and communities to identifying more planet-friendly practical solutions, the session explored various ways of shifting fashion towards a sustainable, ethical and meaningful model. In 2025, the initiative also joined the United Nations Fashion and Lifestyle Network (UNFLN), a global platform fostering sustainability, innovation, transparency and collaboration across those sectors. Regarding design, the Foundation invited BESIGN The Sustainable Design School to one of its events, giving young aspiring designers an opportunity to present their projects. BESIGN trains its students using an approach that combines positive impact, responsibility and innovation.

Finally, the Green Shift Initiative's fourth area of work involves supporting the development of training tools and programmes that encourage us to embrace environmental concerns and embed them in our daily behaviour, both personally and professionally. In 2025, the initiative partnered in the launch of the Imagine 2050 online course specialising in Audiovisual Fiction and designed for professionals (screenwriters, directors, production teams, distributors and broadcasters). It also partnered with a Déclic Influence residency focused on issues facing ocean ecosystems and led by the citizens' movement On Est Prêt ahead of the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3). As part of its support for the Université du Vivant, an educational initiative at the Agir pour le vivant ('Action for the living world') festival, the Foundation facilitated a presentation by Célia Roussin – founder of Pépite Raisin, a company specialising in innovative circular solutions using grape and wine industry by-products – to around 30 young people aged 18 to 25.

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OBJECTIVES

- Foster the emergence of positive and inspiring ecological narratives.
- Raise environmental awareness as widely as possible through a cultural and emotions-based approach.
- Question our lifestyles so we change our relationship with the living world.
- Support the ecological transition in key industries such as culture, fashion and design.

Every year, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation selects a range of field projects to support alongside local stakeholders – non-profits, NGOs, Indigenous communities, expert groups and universities. Located across the globe, the projects address the Foundation's focus areas, including combatting the effects of climate change, protecting the ocean, preserving ecosystems and their biodiversity and improving water resource management. The projects are chosen for their impact, replicability and long-term involvement of local populations.

Eight projects were awarded a support agreement in 2025, excluding those within the framework of the initiatives.



PROJECTS

IMPROVING HUMAN–ELEPHANT COEXISTENCE
in the Ruaha-Rungwa region of Tanzania

Project leader: Southern Tanzania Elephant Program (STEP)
Location: Tanzania

The elephant population in Tanzania is experiencing a dramatic decline, primarily due to poaching and the resulting illegal trade; between 2009 and 2015, numbers plummeted from 109,000 to 50,000. In protected areas, communities affected by human–elephant conflict often turn a blind eye to, or sometimes even take part in, those destructive practices, as elephants can threaten their livelihoods by damaging crops and food stores. This project in the Ruaha-Rungwa region focuses on reducing elephant-related damage to achieve harmony between human activities and animals. It does this by training and equipping rangers to enable them to respond to incidents involving elephants more effectively. In addition, local communities are encouraged to diversify their income strategies to strengthen their resilience and self-reliance. The project also involves inhabitants in elephant conservation and runs awareness-raising activities with schoolchildren and farmers to help gather data about elephant movement and the crop damage they cause.

Objectives

-> Protect local communities by reducing elephant-caused damage.
-> Diversify income strategies and strengthen household resilience.
-> Involve the region's inhabitants in elephant conservation.







ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF MPAS
and blue corridors in Antarctic waters

Project leader: World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
Location: Antarctic

In the Southern Ocean, Antarctic krill are a vital part of the food web that many species depend on, including whales and seabirds. However they are under threat, not least due to climate change and the growth of commercial fishing, which is endangering the entire ecosystem.

The aim of this project is to create marine protected areas (MPAs) in the Southern Ocean with blue corridors connecting them. These will enable migratory species, including whales, to travel safely to find breeding grounds and food. It will accelerate the creation of the MPA network that the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) has committed to. This network will cover more than 3.6 million square kilometres and help achieve the global commitment of protecting 30% of the oceans by 2030, as outlined in the Convention on Biological Diversity. The project focuses on whale migration data – in order to map their migration routes and identify the areas where conservation action is needed – and "connectivity conservation", an approach involving establishing a network of interconnected MPAs to safeguard whales and all the other species that are dependent on that habitat. Finally, the project includes an advocacy component to promote the creation of the MPA network in order to influence the policies of the CCAMLR and the governments of the countries involved.

