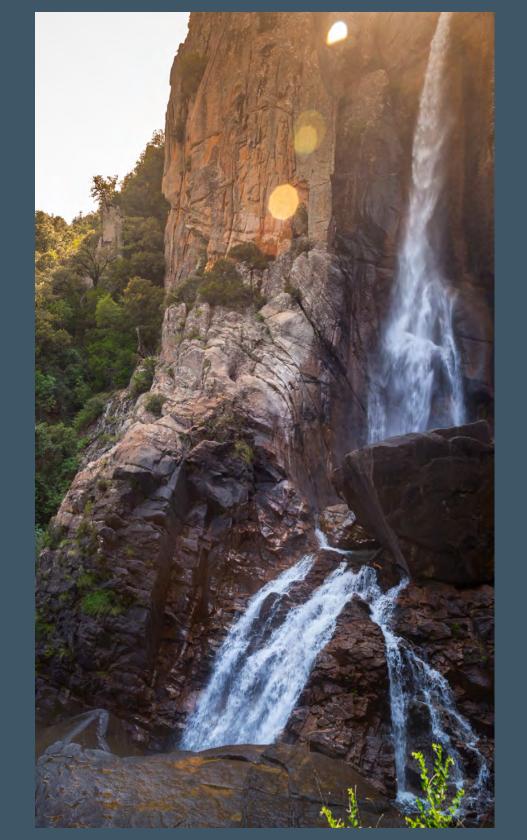


2022 Annual Report





Earth Island Institute is a nonprofit environmental organization and fiscal sponsor to more than seventy-five projects working in the areas of conservation, climate change solutions, environmental justice, women's environmental leadership, international initiatives, Indigenous communities, sustainable agriculture, community resilience, wildlife protection, and more. The organization includes a Project Support Program, which provides essential services and assistance for our projects; a legal division, Earth Island Advocates; a youth leadership program, New Leaders Initiative; and an award-winning magazine, *Earth Island Journal*. Founded in 1982 by legendary environmentalist David Brower, Earth Island Institute is one of the leading environmental activist organizations in the United States.

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

#### Dear Friends,

Earth Island's fiscal year 2021-2022 brought us to our 40th anniversary, providing a chance to reflect on our overall mission and accomplishments.

For the past four decades we've been at the forefront in the fight for the environment. We're maintaining a vision to honor and defend the natural world and its inhabitants by supporting a diverse and powerful network of projects. We support grassroots action, provide legal protection to defend important causes, report on environmental issues, and celebrate the next generation of environmental leaders.

We do this because we revere the miracle of the natural world, its beauty and wholeness. And we believe that reversing the perilous environmental course we are on requires all of us to step up, connect, and take action. In the words of our founder David Brower, "We seek a renewed stirring of love for the Earth."

Under our **Project Support Program**, we have grown our network to 80 projects covering a range of environmental issues, including protecting wildlife, addressing the threat of plastic pollution, fighting for environmental justice, and restoring degraded forests, wetlands, and rivers.

**Earth Island Advocates** serves as our legal arm to defend irreplaceable resources, wild spaces, and wildlife that are vital to a healthy planet. We have launched critical legal actions against

major corporations for their plastic pollution, supported efforts to stop the killing of wolves and other predators, and succeeded in our lawsuit to protect frontline communities from toxic chemical dispersants.

Our publication, *Earth Island Journal*, has been tirelessly sounding the alarm on the planetary crisis. Both in quarterly print editions and daily online posts, we provide investigative reporting, essays, and analyses from around the world. The *Journal* has received numerous media awards for excellence in journalism.

Our **New Leaders Initiative** successfully produced our 22nd consecutive year of the Brower Youth Awards for six young environmental activists from around North America and recognized their amazing boldness and enthusiasm. The winners are tackling — and solving — some of the biggest environmental problems of our time. They provide such a ray of hope at a pivotal time in our planet's trajectory.

I'm so proud of the accomplishments we've made in the past year, and excited for our continued commitment to growing a vibrant network to preserve, protect, and restore the Earth.

