

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



PRINCE ALBERT II  
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FOUNDATION

“ Taking positive action means first of all creating a shared destiny. It means explaining to all those with whom we share this planet that our futures are linked. Perpetually. Just as we are linked to the generations that will come after us, and with whom we must feel deeply united.

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco  
June 2019, Madrid



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Seldom in its recent history has our world harboured so many doubts concerning its future. Seldom, however, have we been strengthened by so many convictions.

These convictions have driven our efforts day after day, month after month, for the past 14 years at the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation: the need to safeguard the climate, to shift our energy model, to protect biodiversity and the most fragile ecosystems, to preserve the ocean, to manage water resources more efficiently and to change our relationship with nature to allow for a more sustainable, more responsible and more inclusive development.

Thanks to our teams, our 10 foreign branches, our many donors and benefactors, and our partners across the globe, the Foundation has maintained and intensified its commitments in 2019, as demonstrated in this report.

From the Arctic to Mali, from the Mediterranean to the Galapagos, from Burma to the Antarctic, we initiated or pursued numerous projects focused on the study and the conservation of biodiversity, worked for the development of renewable energies, contributed to gaining a better understanding of climate change and its effects, as well as to developing measures to mitigate it. We collaborated with scientific laboratories and NGOs, formed partnerships with innovative businesses and local associations, and developed awareness and mediation tools, so that everyone becomes aware of their responsibilities in the context of these global challenges.

We also worked to develop innovative and efficient international programmes and tools, from The MedFund trust fund, which continued its action to support Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean, to the Monk Seal Alliance, which is dedicated to protecting this species, not forgetting of course the various multilateral meetings in which we were actively involved – starting with the IPCC's Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere, which was presented in Monaco in the autumn.

This commitment to take action together has enabled us to mobilise so much goodwill, for which I am extremely grateful, and also to raise substantial funds throughout the year, especially on the occasion of the 3rd Gala for the Global Ocean.

These extremely positive results enable us to anticipate the future with peace of mind, despite the turbulent international context.

At a time when the many impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are prompting us to reinvent our world, it is crucial to ensure that environmental issues are at the heart of the solutions we develop.

Far from being a constraint, the new relationship with nature that we are seeking to promote is the only way that our world will be able to rebuild itself with fewer fears, less injustice and fewer tragedies. That is why the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation will continue more than ever to strive towards these priorities. That is my commitment and the commitment of all our teams.

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco



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# PROTECTING

Having witnessed the profound upheavals wrought by the effects of climate change on our ecosystems, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, a practical man and a visionary thinker, decided in June 2006 to set up a Foundation dedicated to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development at local and global level.

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation aspires to bring together scientists, political decision-makers and economic and civic stakeholders behind a vital objective for our future – that of protecting nature and biodiversity. The Foundation's action has led to some encouraging victories being won, whether in safeguarding threatened species or improving living conditions in rural communities by implementing new sustainable and ethical solutions. Every project supported represents another step forward for the Planet, whose state of health calls for more ambitious and decisive measures.

## TAKING ACTION TOGETHER

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

## THROUGH SPECIFIC WORK

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

## IN TARGETED AREAS

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

### KEY FIGURES

- 10** international branches
- 187** organisations given support for their field projects
- 119** partnerships signed with international organisations
- 541** projects supported since the Foundation was set up
- 65** million euros committed

### PROGRAMME BREAKDOWN

- Biodiversity and endangered species **182 projects**
- Studying climate change and its effects **121 projects**
- Developing Marine Protected Areas **65 projects**
- Integrated water resource management **60 projects**
- Developing energy efficiency and renewable energies **49 projects**
- Combatting deforestation **45 projects**
- Ocean acidification **13 projects**

### GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

- Europe and the Mediterranean **235 projects**
- Africa **128 projects**
- Polar Regions (Arctic and Antarctic) **91 projects**
- Asia **37 projects**
- North and South America **23 projects**
- Oceania **21 projects**

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



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



# 2019 IN FIGURES

## FINANCIAL COMMITMENT BY ACTION AREA

€ 316 556	Ocean acidification
€ 1 980 443	Biodiversity knowledge
€ 1 015 733	Protecting endangered species
€ 550 263	Developing energy efficiency and renewable energies
€ 2 178 879	Developing Marine Protected Areas
€ 1 003 444	Studying climate change
€ 458 698	Integrated water resource management
€ 528 469	Combatting deforestation



## PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

### Project selection process:

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

### Consistency with the Foundation's spheres of action:

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

### Priority geographical areas:

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

### Nature of the project:

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

### Impact and added value of the project:

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

### Competence and expertise of the project leader:

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

### Activities not supported by the Foundation:

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

In 2019, **179 projects** were received and examined  
**40** were shortlisted and presented to the Scientific and Technical Committee.  
**34 projects** were then presented to the Board of Directors.  
**28 projects were accepted.**



# PROJECTS

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With the extreme weather disturbances that marked 2019, further increasing pressure on local communities and ecosystems, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is stepping up initiatives on the ground, alongside its partners, scientists and civil society, to combat the deterioration in our Planet's health. Whether they are finding out more about the biodiversity that surrounds us, protecting threatened terrestrial and marine species, or helping transition our economies towards a cleaner, more sustainable model, the projects supported by the Foundation pursue the same essential goal: redressing the balance in our relationship with nature to guarantee a shared future for humanity.

## BIODIVERSITY KNOWLEDGE AND PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

THE EXPERT'S VIEW

### STRENGTHENING HUMAN-ELEPHANT COEXISTENCE IN SOUTHERN TANZANIA

Project leader: Southern Tanzania Elephant Program

Elephants are one of Africa's most emblematic species and at the same time one of the most endangered, due to habitat loss, poaching, pollution and human population pressure. However, one thing is clear: if the elephants are to be saved, the only way is for local African communities to take control of the situation themselves. This is absolutely crucial. If farmers living in the same area as the elephants can find solutions for the two to coexist and take positive action in this direction, the elephants will be saved. The necessary measures must of course be long-term and sustainable. This is a very promising project because it relies both on detailed knowledge of the local situation and on sound scientific knowledge of elephant biology. It is absolutely essential for the local population to work closely together and their trust to be gained; this is guaranteed by the fact that the majority of people involved in the project are local ♦

**Bedrich Moldan – Member of the Scientific and Technical Committee**



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### REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION TO PRESERVE THE CORAL REEFS IN PALAU

Project leader: Monaco Scientific Centre with the Palau International Coral Reef Center

The pollution of our ocean with plastic waste, especially microplastics, is a major issue for the health of marine ecosystems. Because plastic particles are highly resistant to decomposition, they remain present in the marine environment for many years, with grave consequences. Plastic pollution is particularly prevalent in tropical regions where it has an impact on coral reefs. The study carried out as part of this project has resulted in a better understanding of the harmful effects of microplastic pollution on the health of coral organisms; it has also been a means of informing and educating local populations with a view to developing appropriate management strategies to preserve these precious ecosystems ♦

**STUDYING THE LITTLE-KNOWN RESOURCES DEEP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

Project leader: Andromède Océanologie

This project studies, photographs and promotes a better understanding of the little-known biodiversity hotspots found at depths of 60 to 120 metres below the surface of the Mediterranean. Sending scuba divers to explore these deep-sea resources with no time limits is a major technical, human and sporting feat and a world first. The Gombessa V Expedition took up the challenge of this unique deep-sea exploration along a section of the French and Monaco coastline, combining saturation diving and recreational deep-sea diving techniques. This innovative initiative to further knowledge and raise awareness was made possible by the collaboration of the French professional diving institute (INPP) and Andromède Océanologie.

Four divers had the unprecedented experience of living in a 5-sqm pressurised chamber for 15 days, making daily sorties in the -100m zone to explore the lush and still little-known depths. Thanks to state-of-the-art scientific techniques, the divers were able to gather proof of an astonishing abundance of life deep in the Mediterranean, which was previously considered impoverished or damaged. At a time when there is indisputable evidence of climate upheaval and species extinction, the discovery of new, rich and previously unobserved marine areas rings out as a message of hope ♦



ABOVE:  
GOMBESSA V EXPEDITION  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN  
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THE EXPERT'S VIEW

**STUDYING AND PROTECTING BIVALVE MOLLUSCS ENDEMIC TO THE BAY OF KOTOR**

Project leader: Institute of Marine Biology, Kotor / Paul Ricard Oceanography Institute / IMEDMAR Valencia Catholic University

It is the largest shell in the world and can reach 1.20m in length. Today it is particularly endangered: it is the noble pen shell (*Pinna nobilis* L.) also known as the fan mussel. The fibres, called byssus, which the animal secretes and which are used to fix itself vertically in the sandy bottoms covered with *Posidonia* meadows, have long been woven to create various clothes or gloves, particularly fine but very warm. Today, however, populations of large mother-of-pearl are being decimated by a unicellular parasite.

The Prince Albert II Foundation supports several projects concerning this emblematic Mediterranean species. One of them, the PinnaSpot programme, took place in Montenegro, in the Bay of Cattaro, or mouth of Kotor (Boka Kotorska), a site listed as a World Heritage Site. Researchers from the Institute of Marine Biology of the University of Montenegro, in collaboration with the Paul Ricard Institute of Oceanography and the Catholic University Institute of Valencia (IMEDMAR, Spain), studied the biology of the great mother-of-pearl from 2016 to 2019. This study made it possible to sequence the genome of this animal but also to develop devices for collecting larvae and rearing them under controlled conditions. The young Pinna, reared in the laboratory, reached a height of about 25 centimetres in a year and a half. This work, which has already led to several publications, is now providing tools that will be invaluable in ensuring the conservation of this animal ♦

**Denis Allemand - Member of the Scientific and Technical Committee**

**PROTECTING THE NORTHERN BALD IBIS IN NORTHERN MOROCCO**

Project leader: BirdLife

BELOW:  
BALD IBIS COLONY  
IN MOROCCO  
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The (previously critically) endangered Northern Bald Ibis population has doubled in Morocco since 1994, reaching more than 110 breeding pairs. Thanks to the financial support of the Foundation since 2009, colonies in Morocco's Souss-Massa National Park are being monitored and protected with considerable success; the past two breeding seasons have been the best ever observed. The trend must be maintained and made permanent by stepping up the national commitment and number of acquisitions. This project aims to contribute to the International Single Species Action Plan by maintaining autonomous wild populations in Morocco alongside socio-economic development, with four specific objectives: to protect the northern bald ibis' breeding and feeding areas from disturbance and other threats; to raise awareness in the public and private sectors of the northern bald ibis and the need to protect it at national and local level in Morocco; to promote understanding of the benefits of protecting the species among the local communities living close to breeding and feeding sites; and lastly, to increase the capabilities of national NGO GREPOM and its local partners. Community resources will be boosted to support the protection of the ibis, with the focus on revenue-generating initiatives such as ecotourism ♦





## DEVELOPING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGIES

### BOOSTING EMPLOYMENT IN THE JORDANIAN ENERGY SECTOR

Project leader: ICU - Istituto per la Cooperazione Universitaria Onlus

The Greater Irbid Municipality, with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, has committed to creating a pilot sustainable waste management plant to tackle the environmental and social challenges arising from the growing influx of Syrian refugees in the Irbid Governorate. Their presence has resulted in an increased need for water and energy resources for the city's public services and a growing amount of waste. Poor waste management, due to the lack of sustainable treatment techniques, is having a

damaging effect on the environment. The project is addressing those issues and the area's high rate of unemployment by helping to install a 100 kWp photovoltaic system to power the pilot plastic and paper recycling plant, while at the same time creating employment: 30% of the plant's 40 employees will be trained Syrian refugees. The Foundation will also support the plant's and the Municipality's personnel monitoring programme to ensure that it is managed sustainably from an economic, social and environmental standpoint ♦

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### RENEWABLE ENERGIES SUPPORTING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MALI

Project leader: Groupe Energies Renouvelables, Environnement et Solidarités (GERES)

In the cotton-growing areas of the Sahel, families are being forced to leave because of poor crop yields due to soil degradation and lack of access to energy for production. In 2015, GERES established an Electrified Enterprise Zone in the rural community of Konséguéla, supplied with electricity from a combination of solar energy and pure vegetable oil (PVO) derived from *Jatropha* seeds. This oil contributes to the region's energy autonomy as part of a 100% renewable energy mix that provides a more efficient and

sustainable electricity supply for the centre, as well as offering more guarantees for local businesses. This project, located in the Kita Cercle in the Kayes region of Mali, involves creating a new Electrified Enterprise Zone running off an energy mix calculated according to the potential needs and opportunities arising from the local area's forecast agricultural, social and economic development. The rural communities will benefit from new services and local products as well as new employment prospects ♦



### “UN MENAGE, UNE LAMPE SOLAIRE”: ECO-FRIENDLY ENERGY IN THE SAVANES REGION OF TOGO

Project leader: Association Togolaise pour le Développement de l'Énergie Solaire (ATODES/Ed)

*Un ménage, une lampe solaire* (one solar lamp for every household) is a project that imports environmentally-friendly LED solar lamp components to be assembled by young electricians in workshops set up in participating villages. The assembled lamps and solar panels will be leased/sold on a daily instalment plan to households in villages without mains electricity.