Objectives

-> Protect key habitats and blue corridors in the Southern Ocean by accelerating the creation of the MPA network.
-> Develop conservation strategies supporting marine connectivity.
-> Reduce threats in order to protect whale migration between Antarctica and tropical breeding grounds.





REINTRODUCTION OF SOUTHERN GIRAFFE
in Banhine National Park, Mozambique

Project leader: Giraffe Conservation Foundation
Location: Mozambique

The southern giraffe (*Giraffa giraffa*) is one of Mozambique's most endangered species. Once widespread, the population has been drastically reduced due to habitat fragmentation, disease and uncontrolled resource use, against a backdrop of years of civil unrest.

The aim of this project, which is run by the Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) in partnership with the National Administration for Conservation Areas, Peace Parks Foundation and the Mozambique Wildlife Alliance, is to establish a viable population of southern giraffes in Banhine National Park, Mozambique, after an absence of more than 25 years. It will restore the site's ecological integrity, while contributing to a broader conservation effort for the species in the country. Under the project, a comprehensive conservation strategy for the park is being developed, building on Mozambique's National Graffe Conservation Strategy and Action Plan, which GCF has recently drawn up for the government. This initiative supports a holistic approach to conservation: the reintroduction of giraffes will create a virtuous circle not only for natural ecosystems, by helping to protect Mozambique's wildlife, but also for local communities, who will derive long-term benefit from tourism-related income opportunities in Banhine National Park.

Objectives

-> Establish a viable southern giraffe population in Banhine National Park, Mozambique, to restore the site's ecological integrity.
-> Involve local communities to contribute to a broader giraffe conservation effort in the country.
-> Create a positive impact on natural ecosystems and the communities that depend on them.





TARA POLAR STATION: a drifting research station to study the Arctic Ocean

Project leader: Tara Ocean Foundation
Location: Arctic

Since Fridtjof Nansen's ground-breaking voyage on board the *Fram* between 1893 and 1896, which marked a turning point in the history of oceanography, many expeditions have taken place in the Arctic Ocean. The Russians have almost continuously occupied drifting ice stations near the North Pole since 1937. While these have provided crucial information on weather conditions, sea ice and hydrography, they have not been designed to carry out in-depth research into the ecosystem's biology and biogeochemistry. Furthermore, with rising temperatures making ice conditions less stable, overwintering in stations on the ice shelf has been gradually abandoned.

The Tara Polar Station, christened in April 2025 and scheduled to undertake its first expedition in 2026, is a drifting scientific base designed to address those issues and equipped with laboratories to study the sea ice and pelagic ecosystems of the central Arctic Ocean. Intended to be in operation for 20 years, it will carry out 10 consecutive expeditions with a variety of different international laboratories, in association with the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research) and the French Polar Institute Paul-Émile Victor, and in cooperation with the Arctic coastal states, which have been involved on an academic level from the outset. This project aims to have a major long-term scientific and educational impact and to strengthen international cooperation over the Arctic Ocean, the only polar ocean on our planet.

Objectives

-> Facilitate the collection of scientific data in the Arctic Ocean.
-> Raise awareness of the challenges of studying and protecting the Arctic.
-> Implement an advocacy strategy aimed at protecting the Arctic.







'REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE': facilitating the recovery of end-of-life solar photovoltaic equipment in Benin

Project leader: Geres
Location: Benin

Benin, West Africa, is experiencing very high population growth, which is resulting in rapid urban development, estimated at a rate of approximately 47%, with around 80% of the urban population concentrated in the south of the country. Of the country's total population, 43% have access to electricity, but only 18% in rural areas. So the Benin Government is implementing policies to encourage investment in the electricity sector and is undertaking significant rural electrification programmes. It also took a major step forward in 2020 by adopting the National Renewable Energy Development Policy for the decade to 2030. The solar photovoltaic (PV) products market has been growing exponentially as a result. However, Benin lacks recycling infrastructure to handle electrical and electronic components.

