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Impact Report 2025/2026

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The world's most prestigious and impactful environmental award

Founded by Prince William in 2020, and inspired by President John F. Kennedy's 1961 Moonshot ambition, The Earthshot Prize was created to galvanise global action and champion solutions to the planet's greatest challenges.

The Prize identifies, scales and celebrates ground-breaking leadership in environmental action.

Each year, we undertake a global search for the most promising solutions, selecting 15 Finalists and awarding five Winners £1 million each to grow their impact.

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Foreword

Foreword from Our Chair

Nothing inspires urgency like joining The Earthshot Prize six years into a 10-year mission. While it is an honour to chair this bold organisation, focused on finding, scaling and championing the most promising solutions to the world's most pressing needs, if I feel a clock ticking above my head, it's because we are up against it.

The countdown to 2030 is on. What gives me cause for optimism, is that far more is happening to improve things than most people know, and the speed of transformation underway is extraordinary.

Urgency and optimism create powerful action. This is the alchemic formula that The Earthshot Prize was founded on and one that has created incredible progress and momentum.

As leader of IKEA, I have experienced firsthand how to build a successful and economically sustainable business. At IKEA, we were able to rethink and redesign our entire company, by investing in renewable energy to power our operations and switching to a circular business model. We showed that growth and emissions no longer need to be tied. We proved that being climate smart means being resource smart, which in turn, is cost smart.

Across every sector, energy, transportation, agriculture, manufacturing, finance, leaders understand this change and are deep into it. We now need to tell these stories at every opportunity to encourage more action.

Are we doing enough? Not yet. We are asking humanity to accomplish something unprecedented: to fundamentally shift the economic model that has driven growth for centuries. That is an enormous task, and requires change from everyone everywhere: businesses, institutions, governments and citizens.

I believe the commitment is there and, as The Earthshot Prize has shown, the solutions already exist. What we must do now is speed, scale and join up these solutions, and tell their stories to spread urgency and optimism all over the world.

I feel a huge sense of responsibility and privilege to be part of this, and call on all of you to join the Earthshot community, to discover, support and adopt these solutions, to be inspired and inspire others.

Now, if you don't mind, it's time to get back to work.

Jesper Brodin,
Chair

Foreword from Our CEO

More than halfway through this decisive decade for climate action, one thing is becoming clear: repairing our planet is shifting from an imperative to an inevitability.

Across countries, cultures and industries, people are taking action. They are not waiting for permission. They are recognising the opportunity before them and reshaping the way our economies and societies work.

We see this firsthand through the winners and finalists of The Earthshot Prize. Six years into our mission, our community of entrepreneurs, inventors, leaders, NGOs, governments, and partners, is stronger than ever. Every day they are translating ambition into meaningful impact for people and the planet.

Among this year's Earthshot Winners, Friendship, a community initiative in Bangladesh, has secured investment to help restore the world's largest mangrove ecosystem. The City of Bogotá has dramatically reduced toxic air pollution while its population and economy continue to grow. And Lagos Fashion Week is positioning African fashion as the vanguard of both style and sustainability.

The revolutionary policy implemented by 2025 Finalist Gujarat, is now being scaled across India, improving air quality in states home to 285 million people – and last year's Earthshot host city Rio de Janeiro was so inspired by their example that they are now exploring replication of the scheme for their own citizens. The High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People used its Earthshot funded rapid deployment support to help Ghana establish its first marine protected area, spanning more than 70,000 hectares. Form Energy is developing what will be the largest renewable energy battery in history.

The list of these huge breakthroughs could go on and on. A chain reaction of transformation is unfolding across the world and in every sector. Momentum is building towards positive tipping points for our climate and nature – a future in which today's ambitious commitments become tomorrow's common practice.

The first half of this decade showed that solutions exist and that progress is possible. The second half must now be about both speed and scale. This is where The Earthshot Prize excels. Our community is driven by both urgency and optimism, and I am deeply grateful to everyone working tirelessly to accelerate progress.

If 2030 is the threshold by which history will judge us, we choose to approach it with the same urgent optimism that has brought us this far. We know that significant and persistent challenges remain, but we also see the change already happening. Change is no longer merely possible. It is now inevitable.

Jason Knauf LVO,
Chief Executive Officer

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Impact at a Glance

Since being selected, our portfolio of Earthshot Finalists and Winners have achieved the following

107 Countries
reached with their solutions

18 million tonnes
of carbon emissions avoided or captured

140 million hectares
of land and oceans protected and restored with their support

465,000 tonnes
of waste removed, upcycled or avoided

$800 million
raised by early-stage Finalists & NGOs

600 million people
living in regions where Earthshot Finalists are improving air quality

21 million tonnes
of water saved and recycled

Gujarat's air pollution cap and trade scheme is being replicated in two new Indian states, and will clean the air in an area home to **285 million people**

Notpla has replaced over **32 million** units of single use plastic

Kheyti has saved over **21 million** litres of water

S4S Technologies has supported over **10,000 women entrepreneurs**

NatureMetrics has reached **10% of the world** with its eDNA sampling

Altyn Dala has reintroduced Przewalski horses to Kazakhstan after a **200-year absence**

d.light has reached the milestone of providing renewable light and energy to **200 million people**

Pristine Seas has supported protection of **41 million hectares** of ocean

Boomitra has captured **7.8 million tonnes** of carbon emissions across India, Africa, and Latin America

The High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People has supported the creation of **Ghana's first ever MPA**, enabled by Earthshot Prize grant funds

Build up Nepal has supported the construction of more than **12,000 earthquake resilient homes**

Supported by

75 Finalists
Receiving support from The Earthshot Prize and our network

£25 million
In Prize grants awarded to winning solutions

6,712
Nominations in our Prize pipeline

1.5 billion views
of Earthshot and Finalist stories around the world

20,000
Global articles featuring Earthshot and our Finalists in 2025

180
Countries reached with our stories

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The Multiplier Effect of Earthshot Prize grants

The Earthshot Prize grants have provided catalytic funding to our Winners at a pivotal point in their scaling journeys. Here are some of the achievements these grants have helped enable.

£25 Million in Prize Grants to Earthshot Winners

£205 million funding and investment raised by our Winners

Notpla's partnership with Levy brings them to 50 sporting and event venues around the UK, avoiding the use of millions of pieces of plastic items

44.01 launched the world's first pilot project to mineralise CO_2 captured at a cement plant

Altyn Dala has reintroduced Przewalski's horses to Kazakhstan's steppe for the first time in 200 years

The High Ambition Coalition for Nature & People has deployed funding across 10 developing countries, leading to Ghana's first ever MPA

High Seas Alliance is working with national governments around the world to establish the world's first marine protected areas on the high seas

Enapter's green hydrogen solution has been deployed with over 360 customers across 55 countries

Mukuru Clean Stoves has scaled their cookstoves from 6 to 14 markets

Takachar has expanded from a pilot product to large-scale, commercial deployment across several continents

re.green will scale their reforestation technology to restore 40k hectares of Brazil's lost Atlantic Forest

The City of Bogotá will retrofit its most polluted neighbourhoods with cycle infrastructure, traffic reconfiguration, and urban greening

Friendship will scale their coastal resilience mangrove restoration, including 118 km of coastal areas in the world's largest mangrove forest, to protect 4.5 million people

WildAid Marine Program as supported the Bahamian authorities to secure the country's first-ever three-year ban on illegal fishing

The Republic of Costa Rica has expanded its world-leading Payments for Ecosystem Services model, from forests to mangroves and coastline protection

Boomitra has issued over three million verified soil carbon removal credits - the largest of its kind globally

Keep IT Cool is constructing Kenya's largest solar cold chain facility for small-scale farmers, seven times larger than their current facility

Kheyti now reaches 10x more farmers every year, and has saved over 21 million litres of water

Coral Vita have launched their digital BrainCoral technology and grown 150,000 coral

ATS Energy signed the world's first commercial agreement for deployment of a a Solid-State Generator

Lagos Fashion Week will build West Africa's first circular fashion hub

S4S Technologies has seen a 500% uplift in female entrepreneurs supported, and reached 50,000 new farmers

Acción Andina has restored more than 1,000 hectares of landscapes critical to water security and biodiversity

GRST has partnered with Earthshot Finalist Solshare, expanding their technology to rickshaws in Bangladesh

GAYO has scaled its Zero Waste Model from a pilot initiative to Ghana, Uganda and Botswana

The City of Milan have expanded from 2 to 8 food waste hubs, and their model is being replicated in more global cities

Indigenous Women of the Great Barrier Reef have grown their team and created a new female leadership and mentoring course

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Finalist Momentum at a Glance

Protect & Restore Nature

Kheyti's low-cost greenhouse model is scaling fast across India, with six state governments committing to support thousands of smallholder farmers. Since becoming a Winner in 2022, it has started working with over 6,000 new small-hold farmers, boosting their incomes by 73%, while saving over **21 million litres of water**.

NatureMetrics has reached **10 percent** of the world with its eDNA sampling network and now has one of the planet's largest proprietary eDNA species database.

Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative is supporting the first ever global action plan to protect the endangered Steppe Eagle. It now also protects over **5 million hectares** for nature, supporting the recovery and reintroduction of several native endangered species including Przewalski's horses and kulan.