The project was initiated by ATODES/Ed based on recommendations made during the assessment phase of the 'Solar energy for the domestic needs of Togolese households' project and on rural lighting data collected in order to understand how to provide good lighting cheaply to populations in remote rural areas. The solar lamps will replace traditional oil lamps, storm lanterns, battery-powered lamps and candles. The aim is to reduce poverty, provide a solution to the problems of deforestation and help reduce the greenhouse gas emissions, both direct and indirect, of the residential sub-sector in the Savanes region of Togo, given that the forests act as CO<sub>2</sub> pumps and carbon stores ♦

## DEVELOPING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

### SUSTAINABLY MANAGING NATURAL MARINE RESOURCES IN MOZAMBIQUE

Project leader: The Marine Megafauna Foundation (MMF)

The waters of Mozambique, one of the poorest countries in the world, harbour a rich abundance of marine biodiversity. Inhambane Province is one of the rare places where whale sharks and manta rays are found all year round. The drastic decline of these species signals an environmental, social and economic crisis in the region. The tourism and traditional fishing sectors, both essential to the economy, are under immediate threat from current destructive fishing practices.

Through an innovative educational policy, cutting-edge research and the commitment of local people, the Marine Megafauna Foundation is tackling the root causes by making local populations responsible for managing their marine resources sustainably and protecting biodiversity. By setting up an effective network of locally managed marine areas (LMMA) along the Inhambane coast and through better fishery management, the project hopes to reduce the threats to the most vulnerable species and help local populations to preserve their precious natural resources for future generations ♦



### PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES FROM INDUSTRIAL FISHING IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC

Project leader: Galapagos Conservation Trust

The Galapagos Marine Reserve (GMR) is one of the last places on earth with a high concentration of sharks and turtles, including endangered species such as the scalloped hammerhead, the whale shark, the green sea turtle and the leatherback sea turtle.

However, owing to their migratory behaviour, many species move beyond the protective boundary of the GMR to areas where industrial fishing vessels gather

in large numbers. The GMR and Cocos Island, both inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, are the two areas with the greatest biodiversity in the Tropical Eastern Pacific. The data gathered from studying species mobility suggest that they move between the two marine reserves along the Cocos Ridge. By helping to protect this migration route from industrial fishing more effectively, the project will improve conservation prospects for these species ♦

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#### THE EXPERT'S VIEW

### STUDYING CETACEANS IN THE ANTARCTIC TO IMPROVE CONSERVATION

Project leader: Whale and Dolphin Conservation

Many aspects of this proposal make it worthy of the Foundation's support: focus on the ocean, species studied, renowned scientists and research institutions involved, unobtrusive project within a long-term (10-year) data collection effort to provide a robust reference for planned policy initiatives, and links between climate change and environmental conditions. The Scientific and Technical Committee took into consideration the soundness of the proposed research methodology, the synergies with other international efforts in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, the effective collaboration with Argentinian institutions and

the specific reference to disseminating the data to the IWC, Antarctic Treaty partners and CCAMLR. The organisation promptly provided additional explanations and detailed revisions on request to answer some of the Committee's questions. Supporting research to inform conservation in a sentinel region like the Western Antarctic Peninsula is critical in order to monitor environmental and species reaction to climate change on one hand and to promote further protection of this high-value biodiversity area on the other ♦

Sylvie Goyet – Member of the Scientific and Technical Committee



## STUDYING CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS EFFECTS

### BANNING THE USE OF HEAVY FUEL OIL IN SHIPPING TO PROTECT THE ARCTIC ECOSYSTEM

Project leader: Seas at Risk

The project aims to protect the Arctic's unique ecosystem and its inhabitants by banning the use of heavy fuel oil (HFO) on ships by 2021. This global-scale project will focus particularly on the Arctic and Mediterranean regions, calling for the commitment of politicians, local government, industry and the media to guarantee its success. It follows a campaign supporting the ban that brought the issue before the International

Maritime Organization (IMO), the UN agency that makes decisions affecting international shipping. The project's core tasks include raising awareness among the IMO's principal member states, mainly in the Arctic and the Mediterranean, as well as in industry of the need to support the HFO ban, conducting research into possible alternatives and strengthening local engagement and support ♦

BELOW:  
ACTIVE TEACHING WITH  
THE OFFICE FOR CLIMATE  
EDUCATION  
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### EDUCATING SCHOOLCHILDREN ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS EFFECTS

Project leader: La Main à la Pâte Foundation

A number of scientific institutions and NGOs convened in September 2017 and decided to set up an Office for Climate Education (OCE) to promote international scientific, educational and operational cooperation in order to educate the young generations about climate change.

The project aims to support the publication of IPCC reports until 2022 with quality teaching resources for teachers to use across the school years, with particular emphasis on the 9 to 15 age group, as well as a variety of professional development opportunities for teachers.

Throughout the 2018–2022 period, the OCE and its associated network is following the publication of IPCC reports with quality, multilingual, copyright-free teaching resources developed with the scientific community in the form of IPCC report summaries and multimedia activities to promote active learning. At the same time, the project aims to establish a varied professional development offer for teachers. While developing countries will be treated as a priority, initiatives will also be carried out globally ♦

### INCREASING KNOWLEDGE OF CETACEANS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Project leader: Sea Proven

The Sphyrna Odyssey 2019 mission, which harnesses the qualities of Sphyrna drones or USVs, also called autonomous laboratory vessels, is led by its Scientific Director, Professor Hervé Glotin, of the Université de Toulon/CNRS, a world renowned specialist in underwater bioacoustics. This project aims to better understand the movements of cetaceans in their environment through the passive acoustic monitoring of deep-diving species (sperm whale, Cuvier's

beaked whale, pilot whale, Risso's dolphin) that visit the abyssal plains, to study the condition of the Posidonia seagrass beds by making 3D photogrammetric transects, to monitor underwater radiated noise from ships and, lastly, to measure the pollution levels and chemical composition of the surrounding seawater. A number of general public and international conferences will be organised to share the results and disseminate new knowledge ♦

BELOW:  
COGOLIN, 25 SEPTEMBER:  
SPHYRNA DRONES 55 AND  
70 READY FOR DEPARTURE  
© PAULINE COTTAZ



“ This project aims to better understand the movements of cetaceans in their environment through the passive acoustic monitoring of deep-diving species... ”

## INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF AND ACCESS TO WATER RESOURCES

### ARTIFICIALLY INCREASING WATER AVAILABILITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Project leader: IHE Delft, Institute for Water Education

The amount of water available in the Mediterranean's drainage basins is generally insufficient due to low levels of precipitation and a high evapotranspiration rate. Due to the lack of available surface water, groundwater is being used extensively, particularly in agriculture. The unsustainability of this practice has been strongly criticised since the statistics show a significant drop in water levels over the last 20 years. Sustainable groundwater use implies a reduction in consumption or an increase in the amount of water availability. A number of measures have been implemented to manage consumption, although the authorities do not expect overuse to cease. To increase

availability therefore, modern techniques aim to recharge aquifers more effectively, with artificial groundwater recharge one of the most common methods. This project is developing a methodology for designing interventions that take into account the uncertainty factors in the artificial recharge of Mediterranean aquifers. Modelling the current hydrogeological system, designing a groundwater monitoring network and optimising interventions will provide a framework taking uncertainty factors into account. The results of this project can then be used as a basis for artificial groundwater recharge in semi-arid climate conditions ♦

“ The project aims to give local stakeholders various support tools to help them manage the forest resources more effectively, set up a forest and carbon monitoring system and undertake long-term initiatives to combat deforestation...

### STUDYING CYANOBACTERIA BLOOMS IN CHINA

Project leader: China Environmental Protection Foundation (CEPF)



This project involved constructing a monitoring station on Lake Taihu in China to observe cyanobacteria blooms and to generate communication between citizens, scientists and government authorities on the topic. Cyanobacteria, the lake's ecotope and shoreline as well as water pollution were studied to build a microbiological database for future research into cyanobacterial blooms. Efforts were made to raise awareness and foster better understanding of the subject among the general public ♦



## COMBATTING DEFORESTATION

### STRENGTHENING FOREST GOVERNANCE IN THE AMAZON

Project leader: WWF International

According to the last national report on deforestation produced in 2016, Colombia has seen an alarming increase in deforestation after FARC rebels abandoned large areas of the country following the signing of a historic peace treaty. The project aims to give local stakeholders various support tools to help them manage the forest resources more effectively, set up a forest and carbon monitoring system and undertake long-term initiatives to combat deforestation. It will equip local populations and environmental authorities with the skills, knowledge, attitudes and understanding necessary to strengthen governance of the central Amazon rainforest, in areas bordering the Serranía del Chiribiquete National Park.

The project meets national objectives in terms of reducing deforestation as part of the Colombian Amazon rainforest policy 'Vision Amazonia' and the recently signed peace agreements that envision a sustainable economy and peaceful relations in the region ♦



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### REFORESTATION TO SUPPORT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN A MADAGASCAN VILLAGE

Project leaders: Graine de Vie and Akamasoa

The village of Antolojanahary, situated some 60 kilometres west of Tananarive, is a typical example of the work of Father Pedro. It is the first village built by his association Akamasoa 25 years ago to save the families working on landfill sites.

Through this project, Graine de Vie and Akamasoa hope to establish a vast nursery in the village to grow the trees needed for the reforestation campaign initiated by Father Pedro in the region. The nursery will produce new resources, create employment mainly during the transplantation period and raise awareness of the need to safeguard and protect the forests. In addition, when fully grown, the trees planted in the village of Antolojanahary will help make the Akamasoa association financially viable through the sale of fruit from the trees and through sustainable forest operations ♦



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# OUR INITIATIVES

MEDITERRANEAN MONK SEAL, TURKEY © SAD-AFAG CEM O. KIRAC

Pooling efforts also involves moving away from traditional project funding models and creating one's own initiatives in response to specific environmental challenges. It involves encouraging dialogue and exchange between experts, as well as supporting established conservation measures in the long term so that they are fully effective. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation drives a number of initiatives: since 2015, **BeMed**, with the objective of reducing the influx of plastic waste in the marine environment and garnering lasting, concrete support from every stakeholder in the plastics sector in the Mediterranean, and **The MedFund**, whose innovative financing mechanism ensures the sustainability of Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas; the **Monk Seal Alliance**, a new scheme launched in 2019 to foster collaboration between key players in the conservation of the Mediterranean monk seal; **Mr Goodfish**, championing the sustainable consumption of seafood; and the **Wood Charter**, which rewards Monaco's businesses for responsible timber management.



## MONK SEAL ALLIANCE PROTECTING THE MEDITERRANEAN MONK SEAL

The monk seal, considered one of the world's most endangered marine mammal species, has been hunted since prehistoric times and throughout the 20th century by fishermen. Populations declined sharply and the species was classified as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List in 1996. At that time there were estimated to be fewer than 400 to 500 individuals remaining. The monk seal is established in the Mediterranean, mainly around the islands of the Ionian and Aegean seas, and along the coasts of Greece, Cyprus and Turkey. In the Atlantic, there are some 330 individuals at Cap Blanc in Mauritania as well as a small colony in Madeira. The total is estimated at fewer than 800 individuals, which is a marked improvement compared with the situation in the 2000s, so much so that the species has been downlisted to Endangered by the IUCN. While the battle is not yet entirely won, the results are nonetheless encouraging. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has been supporting various monk seal initiatives, including field projects, since 2011, and plays a key role in coordinating efforts internationally. The Foundation has invited experts and stakeholders to participate in meetings to foster dialogue and share experience between players on the ground and to give feedback on the priorities involved in protecting the species. To strengthen monk seal conservation efforts, the Foundation has mobilised other fundraising partners such as MAVA, Fondation pour la Nature, the Thalassa Foundation, Fondation Segré and the Fondation Sancta Devota, to form the Monk Seal Alliance (MSA). This new initiative was launched on 8 April 2019 in Greece at the 5th International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas (ICMMPA) in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

### The MSA's missions:

- Pool the strengths of participating foundations to widen the scope of action and engage other organisations in protecting the species.
- Promote information exchange and collaboration between experts.
- Help implement regional strategies and national action plans by cofunding collaborative projects.
- Raise funds by involving other philanthropic organisations.
- Help coordinate monk seal conservation efforts.
- Disseminate information and raise awareness among different groups through the MSA partners' networks.

In September 2019, on behalf of the Monk Seal Alliance, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation launched a study in areas where the monk seal is present (the Mediterranean Basin, Mauritania and Madeira). The objectives are to identify all the parties involved in monk seal conservation, develop a clear picture of the observation methodologies and data available and identify the needs for the conservation of the species. Following the study, the terms of reference will be defined with a view to issuing a call for collaborative projects during 2020 ♦

### What are the threats facing the species?

- Deliberate killing at the hands of fishermen, who deem the seal a competitor for the resource and because they damage the nets.
- Loss of habitat due to coastal urbanisation. The seals used to congregate on beaches before coastal development and human occupation forced them to seek refuge in sea caves, which can be dangerous, especially for newborns which can drown or become separated from their mothers and unable to feed themselves.
- Disturbance due to direct interaction with humans, which have increased in recent years.

Today, as seal populations are growing, new risks are emerging. In Mauritania, monk seal populations are doing well but only three caves are able to accommodate them. Reduced genetic variability in seal colonies makes them particularly vulnerable to disease and drastic changes in their environment.