This project facilitates the sustainable end-of-life management of solar PV products in Benin. It addresses knowledge, training needs, and waste recovery, as well as establishing waste treatment procedures, which are currently almost non-existent in the country. Its work covers several areas: market research and feasibility studies, establishing a consultation framework to encourage discussion among the main stakeholders in the sector, implementing collection, sorting, recovery and recycling solutions, and collating and disseminating the knowledge acquired during the project.

Objectives

-> Reduce the volume of solar PV waste in Benin.
-> Implement sector-specific collection, sorting and treatment processes.
-> Engage private and public stakeholders around the issue of end-of-life management of solar PV products.





SEA'TIES: protecting coastal cities from rising sea levels

Project leader: Ocean and Climate Platform
Location: Caribbean, Europe, US, North Africa, West Africa, Pacific

The Sixth Assessment Report produced by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), along with its 'Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate', clearly set out the risks posed by sea-level rise to coastal areas, warning that this rise is accelerating and irreversible. In addition, the creation of effective, equitable adaptation strategies is being hampered by a lack of understanding of the risks and available solutions, as well as by insufficient technical and financial resources.

In 2020, to address the threats associated with rising sea levels, the Ocean and Climate Platform (OCP) launched the Sea'ties initiative to facilitate adaptation solutions for coastal cities at risk. Over a period of four years, nearly 300 international stakeholders shared best practice and knowledge, leading the OCP to publish a set of recommendations for coastal city adaptation, supported by 80 international organisations. The second phase of Sea'ties is now establishing a long-term operational support system for coastal cities and regions, building on those recommendations. To accelerate the implementation of adaptation solutions and develop an international network, this latest phase of the Sea'ties project features three workshops: the first focusing on the strengths and limitations of nature-based solutions; the second on the challenges of spatial restructuring, including social justice, infrastructure resilience and financing; and the third, taking place in the Caribbean, offering a regional perspective.

Objectives

-> Mobilise stakeholders in coastal cities to implement adaptation solutions to deal with the risks associated with rising sea levels.
-> Spotlight and share knowledge about sea-level rise and disseminate adaptation solutions.
-> Take the project's recommendations to national, regional and international policymakers.





IMPROVING MONITORING ACTIVITIES
in Grand-Béréby Marine Protected Area, Côte d'Ivoire

Project leader: Conservation des espèces marines (CEM)
Location: Ivory Coast

Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing poses a major threat in the Gulf of Guinea. It causes massive financial losses across the fish value chain, damaging the economies of coastal countries and jeopardising the region's food security. It simultaneously degrades ecosystems, which runs the risk of triggering widespread ecological and socio-economic collapse. Illegal fishing is also facilitated by a lack of financial resources to implement national monitoring measures, along with corruption and poor governance. This practice is endangering the Grand-Béréby Marine Protected Area (GBMPA) in Côte d'Ivoire, which was established in 2022 to protect a vital sea turtle nesting habitat, coral reef ecosystems and local fishing-based livelihoods.

This project was set up to strengthen the GBMPA's monitoring strategy by developing tools such as patrol operations, using coastal radar and electronic monitoring data, and participatory monitoring by local fishers. The creation of a central office in Grand-Béréby and a regional and national MPA monitoring network are among the key measures that will enable these fragile areas to be protected effectively. To this end, the project also directly supports joint patrols carried out by the GBMPA authorities and local fisheries office, along with the monitoring initiatives of the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC).

Objectives

-> Tackle illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the Gulf of Guinea by strengthening technical resources and involving local fishers.
-> Develop MPA monitoring measures specifically adapted to Côte d'Ivoire.
-> Contribute to the creation of a regional and national monitoring network for MPAs.





PATAGONIA AZUL: studying and conserving endangered marine species in Argentina

Project leader: Rewilding Argentina
Location: Argentina

The Patagonian coastline is a haven and breeding ground for numerous species – seabirds, marine mammals, fish and invertebrates – making it one of the most biodiverse areas in the Argentine Sea and the South West Atlantic Ocean. The Patagonia Azul Biosphere Reserve, covering 18,000 square kilometres of sea, is one of the region's most important protected areas, but it lacks specific regulations relating to the exploitation of natural resources. Furthermore, bar a few exceptions, Argentina has until now only protected marine species on land, at their breeding sites. Effectively protecting these vast marine areas is therefore crucial.

