



THE DAVID & LUCILE

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# Ocean Initiative



## Initiative Overview

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation works with people and communities to create enduring solutions for just societies and a healthy, resilient natural world. We believe that if we address major threats to ocean health, we can help ensure that the ocean will recover and thrive for generations to come.



## The Challenge

The ocean is under serious threat. Destructive fishing practices, climate change, and damage to marine and coastal habitats are putting ocean health at risk and harming the communities that rely on the ocean for their livelihoods, food security, and cultural heritage. These communities include Indigenous Peoples, coastal communities, small-scale fishers, and seafood workers.

## Our Goal

Our goal is to protect and restore the ocean for people and nature now and in the future.

## Our Strategy

Civil society, supply chains, and governance all play important roles in addressing the challenges that face the ocean and the communities that rely on it, including declining fish populations and biodiversity. We work at local, state, regional, and global levels to drive solutions that create lasting change.





## Our efforts focus on three key areas:

### 1 Ocean Habitats and Communities

We work with local organizations and leaders in the U.S., Indonesia, and Chile to conserve ocean areas that are especially rich in marine life to ensure the ocean remains healthy and sustains communities and their way of life. These countries can serve as models for Indigenous- and community-led ocean conservation.

### 2 Global Fisheries

We work with partners in East and Southeast Asia to end illegal fishing, improve conditions for seafood workers, protect human rights, and ensure fisheries are managed responsibly and sustainably.

### 3 Ocean-Based Climate Solutions

We work with partners to advance responsible floating offshore wind energy in California. This work helps to accelerate the transition to clean energy, curb the climate crisis, and create a model that can be adapted globally.



Across all our ocean grantmaking, we aim to ensure the communities that most rely on the ocean for their food, jobs, and cultural traditions can shape the decisions that impact them, so solutions reflect the needs of those most affected, and progress is enduring.

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