Best wishes, David Phillips Executive Director

# MISSION STATEMENT

Earth Island supports environmental action projects and celebrates the next generation of leaders in order to achieve solutions to the environmental crises threatening the survival of life on Earth.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2020	2021	2022
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 7,496,222	\$ 6,642,560	\$ 4,995,611
Accounts Receivable	1,268,146	1,023,018	3,625,137
Fixed Assets	1,020,762	971,404	903,315
Investments	8,213,168	15,738,183	15,694,226
Deposit for Land Purchase	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000
Other assets	304,067	282,857	296,934
Total Assets	22,402,365	28,758,022	29,615,223
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	314,832	396,357	113,279
Deferred Revenue	47,341	100,028	148,528
PPP Loan Payable	1,530,727		
Other Liabilities	479,450	508,974	566,869
Total Liabilities	2,372,350	1,005,359	828,676
Net Assets	20,030,015	27,752,663	28,786,547

Earth Island Institute is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. Our fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. Our financial 990 reports and yearly independent audits are available on our website at earthisland.org.

### SELECT FINANCIAL DATA

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES	2020	2021	2022	
INCOME				
Contributions and Grants	\$ 17,729,939	\$19,020,122	\$24,872,050	
Program Service Revenue	2,050,249	1,512,431	1,869,691	
Investment Income	78,865	2,838,619	(1,939,525)	
Other Income	231,077	77,831	55,032	
Total Income	20,090,130	23,449,003	24,857,248	
EXPENSES				
Program Service Expenses	16,242,471	13,720,465	21,070,428*	
Administrative Expenses	1,069,510	1,213,102	1,614,339	
Fundraising Expenses	741,032	792,788	1,138,597	
Total Expenses	18,053,013	15,726,355	23,823,364	
Revenue Less Expenses	2,037,117	7,722,648	1,033,884	

<sup>\*</sup> See page 8 for the 2021 program service expenses by major program categories.

### SELECT FINANCIAL DATA

**Program Service Expenses – Total** 

#### 2022 PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES — BY MAJOR PROGRAM CATEGORIES

Earth Island Advocates		133,693
Earth Island Journal		337,849
New Leaders Initiative and Brower Youth Awards		200,155
Climate Change Solutions		1,746,943
Community Resilience		791,445
Conservation		5,273,944
Environmental Education		1,298,648
Environmental Justice		346,856
Indigenous Communities		919,325
International Initiatives		199,604
Oceans and Water		473,101
Pollution and Toxics		3,263,919
Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems		2,918,745
Wildlife Protection		1,493,811
Women's Environmental Leadership		1,563,544
Youth Empowerment		108,846
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### PROJECT SUPPORT PROGRAM



Earth Island's Project Support Program provides essential services and support for new and established projects working across a spectrum of bold environmental initiatives. Since our founding in 1982, we have helped launch over 200 projects. Some have remained with Earth Island for the entirety of their existence, while others have spun off to become independent nonprofit organizations. In fiscal year 2022, our Project Support Program provided services for 83 projects located across the United States and around the world. A designated program advisor works with each project to coordinate financial and administrative operations, technical assistance, and expert consultation that helps them succeed in the growth and development of their initiatives. By providing an institutional home with a robust infrastructure and systems, we have become a social impact platform for community groups and activist leaders responding to today's urgent environmental challenges.

### **Overview**

In fiscal year 2021-2022, Earth Island:

- Provided fiscal sponsorship support for 83 projects
- Onboarded two new projects and decommissioned six projects
- Processed combined revenue of \$24,857,000 and expenses of \$23,823,000, including \$1.3 million in donated equipment and services
  - Received \$14.7 million in grants on behalf of projects
  - Made \$1.1 million in grants to other organizations on behalf of projects
    - Supported 216 employees in 32 states and Puerto Rico

Average project tenure: 10 years; 32 projects have been with Earth Island for more than 10 years

#### **Conservation** *Impact*

Following several recent victories, The Kelly Creek
Protection Project is advancing its campaign to protect a
58-acre parcel of land in Petaluma, California, from excessive
suburban development. The project aims to expand the
adjacent Helen Putnam Regional Park, including a new
trailhead for public access.

In advocating for the protection of primary forests in the United States and throughout the world, **Wild Heritage** has created the first-ever map of mature and old-growth forests in the lower 48 states. Their leadership and expertise has been welcomed by the Biden administration as well as steering committees and global organizations working to support biodiversity and climate-change solutions.