This 10-year project will facilitate the protection of 200,000 square kilometres (30%) of the Argentine Sea, restoring ecosystems and laying the foundations for a nature-based economy. To achieve this, the programme plans to establish the Patagonia Azul reserve as a critical area for marine species conservation. Biological stations will be established on its islands to study and monitor essential ecosystems, and research into the spatial ecology of endangered species will identify the key areas to protect. In addition, the data collected will be used to develop a communication campaign promoting the creation of a marine national park where fishing will be prohibited.

Objectives

-> Obtain legal protection for at least 200,000 square kilometre (30%) of the Argentine Sea.
-> Develop a communication campaign to highlight the importance of protecting this marine area with exceptional biodiversity.
-> Restore marine ecosystems and lay the foundations for a nature-based economy in Patagonia.





To successfully carry out its work to improve planetary health, advance environmental justice and protect the living world, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation relies on a robust network of partners. It has brought together a host of international organisations, institutions and individuals from the scientific, economic, political and non-profit sectors that share its values, help promote its missions and achieve its objectives. In 2025, 5 new memorandums of understanding and 3 financial partnerships were signed, enabling the Foundation to pursue and expand its work on the ground.



PARTNERSHIPS



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PARTNERSHIPS

- **Formula E**

Objective: to take part in joint events organised in line with the values and work of Formula E and the Foundation in the area of sustainability.

- **The Ocean Race**

Objective: to foster collaboration, particularly in the context of the Ocean Innovators Platform (OIP), which may have editions organised to coincide with stages of The Ocean Race, in Barcelona in September 2026 and in South America or Singapore in 2027.

- **AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles**

Objective: to take joint action to protect the ocean by co-hosting international events and promoting shared development areas, such as sustainable maritime transport, regional resilience strategies and implementing blue financial instruments.

- **Hong Kong Academy for Wealth Legacy (HKAWL)**

Objective: to create a network of philanthropists, wealth management offices, investors and entrepreneurs to accelerate innovations to support blue economy projects (relating to sustainable maritime transport, reducing plastic pollution, offshore energy and sustainable blue food) and to facilitate collaborative, impact-driven capital deployment.

- **Circulate Capital**

Objective: to mobilise capital, pool expertise and expand their sphere of activity internationally in order to identify and finance high-impact initiatives preventing plastic pollution at source, while building stronger circular value chains in coastal communities.

FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **Moët Hennessy**
- **The Tiffany & Co. Foundation**
- **Société Générale**

The team at the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation benefits from the support of its international branches to promote the Foundation's environmental messages worldwide. Their presidents communicate the Sovereign Prince's environmental work, as well as developing field projects that address issues specific to their geographical area, to raise awareness among local communities. Since it was established in 2006, the Foundation has opened 11 offices: France and the United Kingdom in 2007, Switzerland, the United States and Canada in 2008, Germany and Italy in 2009, Singapore in 2011, Spain in 2016, China in 2019, and Brazil, for Latin America, in 2023.



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In 2025, the Canadian branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation welcomed interim President, Eugenia Turculet, following the departure of Dr Diane Vachon after 10 years of outstanding dedication. Dr Vauchon's entire team and everyone at the Foundation's Monaco HQ paid tribute to her tireless commitment, expressing their sincere thanks for her contribution to such vital initiatives as the Ombrelle project, set up to support research in the country's Arctic region in close collaboration with Indigenous communities, and the *Beauty Will Save the World* photography exhibition at Montreal Convention Centre. Sophie Amyot, secretary of the branch since 2016, also stepped down this year.
In 2025, the branch supported two scientific projects focused on the Canadian Arctic and its communities: an initiative to study nanoparticles in marine ecosystems, and the continued collection and publication of Inuit Elder knowledge, spearheaded by Dr Esther Lévesque and Mrs José Gérin-Lajoie and their team at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. The Canadian branch's acting President and its Board of Directors wish to express their gratitude to Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP for their financial and logistical support from 2015 to 2025.