Clean Our Air

d.light has unlocked $300 million this year to expand its pay-as-you-go solar model, enabling millions of families across Africa to access clean energy. The company has now improved the lives of over 200 million people, including **90 million children.**

Gujarat's Emissions Market Accelerator is now seeing its pioneering model expanded to new regions, including the Indian states of Rajasthan and Maharashtra, home to 200 million people.

Mukuru Clean Stoves has reached over **1.8 million additional people** with their cookstoves and scaled from six to 14 markets since becoming a Winner. In the process it has avoided over 900,000 tonnes of harmful carbon emissions.

Revive Our Oceans

National Geographic Pristine Seas has helped create 6 new marine protected areas and supported the designation of more than **41 million hectares** of ocean since becoming a Finalist. In total, the team has helped create 31 of the world's largest marine protected areas.

The High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (HAC for N&P) has used Earthshot Prize funding to support 10 of its developing member countries fast track their implementation of 30x30 goals. One of the beneficiaries has been Ghana, who are now set to declare their first marine protected area which will cover **over 70,000 hectares**.

The Great Bubble Barrier has now captured over one million pieces of plastic in Amsterdam since its installation. The system removes around **15,000 pieces of inorganic debris per month**.

Build A Waste-Free World

Notpla has replaced over 32 million units of single use plastic since becoming a Winner, equal to over **100 tonnes of plastic waste displaced**.

WOTA has scaled nationally and internationally, reaching almost **4.7 million people**, and avoiding over 4,700 tonnes of water waste since it became a Finalist.

S4S Technologies has supported and worked with **10,000 women entrepreneurs** and reached half a million farmers, while preventing almost 200,000 tonnes of agricultural waste each year

Fix Our Climate

Boomitra has issued over three million verified soil carbon removal credits from its Northern Mexico project, the largest issuance of its kind globally. Since being named as an Earthshot Prize Winner, its restoration work has captured **7.8 million tonnes** of carbon emissions, improving the lives of 100,000 farmers.

Equatic has secured **$11.6 million in new funding**, to support creation of its first 100-kilotonne carbon dioxide removal facility. Beginning operations in Singapore in 2026, the Equatic-1 plant is the largest of its kind globally.

Build up Nepal has supported the construction of **more than 12,000** safer, earthquake-resilient homes over the past decade, while cutting over 120,000 tonnes of carbon emissions.

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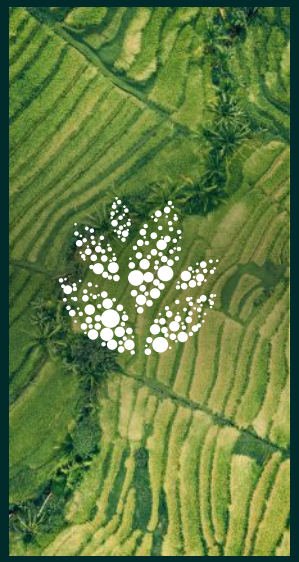
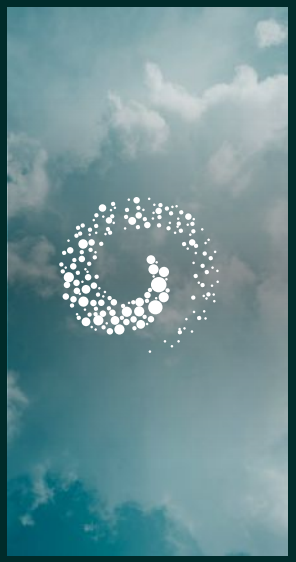
The Earthshots

We focus on five Earthshots:



Protect & Restore Nature

We choose to ensure that, for the first time in human history, the natural world is growing - not shrinking - on our planet



Clean Our Air

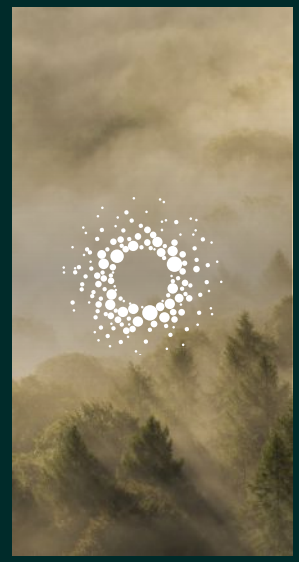
We choose to ensure that everyone in the world breathes clean, healthy air - at World Health Organisation standard or better

Revive Our Oceans

We choose to repair and preserve our oceans for future generations

Build A Waste-Free World

We choose to build a world where nothing goes to waste, where the leftovers of one process become the raw materials of the next - just like they do in nature



Fix Our Climate

We choose to fix the world's climate by cutting out carbon: building a carbon-neutral economy that lets every culture, community and country thrive

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Our Mission

Our mission is simple:

Urgency + Optimism = Action

We deliver this through three core areas.

1.

We run the world's most prestigious environmental prize, rewarding and championing breakthrough solutions from across the globe.

2.

We mobilise an unprecedented network to create momentum for these solutions through funding, deployment and replication.

3.

We inspire people across the world through our prestigious brand and platform, to accelerate commitments and motivate action.

The World's Most Prestigious Environmental Prize

Our success depends on finding the most transformative solutions to repair and regenerate our planet. In 2025, we reviewed over 2,400 solutions from 124 countries - our largest and most diverse pool yet. 52 percent of these were based in the Global South, 62 percent were women-led, and 21 percent indigenous-led.

This depth is driven by our 370 global Nominators: nonprofits, academic institutions, businesses, and grassroots organisations who reach beyond the obvious to uncover innovation everywhere. This year we also sourced solutions through our own targeted research to fill gaps in sectors and regions.

Working with over 150 Expert Advisors and partners, now in their third year of involvement, we strengthened the integrity of our selection process and the calibre of our Finalists.

In total across the first five years, we have now received and reviewed more than 6,700 nominations from across the world. Due to the growing volume and depth of these nominations, this year we created a new cities and states taskforce and refined our nominee balance to ensure it contains solutions for every part of the system, from communities to industry and policy.

At this halfway point of our mission, we have supported 75 transformative solutions as Finalists and awarded an Earthshot Prize to 15 leaders. Looking ahead, we're doubling down on addressing the world's most urgent challenges, and on these leaders who can deliver outsized impact.

Following a rigorous 2025 review and selection process, five extraordinary new Winners were chosen by The Earthshot Prize Council, our group of inspiring environmental leaders and catalysts of global systems change. The winners were announced during The Earthshot Prize Awards Ceremony 2025 in Rio de Janeiro.

142
solutions headquartered in Brazil

232
solutions based in South America

2400+
solutions nominated this year

52%
solutions operate in the Global South

The 2025 Earthshot Prize Winners:

Protect and Restore Nature

re.green
Brazil

re.green is restoring Brazil's Atlantic Forest, home to 150 million people, on a giant scale. Its cutting-edge technology pinpoints where reforestation will have the greatest impact, helping the team to turn degraded pastures into thriving forests and create local conservation jobs, showing how technology and finance can benefit both people and planet. Already operating across 30,000 hectares in four Brazilian states, re.green aims to plant 65 million seedlings by 2032.

Clean Our Air

The City of Bogotá
Colombia

Since 2018, the **City of Bogotá** has cut toxic air pollution by 24 percent even as its population and economy grows. The city has been transformed through investment in clean public transport, bicycle lanes and greening urban spaces, resulting in cleaner air, healthier citizens, faster commutes and more active lifestyles. Bogotá proves that smart, long-term policies can rewire a city for the future, creating a people-first leadership model to inspire the world.

Revive Our Oceans

The High Seas Treaty
Global

The High Seas make up over 60 percent of our oceans, but, until now, they have been unprotected. After 20 years of diplomacy, the **High Seas Treaty** marks a historic breakthrough: the first international agreement establishing a legal framework to safeguard these waters, allowing them to regenerate, through strong governance and marine protected areas. Backed by a coalition of nations, scientists, NGOs and organisations, this is true global cooperation - protecting the blue heart of our planet for generations to come.

Build a Waste-Free World:

Lagos Fashion Week
Nigeria

As Africa's largest and most influential fashion show, **Lagos Fashion Week** is setting a new gold standard by requiring its designers to use sustainable methods. This ranges from the types of materials used, where those materials are sourced, and labour conditions. Lagos Fashion Week shows that fashion can create jobs, drive economies, and make people look and feel great without damaging the environment, while proving that environmental change can come from a sketchbook, not just from a laboratory or government building.

Fix Our Climate

Friendship
Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, one of the world's most climate vulnerable countries, **Friendship** protects health, livelihoods, and education for 7.5 million people impacted by the effects of climate change. It helps communities prepare for extreme weather through practical solutions like mangrove restoration, floating hospitals, and disaster-resilient schools, using the skills of local people to restore ecosystems, create economic opportunity and improve health outcomes. Rather than simply providing aid, it builds resilience into every facet of community life, showing that those considered most vulnerable can lead the way to a more prosperous future.

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Finalist Impact

Alongside our annual global search for 15 new Finalists, we continue to support and scale the vital work of every Finalist selected across the first five years of the Prize. Our Global Alliance gives tailored support to each organisation, enabling them to move from breakthrough ideas into large-scale, real-world impact.