On Ometepe Island, Nicaragua, **Guias Unidos** moved to a larger, more central location for its Centro PUMA (United Protectors of the Environment Center). The new center has become a vibrant place for community organizing and classes that support environmental conservation and ecotourism.

After several years in development, **South Coast Habitat Restoration** completed the largest fish passage project in Santa Barbara County, California. In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, South Coast Habitat Restoration restored more than three miles of creek habitat in Los Padres National Forest for the federally endangered steelhead trout.

Striving to keep the public informed, the **John Muir Project** initiated and produced a series of well-attended webinars on the importance of wildfire ecology and forest protection. The project also worked on legal and legislative fronts to enforce currently existing conservation laws and create policies that maintain natural processes for biodiversity and climate change mitigation.



In partnership with Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda, **Viva Sierra Gorda** worked to protect the Sierra Gorda Biosphere
Reserve in Mexico by placing 37 acres of land into
conservation and supporting the local economy through a
beekeeper training program that served more than 50
people.

#### **Climate Change Solutions**

In East Africa, **Women's Climate Centers International** conducted an assessment of its pilot climate center in Uganda to gauge the success of their climate-smart programs, discovering high adoption rates for energy-saving cookstoves, the creation of tree nurseries, and the development of bio-intensive farming techniques.

In Ghana, **ÉnergieRich** spearheaded a program to build solar panels and organize STEM workshops for more than 200 local K–12 students. The experience, said many participants, was life-changing. They were able to advance their knowledge, gain new skills, develop business strategies, and increase creativity, all while working toward climate justice.

**Nature in the City** provides a critical connection to nature for the residents of San Francisco through expert-led nature walks and habitat restoration projects, in addition to supporting local climate change solutions. Their partnership with a green careers group engaged more than 250 youth on climate curriculum, sustainability planning, water and carbon retention in soils, native plant nurseries, and growing foods to support communities in need.

Working with state agencies and partners, **Green Schoolyards America** launched the California Schoolyard
Forest System (SM), which seeks to increase tree canopy on
public school grounds across California to shade and protect
PK–12 students from extreme heat due to climate change.



#### Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems

One of the signature accomplishments of the **California Climate and Agriculture Network** (CalCAN) has been to advocate for the creation, funding, and effective implementation of a suite of climate-smart agriculture programs that to date have invested more than \$700 million in farms and ranches throughout California. In addition, CalCAN worked in coalition to secure \$457 million for farmworker housing, biological farming practices, transition to organic farming, technical assistance for socially-disadvantaged farmers, beginning farmer training, healthy food infrastructure for school kitchens, food banks and senior nutrition programs, and urban agriculture.

Through an apprenticeship program that includes residents from a nearby low-income housing development, **Friends of Alemany Farm** has been able to offer jobs, training, and community at Alemany Farm, a 3.5-acre organic farm in southeast San Francisco. "I have never felt so seen or respected in a work environment. It feels like a family here," said one participant.



In a portion of Southern Oregon devastated by wildfire, **Cultivate Oregon** hosted a fire recovery event called "Seeding Hope," at which they made seed balls with fire survivors who launched the seed balls to revegetate the burn areas. The event brought hope to people having a hard time rebuilding their lives.

**Castanea Fellowship** supported eight of its fellows as they took their learning, skills, and leadership to new realms in the food systems arena; launched a podcast with BIPOC food leaders that had more than 1,000 downloads; and held two successful in-person immersions, increasing collaboration between diverse fellows, and creating new synergy, partnerships, and projects.

**Food Shift** formulated, produced, and released a 100 percent locally upcycled dog treat with the help of its culinary apprentices who are overcoming employment discrimination. The project also recovered 200,000 pounds of food for community members facing food insecurity.

With the support of **Mississippi Farm to School Network**, community allies such as local churches and homeschool co-ops were able to expand their work in farm-to-school activities. As a result of their leadership, a new community garden now sits in the middle of an underserved neighborhood on the Mississippi coast.

Through their virtual town hall meetings with local and state elected officials, environmental groups, and the public, **Save Our Soil** increased awareness of the environmental impacts of toxic fertilizers and sewage sludge in Washington state. As knowledge grows about the dangers, hazardous practices are closer to being abolished.