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CHINA

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's representative office in Beijing, headed by its President, Robert Shi, took part in the annual conference of overseas NGOs hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Ecology and the Environment on 17 January. A fruitful partnership was established with the Sanjiangyuan National Park management bureau. The Beijing office hosted bureau staff on 21 February, then a meeting was held on 18 March between Sun Lijun, the bureau's Deputy Director, Zhai Jinquan, its Director of International Cooperation, and HE Marie-Pascale Boisson, Ambassador of Monaco to China, during which they discussed signing a framework cooperation agreement between the Foundation and the park. Then on 9 May, the Chinese branch created a working group with the park's management bureau and the Northwest Institute of Plateau Biology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences to submit a project devoted to the Tibetan antelope to the Foundation's headquarters in Monaco. On 24 April, Olivier Wenden, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Foundation, and Leung Chun-ying, former Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, discussed a potential partnership. The branch was once again invited by the Embassy of Monaco in China to present the Foundation's activities in the Monaco Pavilion at the 8th China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai from 5 to 10 November. The Chinese office also supported the Friends of Tsinghua University Scholarship for the third and final year of the agreement. Lastly, it took an active role at the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF) in Monaco and the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice, by giving a presentation of the branch's work.



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FRANCE

In 2025, the French branch, headed by its President, Thomas Grenon, implemented the final phase of its financial support for the Port-Cros biodiversity preservation project in Hyères in the Var, which was launched in 2021 and is run by Port-Cros National Park. The branch also continued its multi-year partnership (extended in 2023 for five years) with the Beyond Plastic Med (BeMed) organisation, which works to curb plastic pollution in the Mediterranean. In addition, the French branch renewed its investment in the Kresk 4 Oceans endowment fund for the final year, which was set up to improve our understanding of, and to tackle, marine pollution, especially from plastic.
Three other initiatives were supported by the French branch with the aim of raising the profile of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's work around the world: the continued testing of Tara Polar Station, launched in May 2025, strengthening climate change education in schools in Kenya, Madagascar and Senegal, and updating data from Mediterranean marine protected areas (MPAs).



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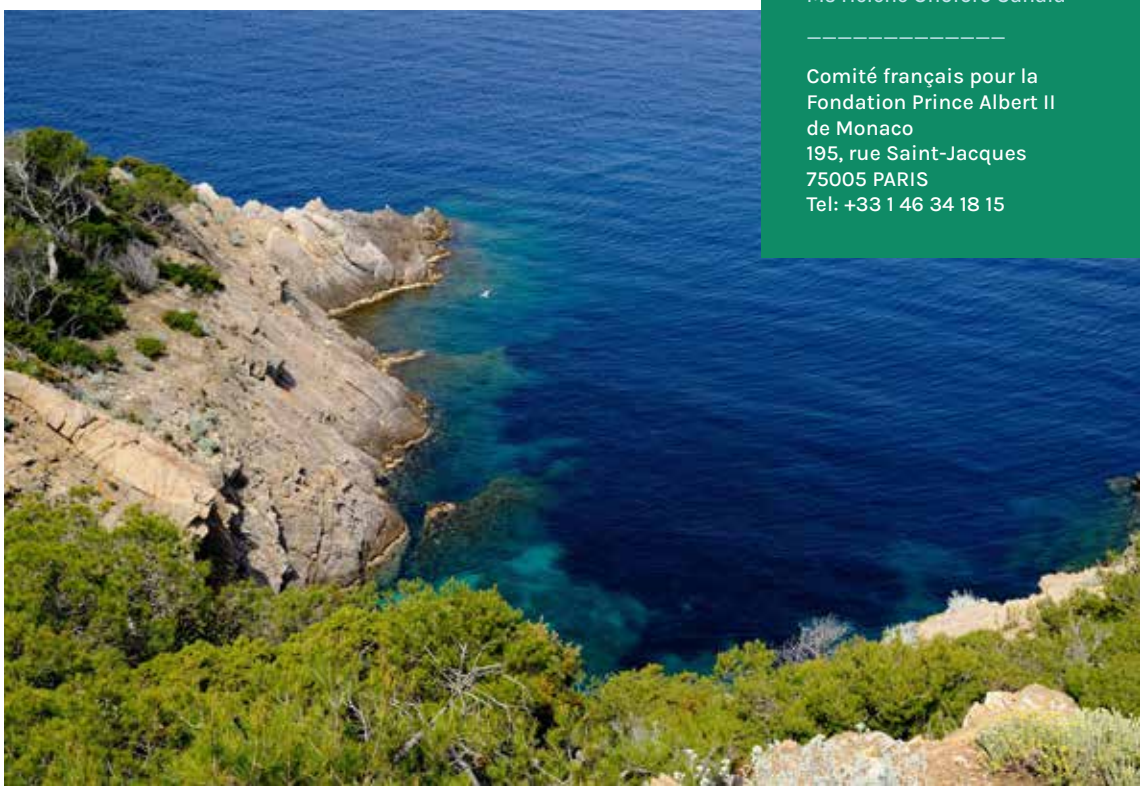
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GERMANY