Our approach builds on the emerging evidence around tipping points: moments when a small change triggers a rapid, often irreversible transformation. We are beginning to explore how this lens can sharpen the way we identify and support solutions. In the context of the environment, tipping points can work in two ways. Negative tipping points, such as melting ice caps, Amazon forest dieback, or coral bleaching, must be avoided. Positive tipping points, where ecosystems recover, clean technologies outcompete polluting ones, or behaviours shift at scale, must be accelerated. This framework has informed how we have presented our impact throughout this report, and as we deepen this work, it will increasingly shape how we select, support, and connect solutions, building on the strong foundations we have established to pursue Earthshot-level system change more systematically.

Finalist HQ location

- Protect & Restore Nature
- Clean Our Air
- Revive Our Oceans
- Build a Waste-Free World
- Fix Our Climate

Protect and Restore Nature

Nature underpins every aspect of our lives, from our health to our economy. Forests, rivers, oceans and soils provide the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe, while regulating rainfall, storing carbon, protecting us from floods and supporting livelihoods.

But these ecosystems are under immense pressure. Wildlife populations have declined by 73 percent on average over the past 50 years, and up to two million species face the risk of extinction. Meanwhile forests, wetlands and other vital ecosystems are being lost faster than they can recover.

Yet progress is possible, and underway. We know that when nature is protected at scale, it recovers. Global initiatives like the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework have set a clear direction: protect and restore at least 30 percent of land and freshwater ecosystems by 2030. It is a simple, practical goal to allow nature to stabilise and regrow. Today, around 17 percent of land and inland waters are under some form of protection. To reach 30 percent, we must accelerate progress, moving from global ambition into national and local implementation.

We will reach our Earthshot to Protect and Restore Nature when nature is growing, not shrinking, on our planet.

This means focusing on the system shifts most likely to trigger tipping points towards a nature positive world. We must protect critical ecosystems and prevent irreversible collapse, while accelerating restoration of forests and degraded landscapes, transforming agriculture and commodity supply chains, and strengthening local stewardship of land and resources. At the same time, we must build the enabling conditions for change, making nature recovery measurable, investable and scalable through stronger data, finance and governance systems.

The first 15 Finalists in our Protect and Restore Nature portfolio are working across these priority areas, addressing different parts of the same system. Together, they demonstrate how progress across multiple tipping points can reinforce one another and drive system-wide change.

To date, Earthshot Finalists have collectively protected, restored and improved 58 million hectares of land, forests and freshwater systems, an area the size of France.

58 million

hectares, protected, restored and improved by Finalists

Strengthening Community-Based Governance

Long-term protection of nature depends on who controls land and resources, and how value is assigned to them. When local communities and indigenous groups have secure rights, aligned incentives and access to finance, stewardship becomes self-reinforcing. In the Congo Basin, Pole Pole Foundation is enabling local communities to protect gorilla habitats by addressing the underlying drivers of deforestation. Amazon Sacred Headwaters Alliance is supporting Indigenous nations to protect vast areas of Amazon rainforest. Tenure Facility is securing land rights for many Indigenous and local communities, strengthening the foundation for long-term conservation. Others are shaping the policy and financial systems that enable this at scale. In Costa Rica, national incentives have helped reverse deforestation by making conservation economically viable. The Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF), meanwhile, is creating a new model of long-term finance, rewarding countries for protecting forests and linking economic value directly to conservation.

- **Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) secures $6.7bn in global commitments** - The TFFF was launched at COP30 and received endorsement from 67 countries. It represents the largest global financial instrument of its kind, rewarding countries for keeping their forests standing. It raised $6.7 billion in commitments to protect global forests, including $3bn from Norway, $1bn each from Brazil and Indonesia, €1bn from Germany and €500 million from France, laying the foundation for long-term, national-scale conservation.

- **Tenure Facility surpasses US$100 million disbursed to Indigenous and local communities globally** - Tenure Facility has now mobilised and disbursed more than US$100 million in direct financing to Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant Peoples, and local communities working to secure collective land and forest rights. Active across 19 countries and supporting 36 projects, the organisation helps place long-term stewardship of critical ecosystems in the hands of the communities who have protected them for generations. Tenure Facility aims to scale total disbursements to nearly US$200 million by 2027.

- **Costa Rica expands protection from forests to ocean** - Costa Rica is expanding its world-leading Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) model from forests into the ocean. With support from our Prize funding, it has launched the first marine programme, protecting mangroves in the Gulf of Nicoya while paying local communities to conserve and manage them. Since becoming a Winner the Costa Rica Payment for Ecosystem Services has protected an additional 142,500 hectares of forest, capturing 5.4 million tonnes of CO_2 emissions.

Restoring Forests and Landscapes at Scale

Restoring degraded forests and landscapes is one of the clearest pathways to a positive tipping point in nature. When ecosystems recover beyond a certain threshold, they begin to regenerate themselves, restoring biodiversity, stabilising water cycles and storing carbon, often at accelerating rates. This makes large-scale restoration not just an intervention, but a catalyst for self-sustaining recovery. Acción Andina is restoring high-Andean forests through community-led action, while The City of Freetown is mobilising urban communities to plant and protect trees at scale. Hutan is reconnecting fragmented forests through wildlife corridors, enabling ecosystems to rebuild. Others are unlocking new ways to scale restoration - re.green is using technology and new financing models to make large-scale reforestation investable, while Belterra is integrating restoration with regenerative agriculture.

- **Belterra wins over $19m to scale agroforestry in Brazil** - Belterra has secured R$100 million ($19.3 million) in financing from Brazil's national development bank to restore 2,750 hectares of degraded land across four states by 2027. Combining native trees with agriculture, the project will capture around 850,000 tonnes of carbon emissions while improving soil health and generating income for local communities. In 2026 they will reach a key milestone of closing their Series A investment round. Since becoming a Finalist in 2023, Belterra has captured 340,000 tonnes of carbon emissions, and restored almost 8,000 hectares of pastureland.

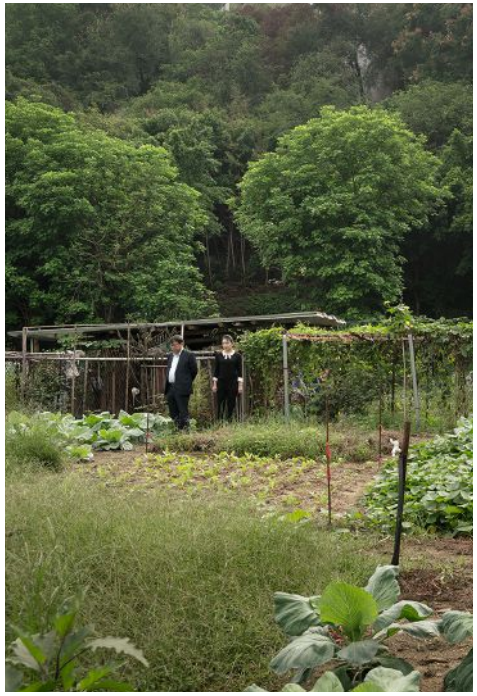
- **re.green secures major partnerships for Amazon restoration** - re.green is rapidly expanding its restoration work through landmark partnerships. A 25-year agreement with Microsoft will deliver millions of carbon credits while restoring over 16,000 hectares of degraded land, alongside a 30-year partnership with Vivo to regenerate areas of the Amazon. re.green also won a 40 year government concession to restore 59,000 hectares of degraded rainforest. This major milestone is the first time Brazil has auctioned public land for large scale restoration, creating impact and sustainable revenue through carbon finance.

- **Freetown the Tree Town expands its planting scheme** - Since becoming a Finalist in 2023, Freetown has planted over 320,000 new trees across the city. It now has plans to plant 500,000 mangroves in 3 new sites, and achieve verification to sell carbon credits, positioning the city to access international carbon markets.

Transforming Agriculture and Land Use

Agriculture is the single largest driver of deforestation and biodiversity loss, making it one of the most critical systems to shift. Reaching a nature positive state depends on producing more food on existing land, while restoring soil health and reducing pressure to destroy natural ecosystems. Kheyti is helping smallholder farmers reduce climate risk and increase yields through climate-resilient greenhouses. Desert Agricultural Transformation is demonstrating how degraded and arid land can be made productive again, reducing pressure on fertile ecosystems elsewhere. Together, these approaches show how transforming agriculture can move from a driver of nature loss to a contributor to nature recovery.

- **Kheyti unlocks government scale and national policy breakthrough** - Kheyti's low-cost greenhouse model is scaling fast across India, with six state governments committing to support thousands of smallholder farmers. At the national level, Indian state governments have now committed $5M in co-funding, and India's central government recently endorsed the Kheyti model. Since becoming a Finalist in 2022, Kheyti has started working with over 6,000 new small-hold farmers, boosting their incomes, while saving over 21 million litres of water.



- **Desert Agricultural Transformation expands Internationally** - Desert Agricultural Transformation has turned over 2,000 hectares of desert across China into productive land, including large-scale projects in the Taklamakan and Kubuqi deserts. Building on this progress, the team is now expanding internationally, working with partners across the Middle East and North Africa to pilot the technology in new regions.