Through **EcoVillage Farm Learning Center**'s beekeeper apprenticeship program, eight graduates conducted a beekeeping workshop for more than 250 community residents and committed to training others interested in creating a healthy environment for bees and people.

#### **Environmental** *Justice*

Fighting to protect their community from polluting industries, **Rise St. James** scored a major legal victory when a judge reversed the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's decision to issue air permits that Formosa Plastics needed to build its proposed petrochemical complex in St. James Parish. When the decision was issued, Sharon Lavigne, founder and president of Rise St. James, said, "Stopping Formosa Plastics has been a fight for our lives, and today David has toppled Goliath."

People of the Global Majority in the Outdoors, Nature, and Environment (PGM ONE), which creates affinity spaces for Black, Indigenous, and people of color (people of the global majority), continues to offer its monthly virtual programs that reach hundreds of participants. As pandemic restrictions subside, the project looks forward to meeting again in person to share, learn, collaborate, heal, build community, and live out a vision of racial equity in environmentalism.

"Thank you for opening my world, my community, my understanding of how powerful we are as people of the global majority. Thank you for strengthening my confidence in fighting our fight together, in solidarity."

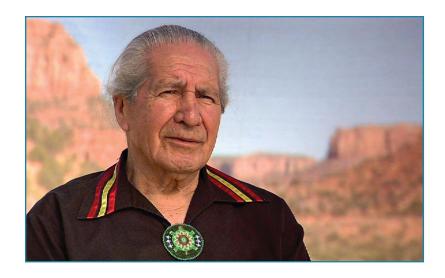
— PGM ONE participant

**EcoEquity** collaborated on a major strategy report for the International Climate Action Network that is informing global policy on the philosophy of fair shares, which supports protecting nature and the poor from climate change impacts generated by wealthy, industrialized nations.

Organizing for better trade policies, the **California Trade Justice Coalition** worked to make tests and treatments for Covid-19 more accessible internationally and helped recruit more than 180 organizations in support of a clause in trade agreements to improve climate policies.

#### **Indigenous** *Communities*

In early 2022, **Indigenous Energy Initiative** developed the first residential solar array on Standing Rock to produce 100 percent of one family's power needs from the sun. This project was built by young trainees from five different tribes. Since its commissioning, the system has produced more energy than the family has used. This not only saves them thousands of dollars, but also allows them to buy food, clothing, and medicine.



Turning to its rich trove of audio recordings, **Sacred Land Film Project** completed three more segments of the *Sacred Land Audio Archive*, a series of outtakes and interviews with Indigenous leaders and leading environmentalists sharing their thoughts on traditional sacred lands, human rights, and the environment.

While coordinating local campaigns to fight industrial logging operations in Malaysian Borneo, **The Borneo Project** and its coalition successfully advanced conservation efforts for the Upper Baram Forest Area, an Indigenous-managed forest protection project.

Keeping up its work to catalyze the power of vulnerable populations and ignite community capacity, **EFCWest** provided training and technical assistance to communities, states, local agencies, organizations, and Native American tribes to help them increase funding, pursue new opportunities, manage their resources, and plan for a successful future.

Acting in kinship and building community in order to seed solutions based on respect, honor, and mutual care, **Seeding Sovereignty** mobilized divestment actions across the country to stop the extraction of fossil fuels, grew its action network to support climate and social justice petitions, and expanded the acreage of its farm and garden program in New Mexico to serve and nourish more community members.

#### **Environmental Arts**

In addition to reaching hundreds of people with their workshops and events, **Food Culture Collective** (formerly Real Food Real Stories) published a widely-read article on the power of centering BIPOC narratives in an evolving national conversation at the intersection of cultural strategy and food justice. The article generated several workshops with other organizations that questioned patronizing narratives on reforming food systems and sparked conversations around different solutions.

The California Native Ways Festival, produced by the **California Institute for Community, Art, and Nature**, continues to bring some of the most accomplished California Indian traditional artisans to the general public in Berkeley, California, and beyond. The festival educates, informs, and delights thousands of attendees in person and online while providing direct income to the artisans.



#### **Environmental Education**

Congratulations are in order for **Kids for the Bay**, which celebrated its 30th anniversary. Since 1992, more than 100,000 young student environmentalists have graduated from their programs. Over the years, they also provided curricula, support, training, and resources for more than 4,000 partner teachers and engaged more than 12,000 parent volunteers.