# BEYOND PLASTIC MED

## TOWARDS A PLASTIC-FREE MEDITERRANEAN

Every year BeMed supports projects around the Mediterranean that contribute to the priority areas of action: finding and providing alternatives to plastic, raising awareness and passing on knowledge, advising on and assisting with the introduction of new regulations, bringing together and mobilising stakeholders, gathering data and carrying out research. Since 2015, 38 initiatives in 12 countries have received support. Beyond the financial aspect, BeMed facilitates the sharing of experience and knowledge by creating links between the organisations it supports, holding working meetings and communicating via social media. All the local stakeholders involved form a network that is co-ordinated by BeMed.

**In 2019, as part of Beyond Plastic Med, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation funded 15 micro-initiatives in 8 different countries:**

- **Together Cyprus** – Setting up and supporting a network of zero-single-use-plastic certified stakeholders – *Cyprus*
- **Royal Albania Foundation** – Setting up an active university alliance to reduce plastic pollution in Balkan rivers – *Albania*
- **Tunisie Recyclage** – Developing a waste sorting and recycling network in Tunisia – *Tunisia*
- **CEVSAM** – Testing pilot initiatives working towards a zero-plastic university campus – *Turkey*
- **Deniz Temiz Deregi** – Raising children's awareness and teaching ways to combat plastic pollution – *Turkey*

- **AKTI** – Engaging local authorities to change the attitudes and habits of beach bars, beach restaurants and the public concerning the use of single-use plastics – *Cyprus*

- **ONDST** – Manufacturing and distributing reusable bags made from old fishing nets to alert marine stakeholders to the dangers of plastic pollution – *Algeria*

- **Association Marocaine des Sciences Régionales** – Identifying the main sources of plastic pollution and testing suitable practical solutions – *Morocco*

- **Green Vision** – Setting up a waste sorting system and supporting the population towards change in a rural part of Albania – *Albania*

- **Green Life** – Raising awareness and setting up an action plan to coordinate waste management at the height of the tourist season – *Montenegro*

- **Association Mare Vivu** – Kayak sailing off Corsica to educate locals and tourists about the threats facing the Mediterranean Sea – *France*

- **Social Education & Environment Protection** – Proposing tailor-made solutions and helping marine users to reduce their plastic footprint – *Albania*

- **Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative** – Advising and engaging cruise operators and water sports users, encouraging them to reduce their plastic consumption and set up a recycling system – *Cyprus*

- **Sea Plastics** – Sailing round the Mediterranean in a yacht to gather data and raise public awareness about the problem of microplastics – *France*

- **NGO Our Action** – Creating a network of active stakeholders to ban single-use plastics – *Montenegro*

BeMed is working to set up a discussion forum for businesses operating around the Mediterranean: a BeMed Business Club intended to step up action to prevent plastic pollution in the Mediterranean. The Club aims to include all parties involved in the plastic supply chain – from the raw materials that go into making plastic (producers), through plastic by-products (processors), end products (brand

owners) and mass distribution (retailers) to waste management (end of life) – to engage businesses in a shared process of transition and pollution reduction across the entire Mediterranean region ♦

### MAIN BEMED INITIATIVES IN 2019

#### JANUARY | Beyond Plastic Med becomes an association

Three years after the BeMed task force was set up, the initiative was turned into an association combining the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Tara Ocean Foundation, MAVA Foundation and Surfrider Europe Foundation and working closely with the IUCN.

#### MARCH | Monaco Ocean Week 2019

During Monaco Ocean Week, 15 new initiatives set up in 8 Mediterranean countries received awards from the BeMed network. As happens every year, the winners of the BeMed Call for Micro-Initiatives came together to share the various initiatives, evaluate feedback from completed projects and strengthen the network of Mediterranean stakeholders committed to reducing plastic pollution.

The past three years' winners and the founding members of the BeMed network came together for a day of workshops on three themes:

- Controlling plastic pollution in different regions.
- Involving partners from the private sector.
- Strengthening the BeMed network.

#### JUNE | Initial meeting of the BeMed Business Club

BeMed hopes to strengthen dialogue with the private sector. It intends to encourage the creation of innovative solutions based on the circular economy model in order to have an impact on the whole lifecycle of plastics (design, production, distribution, use and recycling). Spurred on by the successful workshops organised in 2015 and 2016, BeMed wants to turn that grouping of private-sector stakeholders into a permanent club for businesses looking to rethink their strategy for reducing their

Plastic pollution at sea is one of the most serious environmental problems affecting our oceans today. Once discarded in the natural environment, plastic can take up to 500 years to decompose. More than eight million tonnes of plastic are dumped into the ocean each year, threatening marine life as well as human health.

Faced with this alarming situation, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Surfrider Foundation Europe, Tara Ocean Foundation, MAVA Foundation and IUCN joined forces and formed the Beyond Plastic Med (BeMed) task force to raise awareness and mobilise the general public and stakeholders via concrete initiatives.

Representatives of the Tunisian private sector also met on board *Tara*. In a constructive session, initial contacts were made and avenues to explore for the future were considered.



plastic footprint. The club is supported by our network of scientists who will guide discussions in order to set up effective long-term initiatives at regional level and within the companies themselves. Contact with businesses began in September 2018 and an initial meeting to finalise the objectives of the club, which brings together 12 international companies, was held in June 2019.

#### OCTOBER | Beyond Plastic Med event in Tunis

On 21 and 22 October, BeMed stopped off in Tunis. On board the schooner *Tara*, the BeMed association presented its work to a number of journalists and talked with local stakeholders.

The stopover was an opportunity to share the work carried out by the Tunisian associations Tunisie Recyclage and Association Jilil pour l'Environnement Marin, supported as part of the BeMed Call for Micro-Initiatives, as well as to announce the launch of the 4th Call for Micro-Initiatives and initiate discussion on the future of the association.

Representatives of local associations, municipalities, universities and research institutes gathered around the table on board *Tara* to discuss the plastic issue ♦

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AT A BEACH CLEAN-UP  
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# THE MEDFUND

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

While more than a thousand Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and other spatial conservation measures have been created since the 1960s, many exist only on paper due to insufficient funding. The majority of organisations responsible for managing MPAs lack the technical and financial resources to do so effectively. In response to this urgent need, at the 3rd International Marine Protected Areas Congress in October 2013, three states – Monaco, France and Tunisia – along with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, announced the setting up of a joint trust fund for Marine Protected Areas. Initially called M2PA, the name of the environmental fund was changed to The MedFund in 2019.

The environmental fund continued its structuring activities in 2019, its priority being to acquire tailor-made tools enabling it to precisely evaluate the MPAs' financial requirements and rigorously and scientifically monitor the effectiveness of MPA management and marine ecosystem protection. The MedFund also adopted an institutional and financial strategy for the 2020–2025 period

and set up a grant authorisation committee as well as an investment committee to advise the board of directors. The IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation joined the MedFund board in the course of the year.

As part of its strategy to improve management of the MPAs supported, The MedFund was keen to develop a gender-sensitive approach to ensure that the benefits and opportunities associated with MPA management are distributed fairly between men and women. This strategy also aims to encourage women to participate and step into leadership roles in MPA conservation and management activities as well as within decision-making bodies.

The MedFund is recognised and certified by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), giving the initiative greater visibility throughout the Mediterranean. It is also a regional cooperation tool that was actively involved in the Palermo preparatory Forum for the Summit of the Two Shores, as well as the Barcelona Convention COP21 ♦

The MedFund also pursued its fundraising activities, signing partnership agreements worth 5 million euros, that will be invested according to a sustainable investment strategy and whose generated interests will be used to fund MPAs. New partners joined us in 2019:

- The French Development Agency, capitalising the endowment fund with 4 million euros.
- The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, with a contribution of 1 million euros.
- A contribution from the Government of Spain of approximately 40,000 euros.
- An 8,000-euro contribution from Sorbonne University–Biodiversarium through the Oceanographic Institute of Monaco (five-year agreement).

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### MPA FUNDING

During 2019, two new MPAs received financial support from The MedFund: Karaburun Sazan in Albania and the Kuriat Islands in Tunisia. This funding has made it possible to improve the monitoring of these sites, to raise public awareness of the need to respect these areas and to carry out scientific monitoring of species that are indicators of the good state of ecosystem health. A call for expressions of interest aimed at Morocco, Tunisia and Albania was issued on 7 November 2019. Seven funding requests were received by The MedFund, including one from Morocco, one from Albania and five from Tunisia, all of which will be submitted to the Grant Authorisation Committee.

**More information:** [www.themedfund.org](http://www.themedfund.org)

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## THE WOOD CHARTER

### MONACO MAKES A COMMITMENT AGAINST DEFORESTATION

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TREES IN MIST DAWN  
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On 5 September 2019, alongside the Monaco Government, the association MC2D (Monaco Développement Durable) and the IMEDD (Mediterranean Institute for Market Research and Sustainable Development), the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation hosted the signatories of the Wood Charter, a component of the 'Monaco makes a commitment against deforestation' initiative.

The event was held at the Hôtel Métropole Monte-Carlo to recognise the most dedicated signatories. The following companies were honoured for their successful results: Doro Packaging and Tremplin Promotion for improving their management of wood products, Génération Planète and Monaco Mobilier

Services for improving their paper management and, lastly, VP International for successfully integrating the Wood Charter into its business. The Carton Commun initiative was invited to present its web platform that connects individuals and companies so they can share paper and wood products, from cardboard boxes and wooden pallets to paper. In just a few months, over 10,000 users in France signed up to the solution that extends the lifespan of those resources.

As Olivier Wenden, Vice President of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, said in his welcome speech, "Our shared commitment to combatting deforestation is more crucial than ever as deforestation continues to spread, threatening ecosystems and biodiversity across the Planet" ♦

The Wood Charter, an initiative launched in 2010 to raise awareness among the various stakeholders in the Principality about sustainable timber use, boasts over 60 signatories today. In 2019 two iconic Monegasque bodies officially joined the initiative: Monaco Telecom and the Société des Bains de Mer.



## MR GOODFISH

### PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD CONSUMPTION

Mr Goodfish is looking to reduce fishing pressure on vulnerable marine species stocks by changing the practices of all fishing industry stakeholders and our consumption habits. On the website [www.mrgoodfish.com](http://www.mrgoodfish.com) it posts a quarterly list of species for each coastline, recommended by its committee of experts, detailing information such as the minimum recommended size of fish, the season they should be eaten in and their stock status. By promoting sustainable alternatives, this positive initiative is helping businesses and the general public foster responsible seafood consumption. In France, more than 2,200 businesses and professionals have already joined the programme.

In November 2019, the Café de Paris Monte-Carlo made a commitment to the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation to support Mr Goodfish, becoming the 13th Monegasque establishment to join the programme. Chef Franck Lafon and his team now offer new specials and dishes of the day featuring species on the Mr Goodfish seasonal list. This commitment is part of Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer's environment and sustainability policy implemented since 2007, which includes its own environmental charter and signing France's national energy transition pact in January 2019 ♦



Mr Goodfish is a European initiative launched in 2010 by three aquariums: Nausicaá in France, Acquario di Genova in Italy and Aquarium Finisterrae in Spain. Its purpose is to raise awareness of sustainable seafood consumption by giving advice to the entire fishing supply chain, from fisherman to consumer. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has been coordinating the Mr Goodfish programme throughout south-eastern France and Monaco since 2013, extending its commitment to protecting endangered marine species.



### DE LA MER À MON ASSIETTE

#### TEACHING THE YOUNG TO RESPECT THE OCEAN AND MARINE SPECIES

In 2019, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, in partnership with Mr Goodfish, Nausicaá and the World Ocean Network, launched the Mediterranean edition of the booklet *De La mer à mon assiette* (From the sea to my plate), an activity booklet to make children more aware of the need to protect marine ecosystems and consume seafood responsibly. This educational resource, based on the Savoir Mer programme launched in the North Sea, aims to teach children about a fish's journey from the sea to their plate.

Copies of the journal-style booklet are distributed to Mr Goodfish partners, introducing children to various topics related to marine resources in the Mediterranean, including the marine environment, different fishing techniques, coastal users and species protection. This fun educational activity booklet invites children to explore the coast along with Mr Goodfish, a cartoon character who pops up on every page with tips on how to eat fish sustainably.





# A VOICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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Rallying support for the major environmental issues means changing mindsets at a global level too, as much in politics as in society and the economy. It means following the momentum of Prince Albert II, who makes the voice of the Principality and his Foundation heard at international events such as at the UN and COPs. It means advocating unfailing support for science and welcoming IPCC experts to the Principality. It means stimulating debate, inspiring discussion and opening minds to a new sustainable model of society.