Under the leadership of its President, Prof Dr Alexander Liegl, the German branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation worked on a host of projects throughout the year, both within its network and in partnership with the Foundation's Monaco headquarters. On Monday 20 January, at Düsseldorf International Boat Show, with the Foundation's Vice-Chairman and CEO, Olivier Wenden, in attendance, Prof Dr Liegl presented the Ocean Tribute Award – funded by the German branch and the Deutsche Meeresstiftung (German Ocean Foundation) – to Spanish company Ambiente Europeo for its innovative ocean data collection project, SeaLabs. At the beginning of May, assisted by the Foundation, the German branch organised an exclusive weekend in the Principality during the Monaco E-Prix for a group of its generous donors. To further thank its loyal benefactors, the branch has introduced a new Honorary Member status that will recognise committed individuals who have given the Foundation and its work an exceptional level of support.
Discussions took place with the Europäisches Kulturforum (European Culture Forum) in Dresden to organise a gala to coincide with the European Culture Awards taking place in Monaco in 2027, and with the President of the Technical University of Munich to discuss partnering on a project with Alpha Ring, a world leader in micro-fusion technology. The German branch also confirmed its support for seven of the Foundation's projects in the areas of mangrove farming, Mediterranean coastal wetland protection, conservation in the Pelagos Sanctuary, biodiversity conservation on the island of São Tomé and in Senegal, and water alkalisation.



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ITALY

In 2025, under the leadership of its President, Marco Colasanti, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation in Italy focused on strategic consolidation, strengthening its partnerships and planning new high-impact projects.
The Foundation worked closely with the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, developing a joint programme aimed at translating scientific data about environmental changes into practical, accessible tools for civil society. Simultaneously, in partnership with the Fondazione Roma Sapienza, it concentrated efforts on training and knowledge dissemination, understanding that education is the starting point for building strong environmental awareness.
Cooperation with the Automobile Club d'Italia's Fondazione Filippo Caracciolo focused on sustainable mobility, designing joint travel and transportation models that meet future needs without disrupting environmental balance.
Finally, the collaboration with Bocconi University in Milan provided an additional opportunity to reflect on the relationship between economics and sustainability, and to envisage a place-based sustainable development model.
Alongside these institutional partnerships, the Foundation in Italy continued its action on the ground, pursuing awareness-raising and citizen engagement initiatives.



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LATIN AMERICA

In 2025, the Latin American branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, led by its President, Arnoldo Wald Filho, focused on planning the official inauguration of its São Paulo office by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. During his trip to Brazil, the Sovereign Prince first took part the World Leaders Summit that opened COP30 in Belém, before travelling to São Paulo. There, on Friday 7 November, he participated in an event at the Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado (FAAP) entitled 'Building Tomorrow, Together', during which 10 young entrepreneurs presented their innovative environmental solutions to an audience of art, economics and law students. Two FAAP undergraduate students also shared their experiences of the business courses offered by the institution. The branch's official opening ceremony took place that evening at Mr Wald Filho's residence and was attended by 500 prominent figures from the diplomatic service, scientific community, philanthropic sector and civil society. In his speech, the Sovereign Prince expressed his gratitude to the members of the branch's governing body for their contribution and the work already accomplished. These events, along with exclusive interviews given by the Sovereign Prince to CNN and *Veja*, one of Brazil's leading magazines, gained the Foundation significant visibility. The branch built strategic networks to help achieve its ambitious fundraising targets and to foster lasting partnerships with key Latin American stakeholders, including universities, business leaders and philanthropists.