In their San Francisco Bay Area community, the **Numi Foundation** reached more than 18,000 low-income elementary school students through their gardening and arts education initiative. The project also worked globally to provide clean, safe drinking water to more than 80,000 people, including in Ukraine, just after the Russian invasion.

Junior Wildlife Ranger has increased access to environmental education for kids through outdoor activities and materials. Their recently released Ohlone Audubon Adventure booklet reached audiences throughout the United States, motivating kids to explore new places and encouraging them to see their own environments in a new way.

One of Earth Island's newest projects, **Garden for the Environment** is San Francisco's dedicated site for gardening education, training 20 young people in a 90-hour garden program, expanding their field trips for elementary and middle school students, and offering 42 workshops that taught more than 700 participants about regenerative gardening practices.

**Conservation Kids** took dozens of young adults ages 13 to 19 into the field with professional cameras to document the natural world. Participants were asked to look through the camera with environmental protection in mind and to imagine how they could connect people to nature through their photographs. Many parents have thanked Conservation Kids for the positive impact of this workshop on their children.

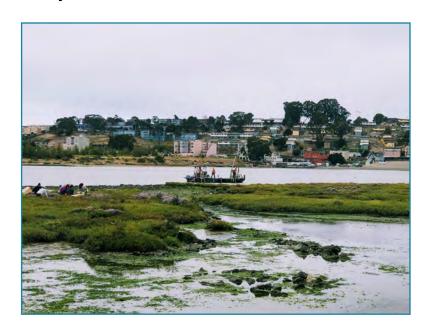


In West Contra Costa County, California, students are saying that the garden program run by **West County DIGS** is one of their favorite activities, and they are chatting with their parents about what they learn. "Whenever James comes home with seeds or a baby plant from the garden, it leads to a great conversation," said one parent. One student made tea for his mother with the mint he brought home from the garden. "I think the time [my child] spends outside and in the garden is really essential to helping him understand our food supply chain and the work it takes to make sure we all have access to food," said another parent.

**Public Lands Media** continued reporting on topics critical to the preservation of public lands, such as wildfire ecology, livestock grazing, and forest service policies. More than 200 commentaries were published through blogs and in media outlets, primarily in the Western United States, with readers expressing appreciation for information and analysis on issues that are often underreported.

#### **Protecting Oceans and Water**

**All One Ocean** educated hundreds of participants on the impacts of litter on oceans and waterways through their beach cleanup programs. And their Ocean Warriors youth leadership initiative nurtures future environmental stewards through the use of stories, videos, and an interactive presentation on the causes of ocean pollution, the importance of watersheds, and how human behavior affects these systems.



**Wild Oyster Project** used 2,000 pounds of its cured oyster shells to support a shoreline stabilization project in the Bayview–Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco, saving a beloved local park in the process.

Fighting to protect the Chilkat River Valley in Alaska from a mining project, **Alaska Clean Water Advocacy** worked with local and regional allies to prevent the mine's attempts to make inroads into the area with a wastewater treatment plant and a terminal at the local dock.

In sensitive marine areas in Malaysia, **Stop Fish Bombing** continues to advance its state-of-the-art bomb-detection technology and expand its coverage area to prevent fish bombing, which indiscriminately kills marine life and devastates coral reefs. In areas where the project operates, fish bombing has been reduced by up to 70 percent.

Through **Baikal Watch**'s support for, and cooperation with, leading environmental groups in the western Pacific, the project was able to help rescue more than 150 fur seals, sea lions, and other marine mammals that were found dangerously entangled in fishing gear and other plastic flotsam in the larger rookeries in the northeastern reaches of Asia.

The International Marine Mammal Project released *The Plastics Plague: Marine Mammals and Our Oceans in Peril*, a detailed report on the impacts of ocean plastic pollution on marine life that is being used to inform the public and policymakers about the crisis and steps that can be taken to implement solutions, some of which are already being adopted.

#### **Preventing Pollution and Toxics**

As a result of its 2021 legal victory, **The ALERT Project** looks forward to seeing in 2023, per a court order, that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency update its decades-old regulations on the use of toxic chemical dispersants in oil spill responses. In the meantime, the project continues to build a coalition among public, legal, and political forces to protect human health and the environment from the toxic impacts of petrochemicals.