## 49TH DAVOS WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

The 49th Davos World Economic Forum, which took place from 22 to 25 January 2019, addressed the topic of the oceans, both in terms of marine conservation and exploitation, two major challenges for the future. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco participated in several sessions devoted to marine conservation, the high seas and plastic pollution, during which he alerted attendees to the challenges facing our oceans. In the 'Ocean action leadership' session, HSH the Sovereign Prince focused on our growing interdependence with the ocean, reminding the audience of the importance of changing the way we manage marine resources while at the same time promoting renewable energy, whether wind, tidal, wave or thermal. A panel discussion on the plastic pollution crisis was also an opportunity for HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco to remind everyone that this is a major challenge to which his Foundation is helping to bring concrete solutions, particularly through its BeMed initiative ♦

## BRAZILIAN INDIGENOUS CHIEF RAONI METUKTIRE RECEIVED AT THE PALACE OF MONACO

HSH the Sovereign Prince granted an audience to the former cacique of the Kayapo people, Raoni Metuktire, on 23 May as part of his European tour to alert the international community about the worrying situation in the Amazon and for Brazil's indigenous communities. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, like other European heads of state, agreed to receive Chief Raoni to offer his full support in his fight to protect the Amazon and combat deforestation, which has seriously intensified. Chief Raoni was accompanied by three other indigenous chiefs representing the Xingu Indigenous Park, an area particularly threatened by deforestation, illegal occupation and the fires that are becoming more and more frequent as a result of deforestation and land draining ♦

## EUROPEAN STARTUP PRIZE FOR MOBILITY 2019 IN BRUSSELS

The second edition of the European Startup Prize for Mobility took place on 11 April in Brussels under the high patronage of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco with the support of the European Parliament and the European Commission. The event recognises the best European start-ups in the clean mobility sector, whose innovations are helping to shape a more sustainable transport sector, not just in Europe but also globally. A panel discussion asking the question "How will innovation revolutionise clean mobility?" was held before the session presenting the 10 shortlisted start-ups. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco underlined the importance of innovative mobility solutions in combatting climate change. The energy transition, which is at the heart of his commitment and of the work of his Foundation, represents an industrial and economic challenge offering large-scale, concrete opportunities as well as highly positive prospects ♦

## 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTED AREAS (ICMMPA) IN GREECE

ICMMPA took place for the first time in the Mediterranean from 8 to 12 April, its objective to take stock of the work carried out in the past 10 years by the organisations managing Marine Protected Areas designated for marine mammal and cetacean conservation. Opening the 2019 conference at Messinia in Greece, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco spoke of the difficult situation confronting the Mediterranean, where many species are seeing their populations dangerously reduced due to pressure from human activities. One such species is the monk

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ICMMPA CONGRESS  
IN GREECE  
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seal, an emblematic species that is especially vulnerable to the effects of urbanisation, pollution, overfishing and shipping, as are the dolphins and whales. Faced with this situation, HSH the Sovereign Prince called for firm, decisive and ambitious action to effectively protect not just mammals but also our seas, one of the main challenges of our century ♦

**FIA PANEL DISCUSSION ON SMART CITIES IN MONACO**

As part of the forum on the theme 'Driving mobility transformation in smart cities', organised by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) on the eve of the Monaco E-Prix during EVER Monaco, HSH Prince Albert II spoke alongside the FIA President Jean Todt: "This is a wonderful platform for promoting the technological developments in this field that will be adapted to everyday life in the future. The Principality carries out a number of initiatives related to sustainable mobility, including the EVER show, which has been a fantastic showcase for these technological innovations since 2006 and which was the scene of the first drone delivery by the Monaco postal service". Jean Todt emphasised the need to combine the

concepts of the smart city and the safe city to ensure that developments in road traffic take into account the growing number of two-wheelers and electric scooters ♦

**HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO AWARDED DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA BY THE UNIVERSITY OF LAPLAND**

HSH the Sovereign Prince travelled to Rovaniemi in Finland on 16 and 17 May to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Lapland, in recognition of his commitment to the Arctic and his actions to combat climate change. In his opening speech, the Rector of the University emphasised the complexity of this region, where different cultures, communities and environments coexist and need to be understood in terms of their individuality and not according to universal criteria. Universities have their part to play in this, bringing new knowledge that enables us to question certain established truths, particularly through the science of sustainable development. "Establishing this link also means that we are thinking of all humanity, because the Arctic, perhaps more than any other region of the world, has a direct influence on the whole Planet," emphasised the Sovereign Prince ♦



**HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO SUPPORTS THE PLIGHT OF RHINOS AND OTHER THREATENED SPECIES IN SOUTH AFRICA**

On 21 July, the Sovereign Prince attended the 8th Rhino Conservation Awards ceremony in Johannesburg, which he has been the patron of since 2014, recognising public figures and organisations working to save the rhinos, a species particularly threatened by poaching. Created in 2012 on the initiative of Dr Larry Hansen and Mrs Xiaoyang Yu, the Rhino Conservation Awards help combat poaching by promoting initiatives conducted by rangers and organisations in South Africa. In his address, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco spoke of the huge challenge of protecting biodiversity, given that, according to the latest IPBES report, a million species could disappear. The Sovereign Prince also said that international meetings that are crucially important for biodiversity were planned for 2020, and he called for the commitment of everyone if we are to avoid permanently upsetting the ecological balance of our planet. On 23 July, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco spoke at the Species on the Move Conference in the Kruger National Park in front of some three hundred academics from all over the world. The Sovereign Prince spoke of the fight to safeguard endangered species, which calls for a better understanding of the ecosystems themselves and the challenges they face, before inviting the audience to view the current environmental crisis as an opportunity to take action for a sustainable future ♦

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HSH PRINCE ALBERT II RECEIVES AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LAPLAND  
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**HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO AT THE UN TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT 2019**

On 23 September, HSH Prince Albert II visited the United Nations headquarters in New York to participate in the Climate Action Summit 2019. In his speech delivered to the large audience of heads of state, the Sovereign Prince reiterated the Principality's objective to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The Sovereign Prince emphasised the need to reconcile urban development, economic growth and environmental protection. Among the measures being taken are "the elimination of oil-fired boilers by 2022 and the energy recovery of waste". The Sovereign also spoke about the development of cutting-edge technologies such as "ocean thermal energy conversion (heat engines using seawater temperature differences to produce electricity for air conditioning and heating), soft mobility through self-service electric bicycles, as well as electric car sharing". Finally, the Sovereign Prince announced that Monaco will contribute to the Green Climate Fund ♦

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RHINO CONSERVATION AWARDS  
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## IPCC SPECIAL REPORT ON THE OCEAN AND CRYOSPHERE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

On 25 September 2019 in Monaco, in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, the President of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Hoesung Lee, presented the conclusions of the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC) to the press. The 500 delegates representing the 195 IPCC member governments thus concluded a major international initiative for the ocean, initiated by the Sovereign Prince in 2015.

For many years already, the Principality has been at the forefront in raising the alarm on the effects of climate warming and the increase in anthropic CO2 emissions. Ocean warming, acidification and rising sea levels are just some of the effects that are already having a major impact on the economy and the lives and safety of millions of people worldwide, and to which the Sovereign Prince is constantly alerting the international community.

The ocean plays a vital role in climate regulation and the extent of the impact of climate change on the ocean is a key sustainable development issue. So an overview of the latest scientific knowledge about the various ways in which the ocean and climate interact would represent a major step forward – one that would inform political decision-making related to the ocean and the climate.

“The Principality’s commitment to science, particularly that related to the ocean, but also the climate, goes back a long way – a strong commitment sustained today by the voice of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, whose leadership on environmental issues is internationally recognised.

For that reason, in February 2015 the Foundation and Government of Prince Albert II of Monaco called on the IPCC to produce a Special Report on the Ocean, subsequently continuing their efforts to raise awareness of the importance and implications of a publication such as this.

Ahead of COP21 in Paris, the Foundation teamed up with the Ocean and Climate Platform, which brings together more than 80 international stakeholders from the scientific world, civil society and the economic sector, to launch the Ocean for Climate petition, which has garnered more than 30,000 signatures, calling for the signatories of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to put the ocean at the centre of the climate debate.

The states’ strong commitment to ocean and climate issues was confirmed during COP21 when 22 countries signed the Because the Ocean declaration, initiated by Monaco and Chile, which was also personally signed by HSH the Sovereign Prince. The declaration, now signed by a total of 39 countries, called for the IPCC to produce a Special Report on the Ocean to address the worrying effects of climate warming and increased greenhouse gas emissions on the world’s oceans.

The inclusion in the report of issues related to the melting of the cryosphere (the frozen parts of the planet including the poles), another major topic of interest for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, was an opportunity to contribute vital information in response to the questions posed by the rise in sea levels, with the latest studies showing that it could be much higher than predicted.

The production of the Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere as part of the sixth IPCC assessment cycle sends a very strong signal, encouraging the international community to pursue its efforts focused on good ocean governance and protection, and also to integrate them fully into national and international climate policies.

This decision, made possible by the sustained efforts of the Principality, marks an important step in the bid to protect the ocean.

### WHAT CONCLUSIONS CAN BE DRAWN FROM THE SROCC?

The IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC) emphasises the extremely urgent need to ramp up our climate goals to limit climate warming as far as possible, in line with the objective set by governments within the Paris Agreement in 2015. It warns that phenomena such as ocean warming, acidification and deoxygenation, rising sea levels, deterioration of marine ecosystems and biodiversity loss are increasing and are irreversible, as well as outlining their impacts on the human population. While one of the primary purposes of the report is to observe the effects of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems, it provides for the first time an overview of the changes that will have the greatest impact on human communities.

More than a quarter of the world’s population is directly threatened by the effects of climate change on the ocean and cryosphere. Coastal areas are home to 28% of the global population, 11% of whom live less than 10 metres above sea level, and almost 10% in Arctic or mountainous regions.

“The open sea, the Arctic, the Antarctic and the high mountains may seem far away to many people,” said Hoesung Lee, Chair of the IPCC. “But we depend on them and are influenced by them directly and indirectly in many ways – for weather and climate, for food and water, for energy, trade, transport, recreation and tourism, for health and wellbeing, for culture and identity.”

More than 100 authors from 36 countries assessed the latest scientific literature related to the ocean and cryosphere in a changing climate for the report, referencing about 7,000 publications ♦



ABOVE:  
HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO AND HOESUNG LEE, CHAIR OF THE IPCC  
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**'ACTING FOR CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY: KEY CONDITIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD' CONFERENCE**

On 26 November, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco gave an address at the ESCP Europe Business School in Paris as part of the 'Stand up for a sustainable world' conference series. Speaking on the subject of preserving biodiversity and combatting climate change as imperatives for a sustainable future, the Sovereign Prince urged students to own

the issue and take the environmental paradigm into account in their future careers. The Sovereign Prince then received the title of Doctor Honoris Causa from ESCP Europe Business School in recognition of his commitment to sustainable development and his action through his Foundation ♦



**THE 25TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, IN MADRID**

**The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation attends the 25th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the "Blue COP", in Madrid.**

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco visited Madrid on 2 and 3 December for the 25th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP25). The Sovereign Prince participated in the high-level round table that brought together heads of state and government, during which he highlighted the actions undertaken by the Principality of Monaco in the context of its environmental policy, saying "Like many states and large communities, my country has set

a clear goal of reducing our gas emissions to achieve carbon neutrality in 2050. This is why the Principality has joined the Climate Ambition Alliance launched by President Pinera of Chile".

Expectations among the ocean community were high after the Chilean Presidency announced COP25 as the "Blue COP", with the promise of the ocean and its ecosystems being given special attention within the negotiations. Around 100 ocean-related events were organised over the

course of the two weeks. During negotiations that were often complex due to the large number of stakeholders present and their divergent interests, the ocean fared better than expected thanks to the extremely strong mobilisation of civil society, but also thanks to the political support provided in particular by Chile, the Principality of Monaco, Costa Rica and the island states including Fiji.

At the event, the Sovereign Prince supported several initiatives in which his Foundation has played an important role.

Alongside Brune Poirson, France's Secretary of State to the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco attended the Ocean and Climate Platform's (OCP) presentation of its recommendations for 'A healthy ocean, a protected climate', which were drawn up by the 80 members of the OCP and coordinated by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. Attendees were given an overview of the global scientific and political issues arising from the interactions between the ocean, climate and biodiversity.

COP25 also provided the opportunity to present the conclusions of the four regional workshops organised by the Because the Ocean initiative (BTO) and its 'Ocean for Climate' report. This publication sets out a series of concrete measures ensuring the protection of the ocean and its ecosystems to inspire governments ahead of COP26 (2020), when they will be required to update and enhance their National Determined Contributions (NDCs).

This work, funded by the Foundation, was one of the main contributions to COP discussions on the subject of including an ocean component in climate action.

On 3 December 2019, the Chilean Presidency organised a high-level event to launch the Science-Based Ocean Solutions Platform, in which the parties to the Paris Agreement and other stakeholders will be able to share their commitments and plans to incorporate the ocean in their climate strategies. Prince Albert II of Monaco spoke at the meeting, along with Carolina Schmidt, Chilean Environment Minister and President of COP25, Andrés Couve, Chilean Science Minister, Valérie Masson-Delmotte, Co-Chair WGI at the IPCC, and Rémi Parmentier, Secretary of Because the Ocean. The recommendations of the 'Ocean For Climate' report published by BTO will provide the Platform not least with concrete mitigation and adaptation measures.

Later in the evening, in the presence of Prince Albert II of Monaco, José Guirao, Spanish Minister of Culture, Teresa Ribera, Spanish Minister for the Ecological Transition, Andrés Couve, Chilean Science Minister, and Francesca Thyssen, founder and chairman of the TBA21 Foundation, Because the Ocean organised, in partnership with the Spanish Ministry of Culture, the Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum and the TBA21 Foundation, a reception at the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum to celebrate the publication of the 'Ocean for Climate' report and the *Western Flag* installation by Irish artist John Gerrard.

The secretariat of Because the Ocean spoke on numerous occasions during COP25, always about ocean-related issues, including at the opening of COP25 Ocean Day in the Spanish Pavilion on the morning of 6 December and the opening of the EU Ocean Day in the EU Pavilion, in the presence of the new European Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, Virginijus Sinkevius, and COP25 President, Carolina Schmidt.

**A MIXED REVIEW OF COP25, BUT PROGRESS FOR THE OCEAN**

Unfortunately this COP did not raise ambition in the fight against climate change.

