GRANTS FOR OCEAN LEADERS

SOA is awarding up to $2,000 USD to projects led by Ocean Leaders under 35 years old that align with UN SDG 14 targets, with an emphasis on projects related to climate change mitigation & adaptation, sustainable fisheries & fishing practices, sustainable development of coastal & island communities, and increasing scientific knowledge as well as basic ocean literacy.

Additionally, selected applicants are eligible to receive more project funding and skills development through the Deep Dive: Community Leadership program in October.

Please note: Project leaders must be proficient in English.

2020 Grantee Spotlight

Let the Sea Turtle Live

The mission of this project is to raise awareness among fishermen to improve fishing practices with the aim of conserving the endangered sea turtles. Over 3,000 fishermen in 4 fishing communities took part, including 30 fishermen association leaders who agreed to serve as ambassadors for the project and to continue to spread awareness in their community.

Journalism to Combat Marine Debris

This project seeks to leverage data and storytelling tools to spotlight the challenge of marine pollution and its dangers to society. The project also deploys a digital campaign involving use of short videos and infographics to educate residents across West Africa on the dangers of marine pollution, and improve practices of waste management.