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SINGAPORE

As part of its continued awareness-raising work, the Asian branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, under the leadership of its President, Jacky Deromedi, organised the *Ocean Grace* exhibition at the Alliance Française in Singapore from 30 May to 30 August 2025. Initially held in November 2024 at Cuturi Gallery in Singapore, it presented stunning underwater images by photographer Olivier Jude and his diver partner, Sylvie Laurent. The opening was attended by Jean-Marc Arnaud-Deromedi, Honorary Consul of Monaco in Singapore. At the end of the exhibition, the photographs were put up for sale to raise money for the 100k Corals Initiative, a project run by the National Parks Board (NParks) to restore Singapore's coral reefs, with the aim of planting 100,000 corals over the next 10 years. They will be cultivated at NPark's Marine Park and Outreach Education Centre on St John's Island, before being transplanted into the local marine ecosystem.
In 2025, the Singapore office also devoted time to planning the 2026 edition of its traditional gala dinner, which is taking place in a new venue and in a more intimate, exclusive format next year. The event is held annually for the branch's network of donors and partners to raise funds for environmental protection.



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SPAIN

Carol Portabella Settimó, President of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's Spanish branch, took part in a host of institutional events in 2025, including the annual ceremony of the Fundación Princesa de Girona, the annual Lancaster event in Spain, a round-table discussion as part of the 4th edition of the SDG Observatory, and the 12th edition of the Top 100 Women Leaders in Spain awards ceremony. The sustainable development scholarship programme for Masters students at the Fundación Instituto de Empresa (IE Foundation) was run for the third consecutive year and awarded to three new recipients. On Thursday 30 January, the IE Foundation and the Spanish branch held a forum for the next generations on the theme of "learning how to take action".

Nine projects progressed in 2025 that had been selected as part of the second Human–Wildlife Initiative (IHF) call for projects in Spain in October 2024. They involved, among others, the Iberian wolf, the brown bear and sustainable livestock management. The branch once again this year promoted Beyond Plastic Med's (BeMed) call for micro-initiatives, and forged partnerships with the Gere Foundation, the Carasso Foundation, and Ilunion Hotels, a chain implementing sustainable and responsible tourism.

The Foundation's Environmental Photography Award was once again exhibited in El Retiro Park in the Spanish capital from 3 November to 15 December, with the support of SEK International University.

Finally, the branch worked with the Embassy of Monaco in Madrid on plans for the 150th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 2026, which will include a celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Spanish branch.



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SWITZERLAND

In 2025, the Swiss branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, led by its President, Derek Queisser de Stockalper, strengthened its initiatives in the field of the blue economy. Thanks to action undertaken with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich) and the University of Zurich, several large-scale scientific projects were submitted to the Foundation's headquarters in Monaco. In Geneva, a major water diplomacy initiative, led by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, expanded a portfolio now comprising over five high-quality programmes. Alongside this work, the branch is continuing strategic discussions with the World Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) on issues related to transboundary waters. Collaborations were also forged with the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute, within the framework of the Geneva Water Hub ecosystem. The President held several institutional meetings, including discussions with Swiss Life on aspects of blue finance. The Swiss branch has been engaged in this area since 2020 through academic partnerships, innovation programmes and public–private initiatives. In French-speaking Switzerland, talks are also underway with IMD Business School and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne (EPFL).
The Foundation's Swiss office continued to mobilise its community, not least through its successful annual event held at the Cercle de la Terrasse, the theme of which in 2025 was science diplomacy in the polar regions. A new series of breakfast meetings on the topic of the Foundation's initiatives was also launched in Zurich with a session on blue finance. The series is now set to be rolled out in other regions of the country. Lastly, in 2025, the branch enjoyed the renewed support of several long-standing partners and friends of the Foundation, who make a meaningful contribution to the impact of its work.