However, for the first time, the final COP decision text recognised the importance of the ocean and kickstarted a process that will begin in 2020 and aims to strengthen the links between climate and ocean policies and strategies – the result sought by BTO for several years.

Many coalitions of countries rallied to bring ocean-related measures into the final COP decision text, which in itself is a first. It also underlines the importance of the Special Report on the Ocean and the Cryosphere produced by the IPCC and reminds us of the need to tackle depleting biodiversity, evoking "the essential contribution of nature to addressing climate change". Among the ocean decisions taken by the parties, the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) will organise "a dialogue on the ocean and climate change to consider how to strengthen mitigation and adaptation action in this context" ♦

ABOVE: HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AT COP25 © GAETAN LUCI, PALACE OF MONACO



## SPOTLIGHT ON AN EXHIBITION

*Chimpanzees: The Lords of the Jungle* by Jean-Michel and Sabrina Krief took pride of place at the Galerie des Pêcheurs in Monaco in July. French photographer Jean-Michel Krief portrayed the behaviour and emotions of the great apes in Kibale Forest in Uganda in photos taken in the field over the past 20 years alongside his wife Sabrina, a veterinary doctor and professor at the National Museum of Natural History in Paris. Using a combination of science and art, they explore the secret world of chimpanzees in their natural habitat, as well as their interactions with humans

in that fragile environment. Bushmeat poaching, trafficking of young chimpanzees, diseases such as Ebola, habitat fragmentation due to farming, especially of single crops such as palm oil, tea and cocoa, forestry and mining are some of the threats that great apes have to face. The Prince Albert II Foundation supports the work of the Sebitoli Chimpanzee Project team: 25 Ugandans engaged daily in fighting poaching, improving the well-being of villagers around the park, raising awareness of organic and sustainable farming and conserving biodiversity.

LEFT PAGE:  
SABRINA AND  
JEAN-MICHEL KRIEF  
PRESENTING AT  
THEIR CHIMPANZEE  
EXHIBITION  
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## SPOTLIGHT ON A FILM

Luc Jacquet's *The Mountain of Stories* On 5 July HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco visited Valberg during the celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of Mercantour National Park to speak about the fundamental role played by the French National Parks in protecting biodiversity and reconciling people and nature. The events paid tribute to the strong connection between the people who contribute daily to raising the profile of Mercantour National Park and its mountains. The *Words and Faces of the Mercantour* anniversary exhibition installed along the foot of the slopes in Valberg featured a gallery of touching and radiant black and white photographic portraits accompanied by audio and written extracts of the subjects' personal accounts of living in the region. Another highlight

was the premiere of *The Mountain of Stories*, a very special journey through the Mercantour, a film directed by Luc Jacquet especially for the 40th anniversary of the park with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. The Oscar-winning director, who was in attendance with some of the crew and the locals featured in the film, has created a very poignant portrayal of the locals' love for their valleys and aroused a passion for the incredible scenery. The film won over audiences in the different villages where it was screened.

### OTHER SCREENINGS

#### • March

*Oceans: Our Blue Planet* by OceanX Media A screening in the presence of director James Honeyborn. This film is an odyssey through the largest and least explored habitat on Earth, investigating several different ocean environments. From coastal waters to the depths, from the poles to the coral reefs, it reveals the untold stories of the most astonishing creatures in the oceans.

#### • June

*BLUE* by Karina Holden and Sarah Beard An outdoor screening, as part of 'Monacology' environment week, to raise awareness among children and adults about the threats faced by the ocean, from illegal fishing and endangered species to plastic pollution.

#### • December

*Give me Wings* by Nicolas Vanier A screening, attended by the director, of the feature film inspired by the incredible story of Christian Moullec, the man who flew with geese, that explores the subject of bird conservation.



# EVENTS

In 2019, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation organised several film screenings and exhibitions as part of its mission to raise public awareness of environmental issues. The topics in the spotlight were endangered species, the riches of the ocean, mountain heritage, and wildlife, brought to life at each event through a compassionate exchange between the audience and the director/artist. The year was also punctuated with major events such as Monaco Ocean Week, the Monaco Blue Initiative, the Foundation's Awards Ceremony and the prestigious Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean.



# 3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION OF MONACO OCEAN WEEK

## CONTINUED SUCCESS



ABOVE:  
SCIENTIFIC CENTRE OF  
MONACO WORKSHOP ON  
THE OCEAN AND HUMAN  
HEALTH ORGANISED DURING  
MONACO OCEAN WEEK  
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The 3rd edition of Monaco Ocean Week, organised from 24 to 30 March 2019 by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, the Government of Monaco and their partners, the Oceanographic Institute of Monaco, the Scientific Centre of Monaco and the Yacht Club of Monaco, delivered on several fronts:

- Strong support at some 40 events held over the week that brought together national and international experts to debate, discuss and raise awareness about protecting the ocean through the topics of innovation, research and the development of a blue economy.

- Record attendance at the 10th Monaco Blue Initiative, which was devoted this year to Marine Protected Areas (MPAs): over 140 key figures, including many government representatives, travelled there and contributed positively to the discussions at this day-long event that opened Monaco Ocean Week.

- Open-to-all events that confirmed the public's interest in issues relating to plastic pollution and general marine threats. A preview of OceanX's brand new film, *Oceans: Our Blue Planet*, attracted an audience of 400



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to the Oceanographic Museum. A talk on biomimetics attracted over 120 participants. Other sell-out events included talks on the conservation of the right whale in Patagonia and on leading a life without plastic, and a presentation of the Students on Ice initiative, which takes two Monegasque college students on an expedition in the polar regions.

- Nearly 300 Monegasque primary school children were involved in the event. They took part in the official launch of the Monaco Marine Educational Area as well as

a talk organised by Team Malizia to educate them, once again, about protecting the ocean. The plastic pollution workshops held by BeMed to raise young children's awareness of the problem and teach them how to be instrumental in change was a resounding success.

- Several partnership agreements were signed, in particular one between the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Environmental Fund for Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas ratifying a 1 million euro grant for the effective management of some 20 existing MPAs in the Mediterranean. Sorbonne University and Nausicaà aquarium, alongside the Oceanographic Institute of Monaco, formalised their support of the Environmental Fund for Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas. Lastly, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation also signed an agreement with the Te Mana o te Moana association to raise awareness among Polynesian children about the issue of plastic pollution, as well as an agreement with the Conservatoire du Littoral ♦

ABOVE:  
PRESENTING THE BEMED  
WINNERS DURING MONACO  
OCEAN WEEK  
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# MONACO BLUE INITIATIVE

The 10th edition of the Monaco Blue Initiative was held at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco on 25 March 2019 under the high patronage of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. Nearly 150 participants from 26 countries gathered for an intense day of conferences and debates on the subject of Marine Protected Areas.

ABOVE:  
HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO FLANKED BY DR JANE LUBCHENCO, EMERITUS SCIENTIST AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF NOAA, AND BRUNE POIRSON, SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTER FOR ECOLOGICAL AND SOLIDARITY TRANSITION AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY  
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High-level government representatives, heads of international organisations and NGOs, scientists and private-sector stakeholders came together to share their vision, assessments and recommendations to guide future ocean management. Geopolitical, ecological and societal issues involved in the establishment of Marine Protected Areas globally were addressed.

Three key subjects for the future of MPAs were discussed during the 10th edition of the Monaco Blue Initiative:

- How can we collectively continue to develop MPAs while ensuring their effectiveness?
- How do coherent networks of MPAs contribute to species protection?
- What is the next step after the evaluation of ecosystem services and how can they be integrated into blue economic development?

In his opening speech, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco reminded the audience of the origins of the Monaco Blue Initiative and the progress made in 10 years. In particular, the Sovereign Prince spoke of the progress made towards the establishment of a legally binding instrument for the conservation and sustainable use of the high seas (BBNJ).

MPAs can play an important role in mitigating the effects of climate change, ocean acidification and natural disasters. They also have a high rate of economic return on ecosystem services, the Sovereign Prince reiterated.

The adoption of the more ambitious target of 30% coverage of the world's oceans by MPAs could therefore generate substantial financing and create new jobs. It is time to accelerate the extension of protection and to strengthen it both politically and legally. One of the challenges to be met is the expansion



ABOVE:  
MBI PARTICIPANTS GATHERING IN MONACO  
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of these areas, as it is no longer a question of preserving a few ecosystems, but of inventing a global, ocean-wide solution, which was the objective of the UN BBNJ negotiations. MPAs must be developed on the high seas, where the future of our planet is at stake, said HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

The day was also marked by keynote speeches by Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime

Affairs and Fisheries, Brune Poirson, Secretary of State to the Minister of State, Minister for Ecological and Solidarity Transition and Vice President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, Huo Chuanlin, Deputy Director of the Department of Marine Ecology and Environment at the Chinese Ministry of Ecology and Environment, representing the Minister of Ecology and Environment, Li Ganjie, and José Apolinário, Secretary of State for Fisheries in the Government of Portugal ♦

Launched in 2010 on the initiative of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, the Monaco Blue Initiative is a discussion platform co-organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Oceanographic Institute, Prince Albert I Foundation. This event provides an invaluable setting for discussing the global challenges to be taken on in terms of ocean preservation, as well as for analysing and highlighting the possible synergies between marine protection and socio-economic development.

## 12TH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO FOUNDATION AWARD CEREMONY

The 12th Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Award Ceremony was held on Thursday 20 June at the Reina Sofia Museum in Madrid. The event, organised by the Spanish branch of the Foundation, honoured key figures and organisations for their commitment to protecting the planet in each of the Foundation's three priority action areas: limiting the effects of climate change, safeguarding biodiversity and managing water resources.

Opening the ceremony, His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco first thanked the President of the Spanish branch, Carol Portabella Settimo, and all the staff for organising such a wonderful event. The Sovereign Prince continued by saying, "Through the initiatives, people and institutions we are honouring today, we are showcasing the ability of our world to unite for the benefit of all. I hope that this unity will continue to inspire our actions: those of my Foundation, but also yours – the actions of each and every one of us. This is a vital requirement and it should constantly drive us, particularly in these times of crisis and uncertainty."

The **Climate Change Award** was presented to Danish firm **Ørsted**, one of the leading companies in the energy sector that has successfully abandoned fossil fuels for renewable energies. The firm now provides green energy to

more than 12 million people, through offshore wind farms. In doing so, Ørsted has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 72% since 2006.

The **Water Award** was given to the **Tribunal de Las Aguas**, the Water Tribunal of Valencia. Inscribed since 2009 on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list, the Water Tribunal is the oldest existing law court in Europe. It is composed of eight farmers elected every two years by the other beneficiaries of the region's irrigation system. The structure of the irrigation system, the participation of the farmers and the swiftness with which disputes are settled have earned the Tribunal international recognition as a model institution. Matter-of-fact, efficient and quintessentially Valencian, the Tribunal de Las Aguas meets in public before a crowd of curious onlookers that include university students and foreign visitors.

The **Biodiversity Award** went to **Dr Brad Lister** and **Dr Andres Garcia Aguayo** for their longstanding joint research in the field of biology. Their herpetology studies described how seasonality and predation affected the behavioural adaptation of lizard populations in the Luquillo rainforest in Puerto Rico. Their recent research has been instrumental in understanding how climate warming impacts on insect and insectivore populations, raising fears of a catastrophic decline in insects in tropical forests.

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

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco



A **Special Award** was presented by the Foundation to **Christiana Figueres** for her outstanding work in the field of climate change. A world-renowned leader, she was Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) from 2010 to 2016. Assuming responsibility for the international climate change negotiations after the failed Copenhagen conference of 2009, she

was determined to lead the process towards a universally agreed regulatory framework. Her efforts were rewarded by the 2015 Paris Agreement.

The awards ceremony concluded with a gala dinner held at the Teatro Real in the presence of 300 guests ♦

ABOVE:  
ON STAGE THE 2019 PRIZEWINNERS  
AND THE SOVEREIGN PRINCE  
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# 3RD MONTE-CARLO GALA FOR THE GLOBAL OCEAN

## A HOST OF ARTISTS ENGAGED ALONGSIDE HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO

International celebrities gathered around the Sovereign Prince to support the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's initiatives to protect the ocean and tackle the effects of climate change.



ABOVE:  
ARTISTS AND CELEBRITIES  
JOINED THE SOVEREIGN'S  
CALL TO SAVE THE OCEAN  
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On Thursday 26 September HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco hosted the third annual Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean with Robert Redford as guest of honour. The Prince was joined on stage by other international stars including Nicole Kidman, Uma Thurman and Andy Garcia, who were there in the capacity of masters of ceremonies. Patricia Arquette, Jane Seymour and Chris Tucker also made an appearance to present some of the exclusive lots up for sale in the exceptional auction conducted by Simon de Pury. They presented in turn warning messages

about the deteriorating health of our seas and the need for urgent and immediate action. Gwen Stefani, Andrea Bocelli and Kool & the Gang took to the stage to entertain guests with special performances, while Robin Thicke headlined the after party.

The design of the 2019 event immersed guests in an ice world to remind them of the environmental challenges that also affect the polar regions, which are inextricably linked to the ocean. In his speech, HSH Prince Albert II of

Monaco highlighted that the Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean was the closing event of a very special week dedicated to the ocean, which included the launch of the IPCC Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in the Principality on 25 September and the UN Climate Action Summit in New York.