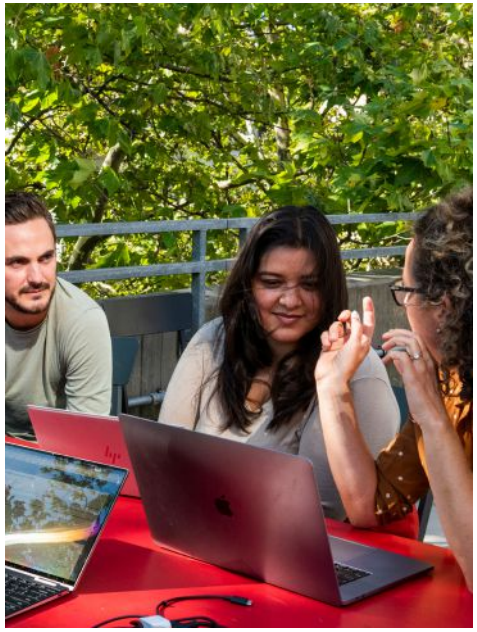
Keystone Species Reintroduction

Sometimes restoring habitats alone is not enough. The loss of key species disrupts entire ecosystems, breaking the natural processes that keep them in balance. Reintroducing these species can trigger powerful ecological tipping points, where food webs are restored, habitats recover, and ecosystems begin to regulate themselves again.

- **Altyn Dala sets sights on Steppe Eagle protection** - After reintroducing Przewalski's horses to Kazakhstan's steppe for the first time in 200 years, the Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative is now supporting the first ever global action plan to protect the endangered Steppe Eagle, a migratory species that has declined by around 50 percent. Altyn Dala now protects over 5 million hectares for nature, supporting the recovery and reintroduction of several native endangered species including Przewalski's horses and kulan.

Enabling Systems for Nature Recovery

Scaling nature recovery depends on the systems that support it, including data, transparency and coordination. When ecosystems can be measured consistently and progress is visible, it becomes easier to direct finance, track outcomes and replicate what works. Restor has created a global platform to map and connect restoration efforts, while NatureMetrics has built a nature intelligence platform that combines eDNA, bioacoustics, satellite data and AI to deliver actionable biodiversity insight at scale. Together, they are helping to build the infrastructure needed to make nature recovery measurable, investable and scalable at a global level.



- **Restor makes key partnerships to support global goals** - Restor has joined forces with The Mangrove Breakthrough to map, track and scale mangrove restoration worldwide, supporting a global goal to protect and restore 15 million hectares by 2030. Restor's ongoing partnership with Earthshot Finalist Costa Rica has set a new benchmark for how governments can track and deliver large-scale ecosystem restoration. This is leading to new government partnerships in Guatemala and Brazil and collaborations with the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People. Restor now has 250,000 sites on their platform, covering 189,000 hectares of land.

- **NatureMetrics scales biodiversity monitoring** - NatureMetrics has reached 10 percent of the world with its eDNA sampling network. This milestone means that the company now has the planet's largest proprietary eDNA species database. As part of its expansion, it has launched laboratory services in Brazil, bringing world-class monitoring, reporting and verification technology to these critical areas of biodiversity.

Clean Our Air

Air pollution is now the largest environmental risk to human health, responsible for an estimated eight million premature deaths each year. It is driven by how we power our homes, move around our cities, grow our food and build our economies. The WHO Air Quality Guidelines provide a clear, practical benchmark for what safe air looks like, however around 99 percent of the global population is still breathing air that exceeds these limits.

We will achieve the Earthshot to Clean our Air when everyone in the world breathes clean, healthy air, at WHO standards or better.

When clean household energy replaces polluting fuels, when electric transport is the default and cities redesign mobility, and when industrial and waste systems eliminate emissions at source, air quality will improve rapidly. These changes are often self-reinforcing. As clean technologies become more affordable, policies strengthen and public demand grows, progress accelerates and spreads. This transformation is already underway across many regions. In many parts of the world clean electricity is scaling, transport systems are electrifying, industrial emissions are being reduced, and households are switching to cleaner energy. At the same time, better monitoring, stronger governance and growing public awareness are increasing accountability and helping to sustain long-term improvements.

Collectively, our Clean Our Air Finalists are improving air quality in regions home to an estimated 600 million people.

600 million
people live in regions where our Finalists are improving air quality

Clean Energy Access and Combustion Phase-Out

Reducing air pollution starts with eliminating combustion at its source. When households, businesses and industries shift away from fossil fuels and biomass to clean energy, emissions fall rapidly and permanently. As clean technologies become more affordable and accessible, adoption accelerates, creating a tipping point where polluting fuels are displaced at scale. **Mukuru Clean Stoves** is replacing traditional cookstoves in the home with cleaner alternatives, while **d.light** is expanding access to affordable solar energy. In parallel, **Ampd** is replacing diesel generators on construction sites with battery systems, and **GRST** is improving the sustainability of battery production, supporting the wider shift to clean electrification.

- **d.light secures $300m and improves the lives of more than 200m people** - d.light has secured over $300 million in debt financing to scale access to affordable solar energy across Africa, expanding its pay-as-you-go model to reach millions more in the next two years. The organisation has now reached over 200 million people worldwide, including more than 90 million children, improving everyday lives, education and health outcomes. In the last year alone, they have reached 11.6 million new people, and avoided 1.2 million tonnes of carbon emissions.

- **Mukuru expands across Africa** - Mukuru Clean Stoves is scaling its clean cooking solution, now reaching millions of people in 14 African markets. The group has also advanced a breakthrough innovation: briquettes made from agricultural waste that repel mosquitoes, protecting families from malaria. Funding support from Earthshot Global Alliance member the Paul G Allen Foundation is allowing them to progress this technology from development to rollout. Since becoming a Winner in 2022, Mukuru has reached over 1.8 million additional people with their cookstoves and scaled from six to 14 markets. In the process it has avoided over 900,000 tonnes of harmful carbon emissions.

- **GRST partners with SOLshare to replace batteries in Bangladesh** – Earthshot Finalists GRST and SOLshare have joined forces to replace the toxic lead-acid batteries in rickshaws in Bangladesh. Following a successful pilot project with 140 e-rickshaws, they plan to expand to 1,000 during 2026, with a long-term target of replacing one million by early 2030s. Each replacement battery saves 2.5 tons of greenhouse gas emissions over four years, while cutting pollution and minimising waste. GRST is also working with several electric vehicle and consumer electronic companies, integrating its materials into battery supply chains.

Clean Mobility and Urban Transport

Transport is one of the largest sources of urban air pollution. Transforming mobility through electrification, better design and cleaner infrastructure, can rapidly improve air quality in cities. Once cleaner transport becomes the most practical and cost-effective option, adoption accelerates and pollution declines quickly. Roam is scaling electric mobility solutions tailored to African cities, while ENSO is improving the energy-efficiency of electric vehicles and reducing harmful tire emissions. At city scale, the City of Guangzhou has electrified large parts of its transport system, and the City of Bogotá is redesigning urban mobility to reduce emissions and improve air quality for millions of people.

- **Roam expands electric vehicle access in Kenya** - A new partnership with Earthshot Finalist Keep It Cool has resulted in the launch of Africa's first fully electric cold-chain distribution network, combining Keep It Cool's solar-powered refrigeration with Roam's clean electric delivery motorcycles. The network already supports a system moving over 250,000 kg of fresh food weekly to 4,000+ businesses and 40 supermarkets across Kenyan cities. At the same time, Roam has launched Kenya's first "ride-in, ride-out" service centre, addressing one of the key barriers to electric vehicle adoption by providing rapid servicing, repairs, and charging support for riders

Reducing Pollution at Source

Many of the most harmful air pollutants come from diffuse and often overlooked sources, including agriculture, waste and small-scale burning. Addressing these requires low-cost, scalable solutions that can shift behaviour and eliminate emissions before they enter the atmosphere. Takachar is converting agricultural waste into valuable products, reducing the need for crop burning. MYCL is transforming agricultural by-products into sustainable materials, creating incentives to avoid burning. GAYO is working with communities to improve waste management systems, reducing open dumping and burning at scale.