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UNITED KINGDOM

In 2025, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's British branch, headed by its President, HE Evelyne Genta, continued its support for several initiatives on the ground: the marine conservation project in Cambodia run by Fauna & Flora International, the satellite surveillance of high seas fisheries by the Oxford Martin School, the BirdLife International projects in Guinea and Senegal, the Edinburgh Ocean Leaders programme (run by the University of Edinburgh), the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust's project to preserve wetlands in Cambodia, and the High Conservation Value Network's biodiversity programme. The branch received a very generous private donation this year, which will provide significant support for its work.

On Tuesday 6 May, HE Evelyne Genta and Olivier Wenden, Vice-Chairman and CEO of the Foundation in Monaco, attended the premiere of documentary *Ocean with David Attenborough*, which was produced with the Foundation's support. On Thursday 8 May, Olivier Wenden and Romain Ciarlet, the Foundation's Executive Director, presented the ReOcean Fund investment fund to around 20 tax and environmental investment specialists at a reception hosted by the Embassy of Monaco in London. HE Ms Genta delivered a speech at the event, highlighting Monaco's commitment to ocean protection.

The highlight of 2025 was the Foundation's Board of Directors meeting and Planetary Health Awards ceremony on Friday 17 October, which took place in London for the first time. HE Ms Genta and the entire team at the Embassy played a key planning role, organising an outstanding, high-level event that connected guests with eminent British partners and London's diplomatic corps.



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USA

Throughout the year, the US branch worked closely with the Foundation's headquarters in Monaco to promote the Re.Generation Future Leaders Program, and developed a new collaboration with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI). As part of the fourth edition of the Camp Monaco Prize, organised with the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, the Foundation selected a conservation initiative led by The Nature Conservancy dedicated to protecting the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

In 2025, Mr John B. Kelly III, President of the American branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, actively represented the Foundation at several high-profile environmental and innovation events across the United States. His engagements included EarthX in Dallas, Ocean Exchange, the Climate Leadership Council, the Peregrin Foundation, and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation. He also participated in the MIT Solve Challenge Finals, where he presented the Prince Albert II of Monaco Ocean Innovation Prize. HE Maguy Maccario Doyle, Vice-President of the US branch, contributed to the organisation of the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF) held in Monaco, played a key role in the launch of the Space4Ocean Alliance, and participated in the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice. In Washington, DC, she convened a strategic meeting on marine protected areas (MPAs) with Dr Abdulla Al Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority of the Sultanate of Oman, in partnership with National Geographic Pristine Seas, founded by Dr Enric Sala. During the United Nations General Assembly in New York, she coordinated and organised an exclusive interview between HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, Dr Enric Sala, and Emma Tucker, Editor-in-Chief of *The Wall Street Journal*, highlighting Monaco's leadership in ocean diplomacy and environmental innovation.



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GOVERNANCE

GOVERNING BODIES

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation convened its Board of Directors on 29 April and 17 October 2025. The Scientific and Technical Committee met on 27 February and 7 July 2025. A General Meeting was held on 30 April for the Foundation's active members, in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. The purpose of the meeting was to review the activities of the past year, before discussing the Foundation's strategic orientations and objectives for the coming years.



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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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As part of its commitment to optimising its activities, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation implemented an Integrated Quality and Environmental Management System complying with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 in 2013, followed by an ISO 50001 Energy Management System in 2016. In December 2024, following an audit carried out by DNV-GL, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation had all three certifications renewed for a period of three years. An intermediate audit took place from 15 to 16 December 2025 to ensure the effectiveness of the Quality and Environmental Management System in place year on year. Complying with these international standards demonstrates that the Foundation operates within current frameworks to ensure its initiatives are properly implemented, its efficiency is continually tested and the quality of its relationships with partners is 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.**
- **Ensure that our processes and performance are continuously improved.**

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