"This is the time for collective responsibility, a shared commitment, a joint undertaking. This is the time for generosity. This is the stage we are at this evening and it is why I am particularly happy to welcome you all; particularly grateful to witness your commitment once again this year; and particularly proud of being able to continue with you, and thanks to you, the wonderful work that was carried out after the last two galas," said HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

Robert Redford was honoured with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Special Award in recognition of his unwavering, career-long commitment to protecting the environment. Accepting the prize, the actor, director and producer said, "The information we've heard over the course of the last few days, coming out of the United Nations report on the health of our oceans, is yet another reminder that our window of opportunity to change course is sadly narrowing each and every day. If ever there was a time to raise awareness and inspire actions, it is right now. This is it. This is our only planet. This may be our last chance" ♦

The Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean is organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and Milutin Gatsby, Global Fundraising Chairman, with the support of the Monaco Yacht Show, the Société des Bains de Mer, the Oceanographic Institute – Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation, the Yacht Club de Monaco and Monaco Private Label.

BELOW:  
HSH PRINCE ALBERT II  
OF MONACO AND  
ROBERT REDFORD  
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All proceeds from the event help bolster the Foundation's ocean conservation initiatives, such as creating Marine Protected Areas, protecting endangered marine species, mitigating the impact of climate change and ocean acidification, and combatting plastic pollution.



# YOUNG GENERATIONS

Because they will be the stakeholders and decision-makers of tomorrow, the young generations must engage with environmental issues so they can shape their futures in line with available scientific knowledge. Preparing them for these new challenges involves giving them the opportunity to contribute to research, supporting them in their fights, facilitating meetings, raising their awareness and educating them. The Foundation carries out regular initiatives with schoolchildren and students, in particular in the Principality, and supports numerous projects promoting environmental learning.



## LAUNCH OF AN EDUCATIONAL MARINE AREA IN MONACO

On 27 March, the Principality officially launched its first educational marine area, managed by the Monaco Association for the Protection of Nature, in partnership with the Government of Monaco, the Department of National Education, Youth and Sports and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. The pupils in their final year at primary school École des Révoires, who are responsible for the educational marine area extending from the seawall in Port Hercule to the foot of the cliffs below the Oceanographic Museum, presented their ideas and initiatives for protecting the area in front of the Sovereign Prince at the launch. This stretch of the Monegasque coast is home to six ecosystems that bring together a huge variety of land and marine species, some of them native to Monaco. Every year a new class will take over from these initial custodians and carry out their own projects for the sea. It was a very moving ceremony, opened by a symbolic song written by the children entitled *I want to save the ocean*. A mission they are very keen to take on.

## FUN ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PLASTIC POLLUTION RUN BY BEMED

Every year the association BeMed organises an awareness-raising day for schoolchildren in the Principality on the theme of plastic pollution in the ocean. The four workshops held on 26 March were a great success and won the support of the children. They were introduced to the topic through a quiz on plastic waste, which addressed the extent of plastic pollution and its consequences on the environment, a recycling race to teach them good practice and sessions on alternatives to plastic and how long waste takes to decompose. Thanks to the workshops, the schoolchildren have become ambassadors for the ocean and want to play their part in protecting their planet.

ABOVE:  
LAUNCH OF AN EDUCATIONAL  
MARINE AREA IN THE PRESENCE  
OF HSH PRINCE ALBERT II  
OF MONACO  
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> Young generations

**MALIZIA OCEAN CHALLENGE**

On 29 March, yachtsmen Boris Herrmann and Pierre Casiraghi welcomed nearly 200 children to a talk on the topic of protecting the ocean, in the context of their Malizia Ocean Challenge initiative. Their yacht racing team, competing in the IMOCA class, has set itself the task of promoting science, education and ocean protection among the very young. As well as equipping their boat with a CO2 sensor that is helping scientists understand the impact of climate change around the world, they are raising awareness by “taking the ocean into school”. The schoolchildren embraced the sport and science adventure, keen to learn about the ocean in order to protect it better. With the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Malizia educates children in schools all over the world about oceanography, the wonders of marine fauna and flora, the ecological threats facing the ocean, the ocean’s role in the Earth’s climate system, and climate change.



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**STUDENTS ON ICE – DISCOVERING THE POLAR REGIONS**

Large numbers of Monaco’s high school students attended the launch of the 11th edition of the competition, organised by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Department of National Education, Youth and Sports, to hear about the experiences of two school friends from Lycée Albert Ier, Morgane Pons and Baptiste Crovetto. The two students gave a presentation about their trip to the Arctic with 120 other young people from 20 different countries as part of the Students on Ice programme run by Geoff Green for almost 20 years. Through field observations, meetings with local communities and scientific learning, this transformative trip teaches the high school students lucky enough to take part about the fragility of the Arctic. Every year the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation makes it possible for two new Monegasque high school students to take part. “This expedition made us grow up and see the world differently,” concluded Morgane Pons before inviting her peers to try their luck at winning the study grant. Nature photographer and professional diver Laurent Ballesta looked back at his 2016 Antarctic expedition for

Luc Jacquet, during which he spent five weeks diving in the icy waters of the far south. Ségolène Royal, ambassador for the polar regions with responsibility for negotiating international agreements, was also present to highlight the vulnerability of the regions, which are twice as sensitive to global warming as anywhere else.



ABOVE:  
THE 2018 STUDENTS ON ICE CONTEST WINNERS CAME TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE PRESENCE OF HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO AND GEOFF GREEN, FOUNDER OF THE INITIATIVE  
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**IPCC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

On 19 September, at the IPCC welcome reception held at the Oceanographic Museum, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation presented diplomas to young researchers as part of the ‘Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Grant for IPCC’ programme. Honoured for the quality of their research in the field of climate change, the ten PhD students selected in consultation with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change were awarded a grant enabling them to carry out two years of research. Six are sponsored by the Foundation and four by the Cuomo Foundation. The grants provide a springboard for early-career scientists from developing countries.

LEFT:  
2019 COHORT OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS REWARDED BY THE FOUNDATION AND IPCC  
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**MAÏENGA**

The Foundation renewed its support for the Rallye Aïcha des Gazelles du Maroc event, in the E-Gazelle category, to promote and pilot an electric category in the world of off-road rallies.

**UNIDOS EN RED**

Promotes innovative solutions with high social impact for the sustainable development of humanity in the fields of health, education, sport, culture and the environment.

**TERI - THE ENERGY AND RESOURCES INSTITUTE**

Develops change management in the fields of energy, environment, climate change and sustainability. Organises sustainable development discussion days.

**FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES OF COMENIUS UNIVERSITY IN BRATISLAVA**

Supports research in the fields of environmental ecology and conservation biology, biodiversity decline, ecosystem services, sustainable development and mitigating the effects of climate change on the environment.

**SKYPOWER GLOBAL**

Develops utility-scale solar energy projects worldwide and combats the effects of climate change by using renewable energies and controlled management of water resources in accordance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

**CONSERVATOIRE DE L'ESPACE LITTORAL ET DES RIVAGES LACUSTRES**

Protects outstanding sea and river coastal areas from the impacts of global changes and establishes the sustainable and integrated management of all coastal uses.

**MONK SEAL ALLIANCE**

Protects the Mediterranean monk seal by bringing together experts and donors (foundations and donor agencies) to increase the scope and impact of the actions of monk seal conservation specialists in the field.

**FONDS DE DOTATION DASSAULT SYSTÈMES (ENDOWMENT FUND)**

Fosters widespread access to the power of 3D technologies in the fields of education, scientific and technological research, particularly applied to the environment.

**MSC FOUNDATION**

Promotes the sustainable use of the sea and of marine resources in the fields of coral reef protection, the promotion of sustainable practices to reduce plastic, in particular through the Beyond Plastic Med initiative, and the development and sustainable management of Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas through The MedFund.

**THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE (IPCC) AND THE CUOMO FOUNDATION**

Supports scientific knowledge in developing countries by awarding annual research grants to 10 hand-picked students.

**CER - CENTER OF ENERGY EFFICIENT SOLUTIONS**

Develops innovative green technologies to reduce energy and material consumption, lower and eliminate waste and emissions and facilitate the use of clean, more efficient energy.

**AMAALA**

AMAALA is a sustainable tourist destination project on the north-west coast of the Red Sea in Saudi Arabia that prioritises the preservation of the environment and marine life by contributing to the regeneration of coral reefs, protecting emblematic species, preventing plastic pollution and creating Marine Protected Areas.

**MONACO MEDIAX**

Promotes environmental documentaries in the context of the Golden Nymph Awards ceremony that takes place during the Monte-Carlo International Television Festival ♦

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TOP RIGHT: HSH THE SOVEREIGN PRINCE WITH SIR STELIOS, STELIOS PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION, AND MARCO LAMBERTINI, WWF INTERNATIONAL © LUDOVIC ARNEODO FFAZ

BOTTOM LEFT: SIGNING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION AND SKYPOWER © CLAUDIA ALBUQUERQUE

BOTTOM RIGHT: HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO WITH PROF PETER FEDOR, DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NATURAL SCIENCE OF BRATISLAVA © AXEL BASTELLO, PALACE OF MONACO

# PARTNERSHIPS

To accomplish our work, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation relies on a network of partners with whom we develop a synergy of interests in shared environmental issues. In 2019, 13 new Memoranda of Understanding, 8 financial partnerships and 14 new project partnerships were approved.

**Financial partnerships / sponsors**

- Chanel
- Monaco Ambassadors Club
- Manifesto Factory
- Temis Luxury
- Stelios Philanthropic and WWF
- Rolex Fondation
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**Project Partnerships**

- Cambridge Conservation Initiative
- Marine Biological Laboratory
- Fondation pour la Nature et l'Homme
- The Marine Megafauna Foundation
- Seas At Risk
- IHE Delft Institute for Water Education
- Centre d'Actions et de Réalisations Internationales
- Southern Tanzania Elephant Program
- Whale and Dolphin Conservation
- Botanical Garden (Institute) of Academy of Science of Moldova
- Fondation MAGIS
- Graine de Vie
- Galapagos Conservation Trust
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## DONORS AND BENEFACTORS

The Foundation is privileged to count on the loyalty of our many benefactors and individual donors whose support is vital to our work. The high environmental stakes call for action on a grand scale and the Foundation extends our heartfelt gratitude to them.

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CREM MEMBERS  
ALONGSIDE HSH PRINCE  
ALBERT II OF MONACO  
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### CREM HANDS OVER A CHEQUE FOR 70,000 EUROS TO SUPPORT WOMEN IN AFRICA

To mark International Women's Day in March, on the initiative of Louise Levy-Soussan, the Monaco expats club CREM turned the spotlight on 16 women from the Principality, commissioning fashion photographer Amadeo Turello to take photos of them to be featured in a book. Sales of the book enabled CREM to hand over a cheque for 70,000 euros to HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco for his Foundation, in support of initiatives to improve conditions for women in rural Africa. Two projects have been selected: the first promoting and enabling the continued use of energy efficient cookers in the Republic of Guinea and the second focused on combatting desertification in Chad by producing improved stoves that consume less firewood.

### THIRD UPAW - HELPING ENDANGERED SPECIES THROUGH STREET ART

The third edition of the street art festival Urban Painting Around the World (UPAW), organised by Albert Coleman and William Speestra, held in Monaco in June, was a resounding success. Ten well-known artists from seven different countries displayed their talents. Mina Hamada from Japan, Simoni Fontana from Greece, L'Atlas and Dave Baranes from France, Sabek from Spain, the Low Bros from Germany, Dario Vella from Italy and the Principality's own Beli and Mr One Teas shared their creativity within the chosen theme of endangered animals. The artworks were painted on pop-up walls using eco-friendly paint and were sold at auction with the Sovereign Prince in attendance. The auction raised 25,000 euros for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, to support a chimpanzee conservation project in Uganda.

### MONACO YACHT SHOW

During the official visit of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco to Monaco Yacht Show (MYS), Gaëlle Tallarida, Managing Director of MYS, and Lord Stephen A. Carter, CEO of the Informa Group, handed over a donation of 50,000 euros to his Foundation to help combat deforestation and support the development of a more eco-responsible yachting industry. A loyal partner of the Foundation, MYS is committed to making stakeholders in the yachting market – both businesses and customers – more aware of the need to use certified wood sourced from sustainably managed forests.

### TREES FOR WATER PROGRAMME: 9,800 TREES PLANTED FOR THE MONEGASQUE PEOPLE

A generous donor, inspired by the tree planting programme being conducted in central India by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and its partner Grow Trees, purchased a tree for each citizen of Monaco on the Principality's National Day on 19 November, which also happens to be his birthday. Thanks to his donation, some 9,800 trees will be planted on riverbanks in the region of Madhya Pradesh, with the aim of minimising soil erosion, intercepting rainwater, filtering the water and replenishing groundwater. The initiative will also create employment for the local populations, protect wildlife and help combat the effects of climate change, including flooding. Many Monegasque businesses as well as private individuals also supported Trees for Water at Christmas by giving a gift in the form of a tree planted on the recipient's behalf. 19,200 trees have been planted since the start of the programme.

### GALERIE BARTOUX JOINS THE FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF ITS ACTIONS

In the context of the *Botero in Monaco* exhibition devoted to the work of Colombian master Fernando Botero, the owners of Galerie Bartoux generously made a donation to the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation to support its actions. Alexandre and Charles Bartoux presented the Foundation with 23,300 euros from the auction of Botero's work *A Family*, which took place in the Hôtel des Ventes de Monte-Carlo on 21 July. On 2 July, HSH the Sovereign Prince had been given a private tour of the artists' 31 unique masterpieces on show in the gallery in Monaco.