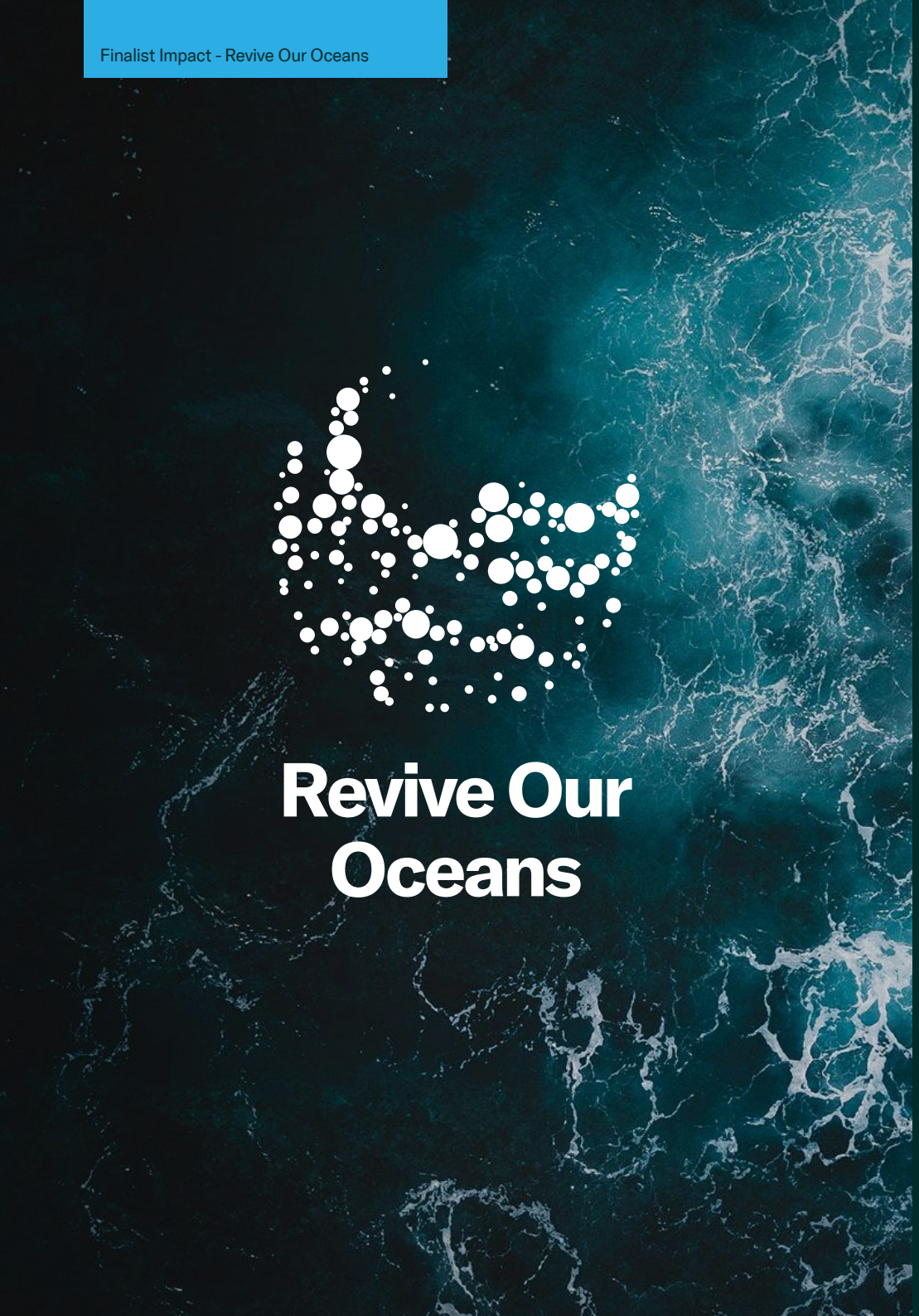
- **MYCL secures global partnerships to scale next-generation materials** - MYCL has accelerated its growth thanks to skyrocketing global demand for its sustainable materials and flagship product, Mylea™. In 2025, it secured major partnerships to scale production - including with a leading Adidas supplier and a new product line with Vivobarefoot.

- **Green Africa Youth Organisation (GAYO) scales zero waste systems** - GAYO has scaled its Zero Waste Model from a pilot initiative to Ghana, Uganda and Botswana, diverting waste, cutting pollution and creating green jobs through community-led action. Earthshot Prize funding has enabled the team to expand infrastructure, strengthen air quality monitoring and deepen partnerships with governments and communities. In 2025, GAYO's programmes reached over 24,000 people, avoided 3,360 tonnes of waste, and over 7,000 tonnes of carbon emissions.

Governance, Policy and Behaviour Change

Sustained improvements in air quality depend on strong governance, reliable data and public engagement. When pollution is visible and measurable, and when policies are aligned with public demand, change can accelerate and spread across regions. This creates tipping points where cleaner practices become the norm. Blue Map App is increasing transparency by making industrial pollution data accessible to the public. Polish Smog Alert is driving policy change in Poland through advocacy and citizen engagement. The Gujarat Cap-and-Trade Scheme is demonstrating how market-based regulation can reduce industrial emissions while supporting economic growth.

- **Gujarat expands emissions trading scheme to new regions** - The Emissions Market Accelerator is now scaling its pioneering model to new regions, including the Indian states of Rajasthan and Maharashtra. The scheme sets limits on pollution while rewarding cleaner industry, with new plans targeting harmful emissions across some of India's most polluting sectors. Building on this success, the model is now scaling to Rio de Janeiro.



Revive Our Oceans

The ocean is one of the planet's most vital life-support systems. It produces around half of the oxygen we breathe and absorbs over a quarter of global CO_2 emissions, helping regulate the climate and sustain life on Earth. It supports billions of people through food, jobs and economic activity, while ecosystems such as coral reefs and mangroves protect coastal communities and provide critical biodiversity.

This system is under unprecedented strain. A third of global fish stocks are being caught faster than they can recover, while practices like bottom trawling are destroying the ocean floor. As waters warm, scientists project that 70–90 percent of coral reefs could be lost. At the same time, between one to two million tonnes of plastic enter the ocean each year, polluting coastlines, harming wildlife and entering food systems. These pressures are weakening the ocean's ability to support life and livelihoods.

Yet ocean repair is possible and happening. We know that when marine ecosystems are protected, they recover in a matter of years. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework has set a target to protect at least 30 percent of the ocean and coastal ecosystems by 2030. Today, only 10 percent of the ocean is protected, and only three percent is fully or highly protected. To reach global goals of protecting 30 percent, progress must accelerate rapidly.

We will achieve our Earthshot to Revive our Oceans when we create the conditions to repair and preserve our oceans for future generations.

This requires triggering positive tipping points across the systems that shape ocean health. We must avoid irreversible collapse of vital ecosystems, while accelerating recovery. High-quality marine protected areas and locally managed marine areas can restore biodiversity and rebuild fish stocks. Coastal ecosystems, kelp forests and seaweed systems can be restored at scale, while sustainable aquaculture reduces pressure on wild fisheries. At the same time, stronger governance and new financial mechanisms can align incentives and unlock investment, particularly in international waters.

To date, Earthshot Finalists have collectively protected and restored over 85 million hectares of ocean and coastline, more than three times the size of the UK.

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Protecting and Governing the Ocean

Protecting the ocean at scale is one of the most powerful ways to trigger a positive tipping point in marine systems. When enough of the ocean is effectively protected and governed, ecosystems can recover rapidly, fish populations rebuild and biodiversity returns,often beyond the boundaries of the reserves. This creates a reinforcing cycle where protection drives recovery, and recovery strengthens the case for further protection. Pristine Seas is helping identify and establish new marine protected areas through scientific research and exploration, building the evidence base for protection. At a global level, The High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (The HAC for N&P) is building the political momentum needed to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030, and the High Seas Treaty is creating the legal framework to extend protection into international waters. Alongside this, WildAid Marine Program is strengthening enforcement, helping ensure that protected areas are effectively governed and that illegal fishing is reduced. Coastal 500 is mobilising local government leaders and coastal communities to support and implement protection on the ground. Together, these approaches show how science, leadership, policy and enforcement connect to move from isolated protected areas to a fully functioning system of ocean protection at scale.

- **The High Seas Treaty comes into force, protecting two thirds of the ocean** – After more than two decades of negotiations, 88 countries have ratified the world's first global framework to create marine protected areas in international waters. Covering nearly two thirds of the planet's oceans, the Treaty strengthens oversight of human activity and gives nations the tools to safeguard marine ecosystems. This marks a historic leap for global cooperation, as work gets underway to turn the agreement into action before the first Ocean COP in 2027. They will use Earthshot prize funding to build capacity on implementation, and work in collaboration with indigenous peoples and local communities.

- **Pristine Seas helps protect vast ocean ecosystems** - In the past year, Pristine Seas has helped to protect a dazzling array of sea life across 5 million hectares — from sharks, sperm whales, and seabirds to corals, molluscs, and sponges. The team also co-produced Ocean with David Attenborough, a film featuring never-before-seen footage of bottom trawling and its devastating effects to the ocean floor that — accompanied by Pristine Seas research — has sparked global policy debates about the destructive fishing technique. Since becoming a Finalist, Pristine Seas has helped create 6 new marine protected areas and supported the designation of more than 41.5 million hectares of ocean.

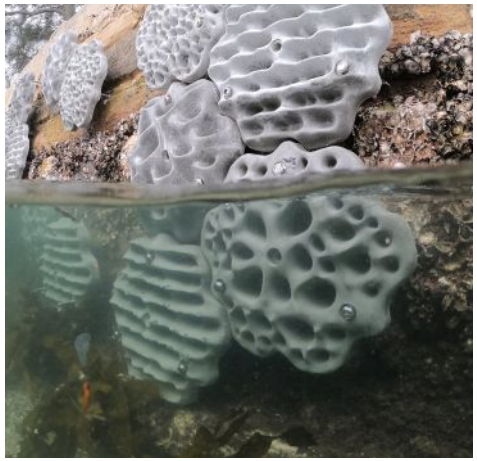
- **The HAC for N&P accelerates 30x30 through vital funding** – The High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People has used Earthshot Prize funding to launch and deliver a new Rapid Deployment Mechanism to protect 30 percent of land and ocean by 2030. Within its first cycle, the fund deployed $500,000 across 10 of its developing member countries to fast track their implementation of 30x30 goals.One of the key beneficiaries has been Ghana, which is now preparing to declare its first marine protected area in the Greater Cape Three Points Area — widely recognized as one of the country's most ecologically significant marine regions. The proposed protected area will cover more than 70,000 hectares and marks an important milestone in Ghana's efforts to advance marine conservation and contribute to global 30x30 targets.