As a result of a **Plastic Pollution Coalition** (PPC) co-led petition, the White House announced that the Department of the Interior will stop selling single-use plastics in national parks. PPC also collaborated with the review app Yelp to make it easier for consumers to find restaurants that use plastic-free packaging, worked with allies to drive the creation of a global plastics treaty, and developed a campaign to encourage the entertainment industry to reduce its use of single-use plastics.

#### Youth **Empowerment**

**Bay Area Wilderness Training** (BAWT) has been able to support youth in Oakland, California, through a strategic partnership with Oakland Goes Outdoors. Over the last year, more than 2,000 Oakland Unified School District young people have gone on trips supported by BAWT gear and youth-leader training courses. The participants share stories about the positive impact of being in nature with their peers on their emotional, mental, and social well-being.

We must solve the democracy crisis before we solve the environmental crisis. With that in mind, the educational tools created by **Ultimate Civics** are engaging U.S. students in how their government works and inspiring them to advocate on issues critical to their future. "This curriculum is great for teaching students how to create an action plan that they can implement in their communities and nationwide," said one educator.



After a pandemic hiatus and shift to virtual programs, **Youth Empowered Action Camp (YEA Camp)** held its first in-person camp in three years, empowering aspiring activists to make a bigger impact in the world. Many campers said it was the best experience of their lives.

#### **International** *Initiatives*

Working in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, **The Altai Project** launched its first major raptor conservation initiative in Kazakhstan and developed an environmental media project focusing on the war in Ukraine. In addition, the project worked to protect more than 120,000 acres of high conservation value forest and montane habitat in Eurasia.

**Transition Earth** collaborated with partner organizations throughout the world on webinars and workshops that increased awareness of the effects of population growth and unsustainable resource use on people and the planet.

Despite the impacts of the pandemic on international travel, **Ethical Traveler** worked with the ecotourism departments at two universities to educate students on the philosophy of ethical travel and participated in a number of conferences on sustainable travel and tourism.

Even with encroaching development and political unrest, **Serengeti Watch** and its Tanzanian partner, the Serengeti Preservation Foundation, have been able to launch initiatives that empower the local community and create more food security in the face of climate change.

#### Wildlife Protection

**Wild Hope** published the tenth volume of its gorgeously produced magazine with inspirational stories about wildlife rehabilitators, human and animal peaceful coexistence, nature's resilience, and some of the planet's most fascinating species.

Partnering with several organizations in Seattle, **Raptors Are The Solution (RATS)** embarked on a demonstration project that used alternatives to toxic rodenticides in a redevelopment area and achieved a 90 percent reduction in the rat population. Eliminating rodenticides will prevent the poisoning of non-target wildlife.



When **SAVE International** started in 1997, there were 500 black-faced spoonbills in the world. The count is now 6,162, and the endangered bird is on the road to recovery. The project continues to provide vital habitat and community plans, research, and advocacy along the spoonbill's flyway.

**Project Coyote** took bold action for wolves, winning a lawsuit in Wisconsin to stop the impending wolf slaughter and launching a similar suit in Montana to save wolves in the crosshairs of politically-motivated extremists. The project also launched a new collaborative initiative to protect carnivores and promote rewilding across the Mississippi River watershed.

The **WildFutures** Earth Legacy Alliance program has helped raise and leverage funds totaling more than \$175,000 for effective organizations working on climate change, species extinction, and environmental injustices affecting marginalized communities. The project also distributed 40,000 copies of its California mountain lion brochure featuring important information on the benefits of mountain lions to ecosystem health.

After years of applying political pressure, **Shark Stewards** finally saw Congress usher through and President Biden sign into law the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, as well as a bill



that will phase out the use of harmful large mesh drift gillnets in federal waters off the coast of California. Shark Stewards also worked on the protection of shark and ray species at the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

#### **Community Resilience**

In addition to its public educational workshops, the **California Urban Streams Partnership** protected a one-mile stretch of steelhead and wildlife creek habitat, completed a neighborhood "pocket park" and stream restoration project, and developed a plan for taking out an old flood control channel and restoring it as a half-mile natural creek going through a residential and business district in Northern California.