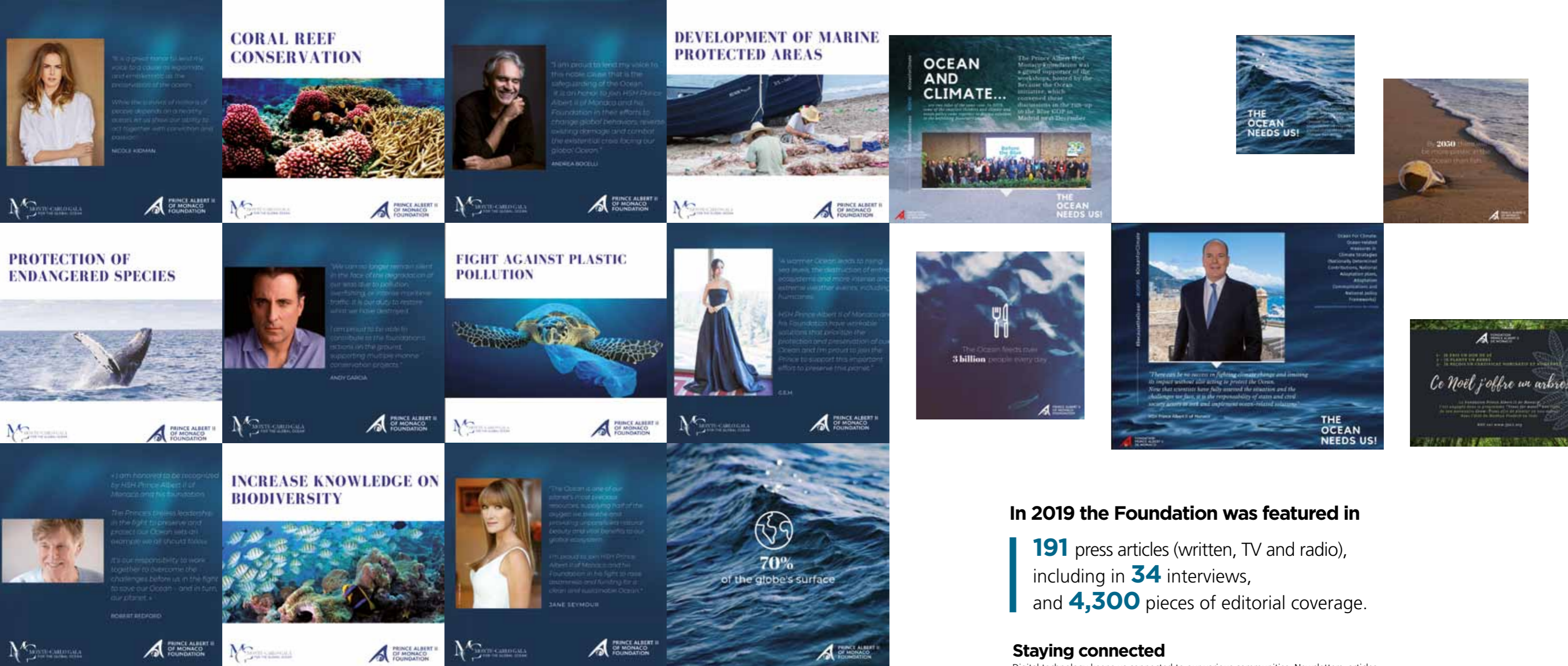
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### MONACO TELECOM MOVES TO PAPERLESS BILLING AND DONATES TO THE FOUNDATION

On 29 November, Martin Peronnet, Managing Director of Monaco Telecom, made official the operator's support for the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation by handing over a donation of 16,537.50 euros to Olivier Wenden, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation, from the money saved by their move to paperless billing. Each month, Monaco Telecom issues some 22,000 consumer bills, 85% of which are now sent electronically. The money donated to the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation will help support projects focused on protecting forests and the biodiversity within them. Reducing the amount of paper consumed is a way of combatting deforestation and saving precious water and energy resources ♦

BELOW:  
GAËLLE TALLARIDA, MANAGING  
DIRECTOR OF THE MYS, AND  
LORD STEPHEN A. CARTER,  
CEO OF THE INFORMA GROUP,  
PRESENT A DONATION  
TO HSH PRINCE ALBERT II  
OF MONACO IN SUPPORT  
OF HIS FOUNDATION  
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# COMMUNICATING

At the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation we implement an active communication strategy to carry out our mission of raising awareness among the public and our communities, to make scientific messages accessible and to draw attention to field projects and sustainability initiatives. This also entails forging close links with the international press, making the Sovereign Prince's voice on environmental issues heard and highlighting the expertise of the members of the Foundation's governing bodies. Lastly, it means cementing the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's image as a determined and committed player in promoting sustainable development.

## In 2019 the Foundation was featured in




**191** press articles (written, TV and radio), including in **34** interviews, and **4,300** pieces of editorial coverage.

## Staying connected

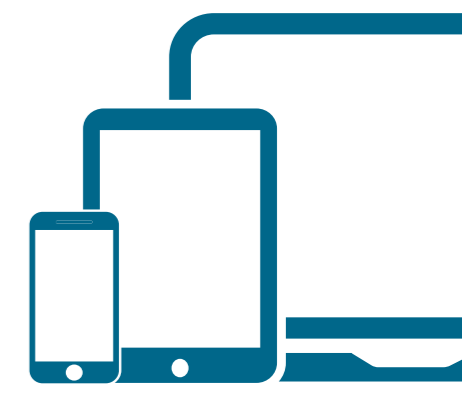
Digital technology keeps us connected to our various communities. Newsletters, articles on the website and posts and communication campaigns on social media enable us to extend the reach of our messages.

Website  
**155,000 users**  
 in 2019 with nearly 390,000 pages visited and a 15% increase in visit time.

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*Figures as at December 2019*





# OUR TEAMS

THE PRESIDENTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES MEETING IN MADRID, IN JUNE © GAETAN LUCI, PALACE OF MONACO

Since it was set up, the Foundation has opened several representative offices around the world to extend the scope of its work: in France and the UK in 2007, Switzerland, the US and Canada in 2008, and Germany and Italy in 2009. In 2011 Singapore joined our list of offices, then in 2016 it was Spain's turn to open a branch. A 10th office has just been opened in Beijing, China.



## MONACO

### Olivier Wenden takes over from HE Mr Bernard Fautrier as Vice President of the Foundation

Current and former employees of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation came together for an emotional farewell private drinks reception for HE Bernard Fautrier in the presence of the Sovereign Prince. The event, which took place at the Foundation's head office, provided the opportunity to show him the respect and fellow feeling that had built up over the years of working together.

HE Bernard Fautrier has been appointed Special Advisor on environmental issues to HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, effective from 1 October. The appointment will allow HE Bernard Fautrier to pursue his efforts on behalf of the environment.

As head of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation since it was first set up in 2006, he has worked tirelessly to spread its influence internationally, according to the wishes of the Sovereign Prince.

Having fulfilled the role of Executive Director since 2014, Olivier Wenden has been appointed Vice President of the Foundation by sovereign decision. Over the past five years, alongside HE Bernard Fautrier, he has managed the Foundation's missions and helped develop institutional partnerships and patronages ♦

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## CANADA

### Ramping up initiatives to protect the Canadian Arctic

On 5 March, while on a visit to Canada at the invitation of the Canadian branch of his Foundation, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco was awarded an honorary doctorate in recognition of his commitment to protecting the planet, sustainable development and tackling climate change by its Rector, Professor Pierre Cossette, on behalf of Sherbrooke University in Montreal. For more than a decade, the Foundation's Canadian office has been investing the entirety of funds raised in projects in Canada, such as the one to protect endangered narwhals and beluga whales. The Sovereign Prince's visit also provided the opportunity to formally make a new donation to the Group for Research and Education on Marine Mammals (GREMM) to support their project monitoring the health of belugas in the Saint Lawrence River.

A fundraising lunch hosted by the President of the Canada branch, Diane Vachon, was organised on the same day, bringing together Canadian business leaders, including Canadian former astronaut Chris Hadfield, for a panel discussion on the environment.

Fuelled by the extensive knowledge of HSH Prince Albert II, the discussion was both animated and fruitful, galvanising decision-makers present to take more decisive action to protect the planet. The Sovereign Prince again praised the staff for their energy and commitment over the years, working closely with authorities and institutions, particularly in Quebec, to help preserve Canada's natural resources. Given that a third of the Arctic territories belong to Canada, the Canadian office was keen to step up its action to safeguard the region and the communities who live there. To this end, two innovative projects for the Canadian Arctic were chosen from among the projects supported by the Foundation's Canadian branch in 2019. These are the Arctic Eider Society's project 'Siku: indigenous solutions for rapidly expanding communities' which is held in high esteem by all stakeholders in the Canadian Arctic, and the community project for environmental monitoring in the Canadian Arctic conducted by the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières ♦

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HSH PRINCE ALBERT II WITH DR DIANE VACHON, PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN BRANCH, THE MEMBERS AND CANADIAN FORMER ASTRONAUT COLONEL CHRIS HADFIELD  
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## FRANCE

### Bringing businesses and the public together to protect the environment

A gala evening in aid of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation was organised on 21 February 2019 in Paris by the Foundation's French Committee led by its then President, Annabelle Jaeger-Seydoux, and hosted by Mr and Mrs Fournier, owners of the Salle Gaveau, the venue for the event. Some exceptional performers came together for an evening of classical music, including internationally renowned pianist Alexander Gadjeiev, winner of the 2018 Monte-Carlo Piano Masters, and Polish soprano Aleksandra Kurzak and her husband, French-Sicilian tenor Roberto Alagna, accompanied by celebrated composer, arranger, musical director and conductor Yvan Cassar. The concert was followed by a gala dinner attended by a host of French and Monegasque VIPs, who joined HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco for an evening dedicated to the environment.

At the Annual General Meeting and meeting of the Board of Directors of the French office held on 10 July 2019, a new President of the French Committee was elected, namely Christophe Steiner, Ambassador of Monaco in France. Three new members also joined the Board of the French Committee: Emmanuel Calça, the Foundation's Financial Director,

diplomat Alain Le Roy and Sabrina Krief, primatologist and professor at the French Natural History Museum. They join Pierre-Louis Colin, Raphael Cuvelier, Annabelle Jaeger, Jean Jouzel, Frédéric Labarrere and Jacques Perrin. In 2019 the French Committee supported, among others, the reforestation project in the Masoala National Park in Madagascar and also Génération Climat, a youth climate action campaign. For 2020 the Committee has shortlisted the following projects: the continuing Kita project, the "On est prêt"/Energie Partagée campaign in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, and the Faune Sauvage call for projects; all of which will first be submitted to the Foundation's Scientific Committee.

The French Committee engages extensively with the business community and renewed its partnership with French companies Temis and Manifesto. Finally, the French Committee was present at the French Natural History Museum gala evening on the theme of the ocean, held on 5 November 2019 ♦

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HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO WITH YVAN CASSAR, ALEKSANDRA KURZAK, ROBERTO ALAGNA AND ALEXANDER GADJEIEV  
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## GERMANY

### The German office celebrates its 10th anniversary



HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN BRANCH  
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The German office of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, headed by Dr Bernd Kunth, celebrated its 10th anniversary on 4 December 2019 in Potsdam, in the presence of HSH the Sovereign Prince. Professor Meinel, Director of the prestigious Hasso Plattner Institute, welcomed the Sovereign Prince, who was accompanied by a Monegasque delegation made up of HE Bernard Fautrier, Special Advisor to the Prince, HE Isabelle Berro-Amadeï, the Monegasque Ambassador to Germany, Barbara Zumbaum, the Consul of Monaco in Potsdam, and Olivier Wenden, Vice President of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, as well as Alexander Liegl, Honorary Consul of Monaco in Munich and then a member of the Germany office.

A talk on 'Climate change – a challenge for business leaders and investors' was organised at the Institute. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco praised the work carried out by the Foundation's German office over the years, thanking Dr Kunth

for his commitment. The 150 guests were then welcomed at the Barberini Museum for a reception followed by a private tour of the wonderful Van Gogh exhibition. In the evening, the guests joined the Sovereign Prince for a gala dinner to celebrate the anniversary of the German office.

In January, the German office of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation attended Boot Düsseldorf boat show for Blue Motion Night, which included the Ocean Tribute Awards ceremony in partnership with Messe Düsseldorf and the German Ocean Foundation. These awards recognise marine conservation projects in three categories: society, industry and science. The 2019 Society award went to Malizia Ocean Challenge, an initiative launched by Pierre Casiraghi and Boris Herrmann to raise awareness of ocean science, education and protection, particularly among children, in the context of their IMOCA 60' races ♦

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## ITALY

### Gala evening in the heart of the Eternal City



THE ITALIAN BRANCH OF THE FOUNDATION IN ROME ON 17 OCTOBER  
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On 17 October, in the presence of HSH the Sovereign Prince, the Italian branch of his Foundation organised a scientific symposium in partnership with Rome city council and La Sapienza di Roma University on the theme of 'Smart cities, urban forests and protecting water'. In front of some 200 guests gathered in the impressive Sala degli Orazi e Curiazi at the Musei Capitolini in the Eternal City of Rome, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco spoke alongside the Mayor of Rome, Virginia Raggi, the Rector of the University, Eugenio Gaudio, and Professors Carlo Blasi and Marco Petitta on the challenges involved in developing our cities with greater respect for the environment, water and forests in light of the climate emergency.