- **Coastal 500 surpasses goal of 500 members** – Coastal 500, launched and supported by Rare, has grown into a powerful global network of local government leaders working to protect the world's most climate-vulnerable coastlines. It has influenced more than 80 local and national policies, and since becoming a Finalist established and strengthened the stewardship of 4.2 million hectares of coastal waters. In March 2026 it surpassed its landmark goal of having 500 members, up from 350 two years ago.

- **WildAid secures landmark conviction to tackle illegal fishing in The Bahamas** - WildAid has helped deliver a historic breakthrough in ocean enforcement, supporting Bahamian authorities to secure the country's first-ever three-year ban on a fishing vessel and operator under its Fisheries Act. The case resulted in nearly $300,000 in penalties and marks a major step in protecting one of the world's most biodiverse marine regions from illegal fishing. Earthshot funding is helping WildAid to expand its impact globally, with partnerships across Africa, Latin America and the Pacific.

Blue Carbon and Coastal Ecosystem Restoration

When coral reefs, coastal habitats and underwater forests recover beyond a certain threshold, they begin to regenerate naturally, supporting biodiversity, protecting coastlines and strengthening the resilience of the wider ocean system. Coral Vita restores coral reefs by growing resilient corals on land and transplanting them back into the ocean. Living Seawalls is transforming built coastal infrastructure into habitats that support marine life, helping biodiversity return to urban shorelines. Others are restoring ecosystems specific ecosystems. SeaForester is rebuilding kelp forests using scalable restoration techniques, while Coast 4C is supporting the growth of regenerative seaweed systems that both restore marine environments and create jobs for coastal communities.



- **Living Seawalls scales globally with landmark Dubai installation and new port partnerships** - Living Seawalls has installed its largest project to date at Jebel Ali Port in Dubai, transforming traditional port infrastructure into a thriving marine habitat. Its partnership with DP World, catalysed by The Earthshot Prize, is expanding its nature-positive infrastructure across global ports, from Peru and Ecuador to Europe and the Middle East. Living Seawalls also installed a new project in Cornwall in the UK, in partnership with the Duchy of Cornwall and local organisations. Since becoming a Finalist, it has installed a total of almost 4,500 modules in 10 countries across the world.

- **Coral Vita has grown over 150,000 corals globally and counting** – Following its Series A investment round, Coral Vita has been recognised in TIME's Best Inventions of 2025 for its BrainCoral platform, a breakthrough technology transforming how coral reefs are restored. Developed with support from The Earthshot Prize, the platform uses advanced camera systems, machine learning, and underwater tools to rapidly collect and analyse data to track growth, optimise conditions, identify heat-resilient corals, and accelerate monitoring on reefs. Work in The Bahamas, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bonaire, and Saba is now expanding as they scale their partnerships. By selling restoration as a service, Coral Vita is unlocking funding for large-scale impact and leading efforts to preserve one of the planet's most vital and endangered ecosystems for future generations.

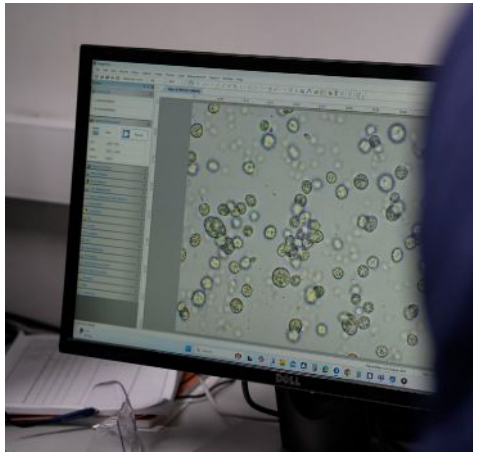
- **SeaForester raises $1.9M and launches real-time monitoring to restore kelp forests at scale** - SeaForester is scaling kelp forest restoration - raising $1.9 million in funding, opening operations in Norway, and merging with Seaweed Solutions to combine restoration, genetics and large-scale cultivation. Together, the new SeaForester Group will monitor and restore marine ecosystems while building a commercial pipeline for regenerative seaweed. Alongside this, Global Alliance Member Deloitte, has provided SeaForester with funding to support the expansion of restored areas along the Portuguese coast.

Transforming Fisheries and Ocean Use

Overfishing and unsustainable practices are among the biggest drivers of ocean decline. Rebuilding fish stocks and shifting how we use the ocean is critical to triggering a positive tipping point, where marine ecosystems recover and fisheries become more productive and sustainable. ABALOBI is equipping small-scale fishers with digital tools to track catches, while MiAlgae is producing fish-free Omega 3.

- **ABALOBI launches MONITOR platform, putting fishers in control of their data** - ABALOBI has launched and rapidly scaled its MONITOR platform globally, with over 60 organisations now using it to help small-scale fishers collect, own and use near real-time data on their catch. Use of the platform is building a new foundation for transparent, community-led fisheries management. In Kenya, this data has enabled a fishing association of 500 fishers to successfully advocate for a ban on destructive drag nets. Since becoming a Finalist in 2023, ABALOBI has added over 5,000 coastal community members to its programme.

- **MiAlgae breaks ground on new facility in Scotland** - MiAlgae has broken ground on its first commercial-scale production facility in Scotland, set to increase output of sustainable, fish-free Omega 3 ingredients more than tenfold. Opening in 2026, the new site will help meet rising global demand of Omega 3s while reducing pressure on marine ecosystems. Using a circular process that upcycles whisky industry by-products, the facility will save up to six billion fish each year and recycle over 36 million litres of waste, while creating green jobs and building a low-carbon supply chain for the pet food and aquaculture industries.



Reducing Pollution Flows

Pollution is one of the most pervasive pressures on ocean health, from plastics to nutrient runoff, Forever chemicals and microfibres. Reducing these flows at source is essential to triggering recovery, as cleaner inputs allow ecosystems to stabilise and regenerate over time. Matter is capturing microplastics at source through filtration technology, preventing them from entering waterways. The Great Bubble Barrier, meanwhile, is intercepting plastic waste in rivers before it reaches the ocean.

- **The Great Bubble Barrier captures over 1.7 million pieces of plastic** - The Great Bubble Barrier Amsterdam has now captured over 1.7 million pieces of plastic since its installation in 2019. The system removes 15,000 pieces of inorganic debris per month, tackling an often invisible but urgent problem. Building on this success it is expanding, from estuary pilots in Portugal to new feasibility studies in the UK and US, with support from Earthshot partners. In late 2025 it was also recognised as a finalist for the Zayed Sustainability Prize, one of only 33 chosen.

- **Matter brings microplastic filters to washing machines across Europe** - Matter has launched its first consumer product across 11 European countries through a partnership with manufacturer BSH - embedding its filtration technology directly into everyday washing machines. With new investment from Inter IKEA and industrial pilots across several countries, it is now scaling from homes to factories, targeting textile production. During a visit to its Bristol headquarters, Prince William saw how the system captures up to 97 percent of microfibres at source, stopping one of the largest invisible pollutants before it reaches waterways.

Ocean Finance and Community Stewardship

Long-term ocean recovery depends on aligning incentives with protection and empowering those closest to the resource. When communities have the capacity to manage their environments and when financial systems reward conservation, stewardship becomes self-sustaining. Bonds for Ocean Conservation is unlocking large-scale finance by helping countries restructure debt in exchange for ocean protection commitments. Indigenous Women of the Great Barrier Reef is supporting Indigenous leadership in marine stewardship, combining traditional knowledge with modern tools to protect and restore ocean ecosystems.

- **Bonds for Ocean Conservation unlocks $1 billion to make ocean protection investable** - A new Private Credit Enhancement Facility, backed by $100 million in catalytic capital, was launched at the Earthshot Prize Summit in Rio. Alongside this is an additional commitment of $1 billion by Legal & General towards debt swaps. This effort, spearheaded by Enosis Capital, will enable more debt-for-nature swaps, bringing more finance to countries seeking to protect nature.

- **Indigenous women rangers scale land and ocean stewardship across Australia** - Through the Queensland Indigenous Women Rangers Network, Indigenous women rangers are managing hundreds of thousands of hectares of land and coastlines, protecting biodiversity, restoring ecosystems and strengthening climate resilience through both traditional knowledge and science. In 2025, more than 300 women rangers came together nationally for the first time, sharing knowledge and building leadership across a growing network.