As part of its program to support those impacted by incarceration with green career pathways, **The Green Life** has been training several individuals to become watershed educators — an experience that connects clean water and human health to the web of life.

#### Women's Environmental *Leadership*

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, **Women's Earth Alliance** launched a Covid and Climate Resiliency Program to activate emergency relief and climate-smart projects. In Uganda, 100 women and girls established 18 new tree nurseries to provide seedlings and generate income and planted 160 fruit trees for food security and sustainable wood harvesting.

With its activities rooted in the One Health approach, a framework embraced by leading global health organizations that recognizes the interconnection of people, animals, plants, and their shared environment, **Ecovet Global** has brought One Health training to more than 55 women in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania. The rural women engaged in this training program have vaccinated and improved the health of more than 200 animals. Further, they have initiated soil-health and climate-resilient farming projects, water conservation and health projects, and human-wildlife mitigation projects in the two communities where the program launched.



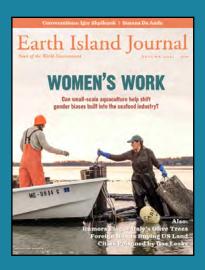
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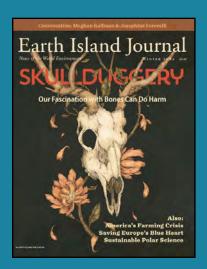
Since 2000, the New Leaders Initiative has celebrated and supported young environmental leaders throughout North America. Each year the New Leaders Initiative produces the Brower Youth Awards program, which honors the work of six outstanding young environmentalists, ages 13 to 22, for their leadership and achievements. Fiscal year 2022 recipients led diverse projects, which included developing a more just, inclusive, and equitable environmental movement; fostering interest in STEM education and coastal protection; advancing climate-related disaster preparedness and environmental justice; ending the toxic influence of fossil-fuel money on climate-change research in universities; developing a carbon-neutral program without the use of carbon offsets; and restoring numerous acres of Texas prairie lands. In addition to a cash prize and public recognition, the winners receive coaching, training, and peer support designed to provide them with the skills to advance their initiatives. More details about the winners and videos of their stories are available online at broweryouthawards.org.



Brower Youth Award winners (clockwise from top left): Ilana Cohen, Lauren Ejiaga, Amara Ifeji, Raghav Kalyanaraman, Hamid Torabzadeh, Annika Weber

### EARTH ISLAND JOURNAL









For nearly four decades, *Earth Island Journal* has been publishing articles that offer a unique wide-angle perspective and strive to make the connections between the environment and human rights and social justice issues. Over the course of more than 145 issues, the *Journal* has broken ground on covering critical environmental topics and has received a number of media awards for excellence in journalism.

In fiscal year 2022, the *Journal* published a mix of hard-hitting investigative features and reports from around the world in its print issues, including a cover story investigating the troubling world of wildlife killing contests in the U.S. where tens of thousands of coyotes, bobcats, foxes, and other wild animals are massacred every year for prize money; a feature from Puerto Rico, where scientists are racing to find a treatment for a mysterious and lethal disease that has been devouring coral populations with alarming speed; and on-the-ground reports from Argentine Patagonia where the Indigenous Mapuche people's efforts to reclaim their land are being met by increasing state violence, and more. The *Journal* also produced a special, extended print issue exploring a wide range of issues and solutions related to cities and their environmental impact.

Online, it kept up with its watch-dogging, highlighting cases of corporate and government malfeasance, amplifying the work of activists taking on fossil fuel companies, and raising up hopeful stories of local efforts to protect wildlife and build climate resilience. As always, it dedicated a large share of its coverage to issues at the intersection of race, gender, poverty, and the environment.

### EARTH ISLAND ADVOCATES

Earth Island Advocates uses the law to fight for justice for the planet's beautiful and varied ecosystems and inhabitants. With the combined knowledge and expertise of our grassroots project network and the pro bono resources of law firms, legal clinics, and nonprofit organizations, Earth Island Advocates is obtaining tangible results for the environment. In fiscal year 2022, Advocates filed lawsuits to prevent unlawful logging on federal land, achieved important advances in its corporate greenwashing litigation, and obtained settlements that protect wildlife.



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