In his speech, after thanking the Vice President of the Italian branch, Marco Colasanti, for organising the event so successfully, the Sovereign Prince spoke of the ambiguous relationship that our cities have always had with nature. In her welcoming address, Madam Mayor said that Rome was one of the only

cities in Italy to have agreed a concrete environmental action plan. Professor Carlo Blasi, who spoke on the theme of urban forests, said that green spaces help minimise the effects of climate change, reduce heat as well as CO2 emissions in cities, and at the same time deliver ecosystemic, environmental and social benefits. A gala dinner was held on the same evening at the Capitol, bringing together all the members of the Italian branch alongside the Sovereign Prince. The Mayor of Rome and the Italian Minister of Education, Lorenzo Fioramonti, were among the guests at the event hosted by the very entertaining Italian journalist and presenter Massimo Giletti.

From 11 to 13 April, the Italian office also participated in the 4th Aqua Film Festival in Rome, the first international film festival on the theme of water in all its forms. Of the 200 or so films entered into the competition from all over the world, about 30 shorts were selected for screening and two feature films were shown, all focusing on water ♦

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## SINGAPORE

### Preparing for the 'Ball in Monaco' gala in Singapore 2021

Volunteer staff from the Foundation's Asia branch, headed by Jacky Deromedi, have been busy this year preparing for the prestigious fundraising gala ball, held every two years at the Marina Bay Sands Hotel in Singapore.

The event is rescheduled for 2021 in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II

of Monaco, with the Singaporean Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, as guest of honour. The Asia office is already hard at work organising the gala, hoping once again to amaze the 600 or so guests who will be coming from all over Asia and Europe specially for the occasion ♦

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THE "DREAM TEAM" WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASIA BRANCH, JACKY DEROMEDI, WITH THE HONORARY CONSUL OF MONACO IN SINGAPORE, JEAN-MARC DEROMEDI, THE ADSTORIA COMMUNICATIONS TEAM HEADED BY SOPHIE DEROMEDI, AND LOYAL FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION'S FIRST CIRCLE  
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## SPAIN

### Developing positive synergies for the environment



HE BERNARD FAUTRIER, MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY, HE TERESA RIBERA, MINISTER FOR THE ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN, HSH PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO, HE PEDRO DUQUE, SPAIN'S MINISTER OF SCIENCE, AND RICARDO MARTÍ FLUXÀ, PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL PATRONAGE OF REINA SOFIA NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART  
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In 2019, under the leadership of its President, Carol Portabella Settimo, the Spanish office of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation continued to extend its action by providing support for initiatives and projects carried out by the Foundation in Spain, for example through the BeMed initiative. From initial project assessments with local organisations to passing the projects on to the Foundation's headquarters in Monaco for examination, the Spanish branch provides a process that is welcomed by local structures. The branch also strives to strengthen high-level institutional relations with the Spanish Government, as well as with institutions and private organisations working in environmental protection, to establish positive synergies.

The Spanish office hosted the Foundation's Board of Directors in Madrid in June, as well as the 12th Foundation Awards Ceremony. It was a packed day, brilliantly orchestrated by the staff at the Spanish branch in various iconic and prestigious venues in the city. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and the members of the Board of Directors were treated to a private tour of the Prado Museum before holding their twice-yearly meeting in the Cason

de Buen Retiro. The 12th Foundation Awards Ceremony was held in the auditorium of the magnificent Reina Sofia National Museum of Contemporary Art in the presence of 400 guests, including Teresa Ribera, Spanish Minister for the Ecological Transition, Pedro Duque, Spanish Minister of Science, Innovation and Universities, Cristina Gallach, the Spanish Government's High Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda, as well as senior representatives from public and private institutions, and prominent foundations and NGOs. Opening the ceremony, HRH Prince Albert II of Monaco thanked the President, Carol Portabella Settimo, and her teams for organising the wonderful event, before focusing on the environmental challenges that we must tackle with strong unity. The event ended with a fundraising evening held at the Teatro Real, in the presence of 300 guests and the 2019 Award winners, including Christiana Figueres, during which celebrated flamenco singer Nina Pastori gave a performance. Finally, in 2019, the Spanish office arranged for a private audience to take place between HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and His Majesty King Felipe VI of Spain, and provided assistance within the framework of COP25 ♦

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## SWITZERLAND

### Raising awareness of key environmental issues



JBEL MOUSSA MPA, MOROCCO  
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In 2019, under its President François Rumpf, the Swiss branch actively pursued its mission to promote the initiatives of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, focusing primarily on protecting biodiversity, combatting climate change and improving access to water. The Swiss branch participates in various meetings, mainly in the context of Geneva's international activities, and regularly hosts the Sovereign Prince when he addresses the UN and various international organisations, calling for the world to take urgent action to protect the planet.

In May 2016, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, through its Swiss office, formed a partnership with Basel Zoo to support the development of Marine Protected Areas, with a focus on the Mediterranean. Every year Basel Zoo donates a portion of each ticket sold to The MedFund. It donated 33,050 Swiss francs to the Foundation in 2019, bringing the total donated since the partnership began to 178,313 Swiss francs. The Zoo also took part in the second edition of Monaco Ocean Week in 2018, to cement the partnership and

encourage other institutions to join the initiative, following the example of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco.

A delegation of the Swiss branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation attended the Foundation's award ceremony in Madrid.

In terms of projects, the Swiss office examines the many requests for support that it receives before sending those that meet the necessary criteria to the Foundation's head office in Monaco for further examination and follow-up. During 2019, the Swiss branch gave a financial contribution to the Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean thanks to a generous donor and lent its support to the Planet Solar Foundation for its Antarctic Explorers mission ♦

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## UNITED KINGDOM

### Supporting the actions of the new generation



HE EVELYNE GENTA  
MEETS GRETA THUNBERG  
IN PLYMOUTH  
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Supporting innovation and the development of student projects related to the environment was on the agenda during HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco's visit to London in April 2019 to launch a solar vehicle designed by students at Ardingly College. Accompanied by HE Evelyne Genta, President of the Foundation's British branch, and HE Bernard Fautrier, the Sovereign Prince was presented the vehicle developed by the Ardingly Solar Car team led by Professor Andrew Spiers, which was specially designed to take part in the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge 2019 held in Australia in the autumn. The vehicle came a brilliant second on the podium after successfully driving, in tough conditions, 1,300 kilometres using only solar power and the remaining kilometres using electric power. HSH Prince Albert then attended a dinner organised by the Scott Polar Research Institute, of which he is patron, where he was hosted by its director, Professor Julian Dowdeswell, a glaciologist working on the form and flow of glaciers and ice caps and their response to climate change.

HE Evelyne Genta visited Plymouth in the south-west of England to meet young Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg as she was about to set sail for New York for the UN World Summit in September. Choosing not to travel by plane, Greta Thunberg crossed the Atlantic on board the *Malizia II*, a zero-carbon racing sailboat equipped with solar panels and underwater turbines providing the electricity necessary to sail the boat. Accompanied by Pierre Casiraghi and Boris Herrmann, the young activist made the journey in complete safety, with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.

Lastly, continuing to be very active alongside British universities and institutions, the UK branch reinforced its support for projects led by the University of Cambridge and the Cambridge Conservation Initiative in the field of conserving biodiversity and protecting endangered species ♦

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## USA

### Loyal support for research and education to raise awareness of environmental issues

The American office of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation relies on the strength of its network in the United States to boost the Foundation's efforts, thereby extending the impact of its work in the field of conserving biodiversity and protecting the ocean. On 31 January, at a reception held in the Kelly family home – the new headquarters of the Foundation's US branch – its President, John B. Kelly, welcomed some 100 distinguished guests including members of the American Board of Directors such as HE Maguy Maccario Doyle, its Vice President, and John Coffman, its Executive Director, along with representatives from various public authorities and associations, especially those connected to education and the environment.

The American branch continued its support of a multitude of exciting projects in 2019, with the assistance of the Foundation's headquarters in Monaco. Alongside the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, the branch supported the 3rd Camp Monaco Prize, rewarding integrated scientific research and public education initiatives in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in order to

inform, inspire and strengthen biodiversity conservation in the United States and around the world. A seminar on Marine Protected Areas, run with the Woodrow Wilson Center, facilitated a high-level discussion to encourage progress on MPAs around Antarctica and on the high seas.

John B. Kelly also spoke at the annual consular meeting organised by the Ambassador of Monaco to the United States and Canada, HE Maguy Maccario Doyle, to discuss the actions carried out by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation. Finally, in partnership with the Princess Grace Foundation-USA, the American branch of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation sponsored 'SpongeBob Family Day' during the Monte-Carlo International Television Festival in June, an event that brought families together in the name of the famous American cartoon to raise awareness about the need to protect the marine environment. HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco attended the event with his children, Prince Jacques and Princess Gabriella, along with the President and Vice President of the American branch, Mr Kelly and HE Mrs Maccario Doyle ♦



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THE SOVEREIGN PRINCE ATTENDED WITH HIS FAMILY THE SPECIAL SPONGEBOB DAY ORGANISED DURING THE MONTE-CARLO INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION FESTIVAL.  
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## CHINA

### Official opening of an office in China

At the meeting of the Presidents of the overseas offices, held alongside the Board meeting in Madrid in June, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation formally opened its 10th international branch in Beijing, China, and welcomed its newly appointed head, Robert Shi. This new office will enable the Foundation to ramp up efforts in China, developing new projects in collaboration with Chinese environmental authorities and NGOs. For his first official event in his new role, Mr Shi was invited to attend the press conference for the launch of the new Gazelles Morocco-China Rally in Beijing on 22 October, along with various dignitaries, officials, the organisers and the 18 'Gazelles' (women rally drivers) of 12 different nationalities, who went on to promote the event in the Province of Naiman from 23 to 26 October.

Mr Shi spoke of the support the Foundation has been providing for several years for the electric vehicle section of the Rallye des Gazelles. Rolling out the event in China is a wonderful example to follow in Asia, because it aligns fully with the strategy and public policy that the Chinese authorities are looking to implement with regard to sustainable development and clean mobility initiatives. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation also praised the commitment and determination of Dominique Serra and her teams to make this initiative a reality in China, helping to promote sustainable mobility beyond borders in order to create a global collective movement which the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is keen to see emerge ♦



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ROBERT SHI AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE GAZELLES MOROCCO-CHINA RALLY  
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The Board of Directors sets the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's strategy and supervises the management of its activities. Since the Foundation was established, it has been supported by exceptional men and women. Their experience and skills in fields related to the environment are of great benefit to the Foundation in carrying out its work.

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The 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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Professor at Charles University in Prague and Director of the Environment Centre since 1992, member of the Scientific Council of the Czech Technical University in Prague

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Pioneer of hang-gliding and micro-lighting in Europe, UN Goodwill Ambassador (UNFPA), winner of the first transatlantic balloon race (1992), founder of the Solar Impulse project

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# ETHICS COMMISSION

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

The Ethics Commission is an independent advisory body that carries out its remit in accordance with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation's Statutes and Internal Regulations. Its role is to ensure the compliance of the Foundation's activities not only with the values it promotes, but also with current laws, regulations and international conventions and ethical principles.

The Ethics Commission adheres to rules approved by the Board of Directors that define how it operates and its relationships with the Foundation's other bodies in order to ensure compliance with the Foundation's Ethics Charter.

During the year 2019, the Ethics Commission met twice under the chairmanship of Jean-François Landwerlin. On those occasions it formulated a recommendation aimed at preventing the risk of conflicts of interest within the governing bodies, in particular when the members of the Scientific and Technical Committee

express opinions about projects funded by the Foundation. Having defined the conflict of interests situation, the Ethics Commission recommends that the members of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the members of the Board of Directors declare or report any real or potential conflict of interest with the subject of a project that they are invited to give their opinion on.

Similarly, when the members of those governing bodies identify a conflict of interests situation, the person concerned must be invited to refrain from participating in the body's deliberations on the project in question.

This year was also marked by the appointment of HE Isabelle Berro-Amadeï as President of the Ethics Commission, with effect from 1 January 2020. She succeeds Jean-François Landwerlin. HE Isabelle Berro-Amadeï was the first Monegasque magistrate to act as judge then Section President at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. She is currently Ambassador

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Principality of Monaco to the Kingdom of Belgium, as well as Head of the Principality of Monaco's Mission to the European Union and to the European Atomic Energy Community.

## HE MRS ISABELLE BERRO-AMADEÏ

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Chair of the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Scientific Committee, and Member of the IRDR Scientific Committee

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# DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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

**HE MRS EVELYNE GENTA**

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**LADY TINA GREEN**

*Member, business woman and Interior Designer*

# TRIPLE QUALITY, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY ISO CERTIFICATION RENEWED

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

The intermediate audit, as provided for in the certification, took place in December 2019 to ensure the effectiveness of the Quality-Environment management system in place year on year.

Adhering to these international frames of reference is a way for the Foundation to show that it operates in compliance with current standards to ensure that its initiatives are properly managed, its efficiency is continually tested

and its relationships with partners are continuously improved, with the overarching aim of reducing the environmental impact of its activities.

**Our commitments:**

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



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