Build a Waste-Free World

Waste is not just an environmental issue; it is a sign of a fundamentally inefficient system. Today, materials are often taken from nature, used briefly and then discarded, with value lost at every stage. This linear model drives both pollution and costs, harming nature and the climate. Each year, two billion tonnes of waste is generated globally, over 450 million tonnes of plastic are produced, much of it single-use, and a third of all food produced is lost or wasted.

But this is not inevitable. Global efforts are accelerating, from halving food waste by 2030 to developing a plastics treaty that addresses the full lifecycle of materials. Cities, businesses and governments are adopting circular approaches, designing out waste and regenerating natural systems. These shifts reflect a simple idea: waste is not a consequence; it is a design flaw that can be fixed.

We will achieve our Earthshot to Build a Waste-Free World when the leftovers of one process become the raw materials of the next and nothing is wasted – just like in nature.

When circular solutions become cheaper, more convenient and widely adopted, they scale quickly and reshape entire industries. Changing how we design, produce and consume goods is critical, as well as exploring new business models, infrastructure and policies that are circular by default.

To date, Earthshot Prize Finalists have collectively removed, upcycled, or avoided 465,000 tonnes of waste — equal to the weight of over 30,000 double decker buses.

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Organic Waste Prevention and Circular Food Systems

Food systems are a major source of waste, with large volumes lost between production and consumption. Transforming how food is produced, stored and distributed can trigger a tipping point where organic waste is prevented, repurposed and reintegrated into the system. Keep IT Cool is extending the shelf life of perishable goods through sustainable cold chain solutions and S4S Technologies is helping farmers preserve crops using solar-powered processing. The City of Milan Food Waste Hubs are redistributing surplus food to reduce waste and support communities. Others are turning waste into valuable resources. The Sanergy Collaborative is converting organic waste into useful products, helping close nutrient loops, while Green Spot Technologies is transforming food industry by-products into agricultural inputs through fermentation.

- **Keep IT Cool launches new solar-powered facility** - Keep IT Cool is scaling solar-powered cold storage across Kenya, expanding into two new cities and deploying over 100 solar freezers to reduce food loss and connect farmers to reliable markets. With a new 70-tonne solar-powered facility, it will supersize its capacity to store and distribute perishable food. The hub is expected to increase offtake capacity sevenfold while reducing storage and distribution costs by 25 percent.

- **Milan Food Waste Hubs distribute millions of meals** - The Milan Food Waste Hub Network has scaled into a fully co-ordinated city-wide system, recovering over 7,000 tonnes of surplus food since they became a Finalist and delivering millions of meals to 40,000 families in need. With strengthened logistics, anchored by a central wholesale market hub, Milan is turning food waste into a reliable urban resource that supports both climate mitigation and food security. Following a food waste tour organised by Earthshot partner Bloomberg Philanthropies, the model is now inspiring global replication, including in the City of Boston.

- **Green Spot Technologies Raise €5M for Cocoa Alternative Made from Food Waste** - Green Spot Technologies has raised €5 million to scale production of its fermented, upcycled ingredients that can replace cocoa in food manufacturing. With this new funding, and under the brand MILATEA, its fermentation-derived cocoa alternatives will be available to bakeries, chocolatiers and food producers at commercial scale. The investment will also help expand its production capacity from 100 to 1,000 tonnes a year, supporting the launch of powders, fillings and chocolate-style chips that can stand in for cocoa.

- **S4S Technologies sees exponential growth** - Since being named a Finalist in 2023, S4S Technologies has scaled across its entire business. To date it has supported and worked with 10,000 women entrepreneurs, expanded to 1,000 villages and reached half a million farmers, all while preventing almost 200,000 tonnes of agricultural waste each year. This growth and steady demand, means the farmers in its network are now earning meaningful extra income.

- **The Sanergy Collaborative unlocks revenue from carbon credits** - In partnership with Earthshot Finalist Takachar, The Sanergy Collaborative is deploying its first full-scale biochar system – converting organic waste into a stable, carbon-rich form of charcoal. This transition from pilot to full-scale production also underpins its carbon removal strategy, opening new revenue streams. An introduction to Earthshot Global Alliance Member Deloitte led to Sanergy's largest ever carbon credit sale in 2025, unlocking new income to scale operations, expand production, and reach more farmers. Since being named as a Finalist in 2021, Sanergy has avoided 100,000 tonnes of waste, and over 40,000 tonnes of carbon emissions.

Circular Materials and System Redesign

Redesigning materials and industries are central to building a waste-free world. Today's systems are built around waste, with products designed to be discarded rather than reused. Shifting to circular materials and closed-loop production systems can trigger a tipping point where waste is designed out entirely, and resources flow continuously through the economy. As these solutions become cost-competitive and integrate into supply chains, they can reshape entire industries. Circ is enabling textile-to-textile recycling, while Colorifix is transforming how fabrics are dyed using biological processes. Phool and Natural Fiber Welding (NFW) are creating new materials from natural inputs, replacing traditional resource-intensive alternatives. Notpla is developing scalable alternatives to plastic packaging, and ATRenew is extending the life of electronics through large-scale reuse systems. Others are demonstrating how entire industries can be redesigned. Lagos Fashion Week is building a circular fashion ecosystem that redefines how clothing is produced and consumed, while Quay Quarter Tower shows how buildings can be retrofitted and reused, creating a new model for circular construction.

- **Circ to open industrial-scale textile recycling plant in France** - Circ has announced Saint-Avold, France as the site of its first full-scale polycotton recycling facility. Backed by $25 million in new funding, the plant will recycle 70,000 tonnes of textile waste each year, turning used clothing and factory offcuts into high-quality raw materials. Circ has now launched over 20 commercial products, including collaborations with major global brands, as demand for circular fashion grows.

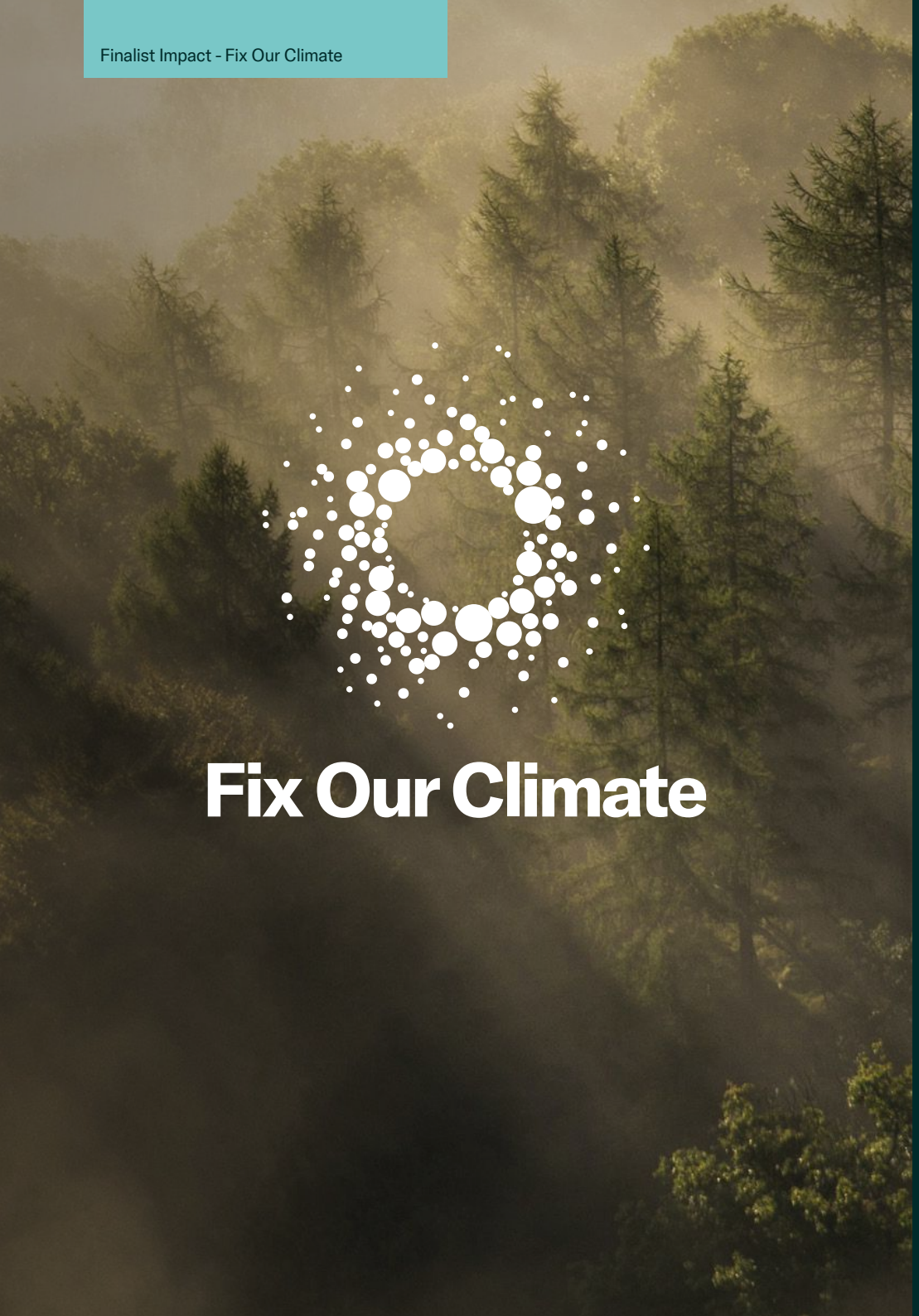
- **Colorifix secures $18 million to scale biology-based dyeing** - Colorifix has secured $18 million in new funding to scale its breakthrough biological dyeing process. Backed by investors, including Inter IKEA and H&M Group Ventures, the company is expanding production across Europe and Asia as it moves from pilot to full commercial manufacturing, and in doing so is bringing cleaner dyeing into global supply chains. A visit from Prince William and Cate Blanchett in 2025 spotlighted the technology's potential to fix one of fashion's most polluting processes.

