

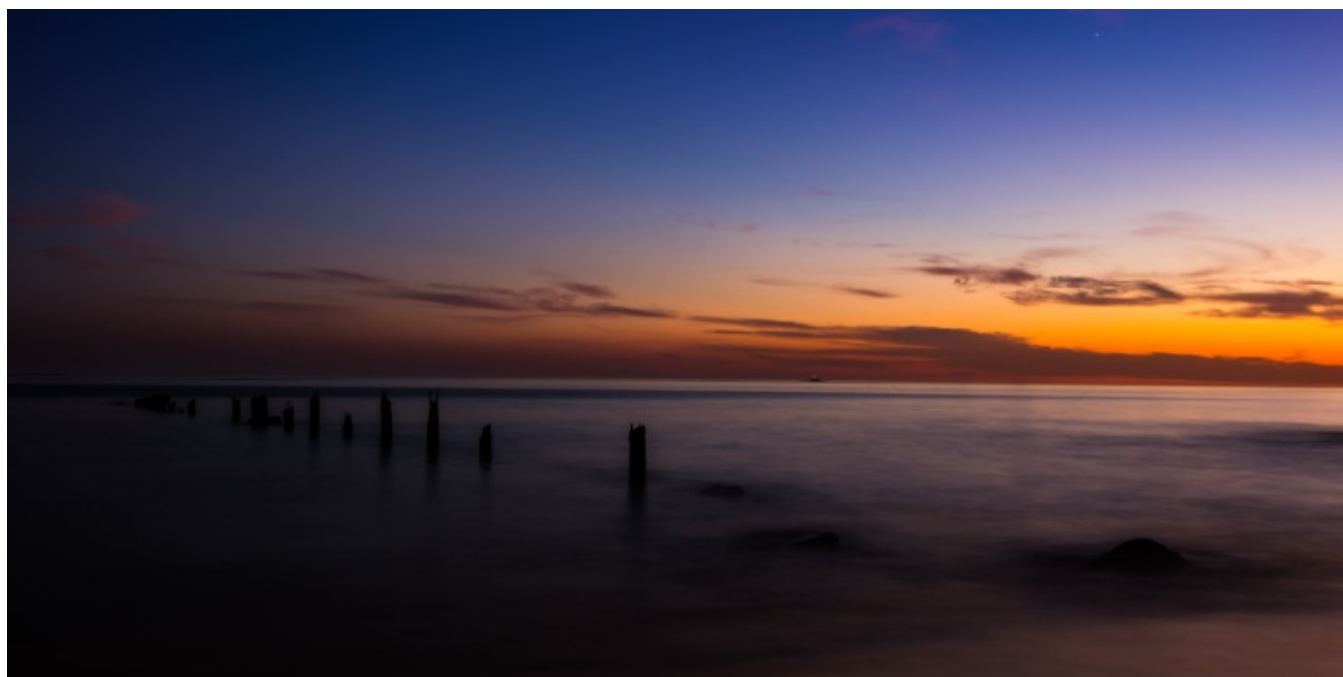
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THE OCEAN FOUNDATION



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Welcome back to your 71% Bulletin. Whether you're looking to check out what we've been up to the last few months or to find ways you can support our work, we're so glad you are part of our ocean community!

As we put away our sandals and sunglasses and reach for our warmest scarves and gloves, we are reminded what a wonderful start to autumn we've had at The Ocean Foundation headquarters in Washington, DC.

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further about any of the activities.



THE VERDICT IS IN – WE'RE AWESOME!



Scientists from the Pacific Islands and the University of Hawaii participate in TOF's Ocean Acidification Monitoring workshop in Hawaii, part of TOF's International Ocean Acidification Initiative.

That is according to Charity Navigator, which listed The Ocean Foundation as one of [“5 Awesome Charities to Support During #SharkWeek”](#). As one of the most well-known and respected third-party charity rating platforms, we're honored that Charity Navigator continues to regard us as a 4-star charity and, now, as a top defender of one of our favorite apex predators.

It's maintaining this high rating that's also led us to be named [“Charity of The Week”](#) by The Week Magazine.

But that's not all.

Our [International Ocean Acidification Initiative \(IOAI\)](#) was awarded second place and

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN ACTION

On October 24, we celebrated Inclusion Day 2018, which focused on everyday inclusion as its theme this year. We know very well that our big beautiful world ocean is a great unifier. Each one of us who inhabits this planet benefits from the oxygen she provides, the climate she regulates, the sustenance she supplies, and the economy she supports. So, shouldn't efforts to protect such a valuable resource be just as universal?

We think so.

That's why we launched a [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative \(DEI\)](#) at The Ocean Foundation. Through this initiative we are dedicated to ensuring that all facets of our work exemplify and uphold the values of diversity, equity, and inclusivity.

We are ensuring that critical but often marginalized voices are not left out of the sustainable seafood movement by providing scholarships to the annual SeaWeb Seafood Summit through our [Summit Scholarship Program](#). Through our [seagrass and mangrove planting project in Puerto Rico](#), we are working on-the-ground with local partners to aid in long-term hurricane recovery efforts and build resilience for vulnerable people via natural infrastructure. We're close to reaching our fundraising goal on this project, which you can learn more about at [our campaign page](#).

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At the same time, our staff is dedicated to continuously [educating ourselves](#) on ways The Ocean Foundation community can both model and engage others around our shared vision of equity, unity, and understanding.



SUSTAINABLY - THAT'S THE WAY TO GO



TOF President, Mark J. Spalding attended the Klosters Forum in the Swiss Alps.

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did a bit of traveling these last few months - [eco-consciously of course](#).

In July, I had the privilege of convening with seventy other members of the environmental, academic, and private sectors at the Klosters Forum in the Swiss Alps to [discuss and evaluate solutions that address the global impact of plastic pollution](#).

In August, you might have seen our program team in Hawaii conducting our third [Ocean Acidification monitoring workshop](#) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Our international early-career scientists received advanced training on OA monitoring as a continuation of the previous workshop trainings we held in Fiji and Mauritius.

In September, I joined my fellow international colleagues at the [Ocean Climate Conference](#) in Paris, France. In the same city where not too long ago an important environmental agreement was signed (hint hint: Paris Agreement), we discussed best strategies for ensuring that the ocean would be sufficiently integrated into international climate negotiations.

Later that month, the TOF team held a [joint workshop with the National Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Yucatán State, Mexico](#) to provide a platform for specialists from institutions in that region to come together and identify informational gaps that need to be addressed to advance their work in fisheries management. Such opportunities help ensure that everyone's relationship to our marine resources is respected and understood when management plans are developed.



MAKING WAVES WITH NEW PARTNERS

At The Ocean Foundation we firmly believe no gift is too small. So does our new corporate partner - [PocketChange](#). Through a browser extension you can add on your favorite social media platform, PocketChange enables you to make micro donations of \$0.25–\$2.00 to a cause you're passionate about. [Now, you too can support The Ocean Foundation with your pocket change](#).

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For the health of that ocean,
Mark J. Spalding

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