- **Notpla secures funding and expands in Europe and beyond** - After securing €4 million in funding from Horizon Europe, Notpla is leading a three-year R&D programme, assembling a consortium to accelerate the use of seaweed-based materials across foodservice, and other sectors. It is also rolling out plastic-free packaging across 160 restaurants in the Netherlands and expanding into the UAE and Middle East through its partnership with the Hero Dubai Desert Classic. Since becoming a Finalist in 2022, Notpla has replaced over 32 million units of single-use plastic, equal to over 100 tonnes of plastic waste displaced.

Rethinking Circular Policy

Circular systems only work at scale when the right policies, infrastructure and incentives are in place. Without them, even the best innovations struggle to grow. When there are clear rules, investment in enabling systems and innovation, they can trigger tipping points where circularity becomes the default across markets. The City of Amsterdam Circular Economy is redesigning urban systems to embed circular principles into policy, procurement and planning, showing how cities can lead system-wide change. WOTA Corp is developing decentralised water recycling infrastructure, enabling resources to be reused locally and showing that closed loop water systems at scale ae possible.

- **WOTA scales decentralised water systems from Japan to the Caribbean** - WOTA is shifting water delivery from centralised infrastructure to smart, decentralised systems that recycle water at the point of use. Its Water 2040 Fund is helping rural municipalities in Japan to replace aging, costly pipe networks with self-contained systems, giving homes and communities safe, reliable water. Meanwhile it is scaling internationally. Following an introduction at COP26 facilitated by The Earthshot Prize, a landmark partnership with Antigua and Barbuda has been struck to roll out water-recycling systems to protect communities against drought and disasters. Since becoming a Finalist, it has reached almost 4.7 million people, avoiding over 4,700 tonnes of water waste.



Fix Our Climate

A stable climate is fundamental to all life on Earth, and the impacts of climate change are already being felt all over the world in rising temperatures and sea levels, extreme weather, and degraded ecosystems. The challenge is a defining one of our times. Global emissions are close to record highs, and temperatures have already risen by around 1.3°C vs pre-industrial levels. Without urgent action, warming will continue to increase, bringing more severe consequences.

We know what we must do. The Paris Agreement gave a clear global target: to limit warming to well below 2°C and pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5°C. Achieving this means we need a world with no additional carbon pollution by 2050, and to roughly halve today's emissions by 2030. However, annual emissions have continued to rise, and progress is not yet moving at the pace needed.

The good news is that most of the solutions already exist, and are becoming more available, affordable and widely adopted. Renewable energy and electric vehicle deployment are breaking records and scaling rapidly, and investment in clean manufacturing is growing.

We will reach the Earthshot to Fix Our Climate when we build a carbon-neutral economy that lets every culture, community and country thrive.

To get there, we need to rapidly scale clean energy, now the cheapest source of power in much of the world, replacing fossil fuels and powering the world with reliable, affordable alternatives. We must electrify transport, buildings and industry, and transform the sectors that are hardest to decarbonise. Lastly, we must strengthen the systems that stabilise our climate, protecting forests and ecosystems, while developing solutions to remove remaining emissions.

To date, Earthshot Prize Finalists have collectively avoided, or captured over 18 million tonnes of CO_2 equivalent emissions — the equivalent of taking 4 million cars off the road for a year.

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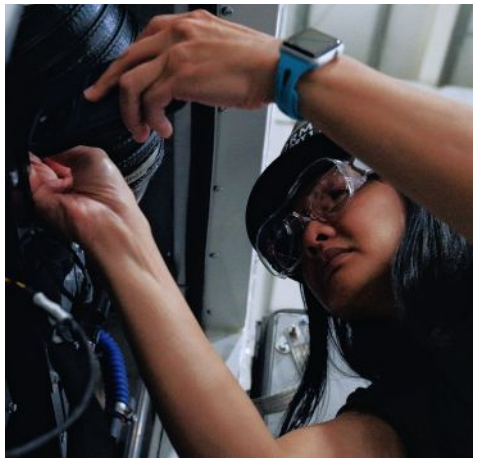
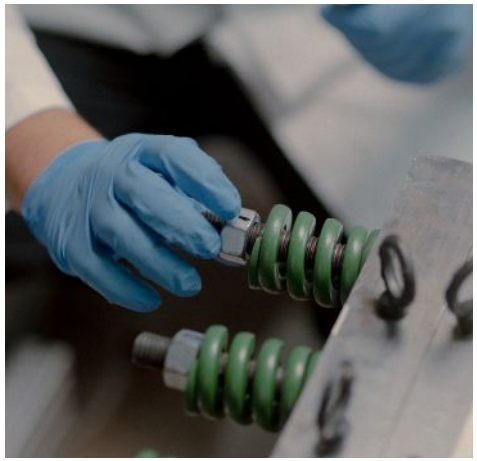
Scaling Clean Energy Systems

Transforming how we produce and use energy is central to tackling climate change. Today's energy systems are still heavily reliant on fossil fuels, but as clean power and electrification become more affordable, reliable and accessible, they can trigger a tipping point where low-carbon energy becomes the default. Once this shift takes hold, adoption accelerates rapidly across sectors. SOLshare and Reeddi are expanding access to clean, decentralised energy in underserved markets, reducing reliance on polluting fuels. Form Energy is solving one of the biggest challenges in the transition by building breakthrough, long-duration energy storage systems, supporting the growth of clean energy adoption at scale. Enapter is advancing green hydrogen as a clean energy carrier for hard-to-abate sectors, while Advanced Thermovoltaic Systems (ATS) is converting industrial waste heat into usable electricity.



- **Form Energy announces the world's largest battery project, and begins expanding globally** - This year marked a breakthrough for Form Energy: a 30 GWh system to power a new Google data center in Minnesota — the world's largest battery project by energy capacity — alongside a 12 GWh project with sustainable AI infrastructure provider Crusoe Energy. Form Energy's batteries, which are capable of storing clean energy for 100 hours at a time, will help deliver round-the-clock power in a sustainable, reliable, and cost-effective way. The company also announced its first international deployment: a 1 GWh project with FuturEnergy Ireland, demonstrating the value of multi-day energy storage in meeting Ireland's clean energy targets.



- **ATS Energy achieves world-first commercial agreement** - ATS Energy, which transforms industrial waste heat into electricity, has announced the world's first commercial agreement for deployment of a Solid-State Generator (SSG), signalling a major advance in heat-to-electricity technology and a new era in power generation.

- **Enapter scales green hydrogen with new funding and global partner** - Enapter has secured €12 million in new funding to accelerate the global rollout of its modular green hydrogen systems. Already deployed with over 360 customers across 55 countries, its technology helps to store renewable energy and power industries cleanly. It is now expanding in the US through a new collaboration with Total Hydrogen Solutions, while a new partnership with DRIFT Energy is adapting its systems for use at sea, opening offshore hydrogen production for applications like floating energy ships and offshore wind.

Carbon Removal Solutions

Alongside rapid emissions reductions, removing carbon from the atmosphere is essential to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. The most effective way to remove carbon from the atmosphere is to protect and restore natural systems such as forests, peatlands, wetlands, and coastal ecosystems. This is central to our Protect and Restore Nature Earthshot, where many Finalists are improving biodiversity, while storing carbon.
Yet, even as we reduce emissions and strengthen these natural carbon sinks, we know that additional carbon removal is needed to stabilise the climate and protect vulnerable communities from the impacts of warming. When carbon removal becomes scalable, credible and investable, it can trigger a tipping point where these solutions are deployed at the levels needed to stabilise the climate. 44.01 is permanently storing carbon through mineralisation, while Equatic is using ocean-based processes to remove and lock away CO_2. Boomitra is enabling soil carbon sequestration at scale by supporting farmers to adopt regenerative practices, linking climate action with improved livelihoods.

- **Boomitra delivers three million soil carbon credits, scaling a global climate market** - Boomitra has issued over three million verified soil carbon removal credits - the largest issuance of its kind globally. Generated from its flagship grassland restoration project in Northern Mexico, the credits span millions of acres, reversing land degradation while delivering measurable carbon removal. Following a meeting during The Earthshot Prize Awards in Singapore,Boomitra successfully won a landmark agreement to supply the Government of Singapore with 625,000 carbon credits. Boomitra has also secured one of the largest soil carbon deals to date, with 500,000 credits purchased by private sector buyers. An introduction from The Earthshot Prize also led to Deloitte purchasing 18,000 credits. Boomitra is now rapidly expanding, supporting tens of thousands of smallholder farmers in India, Latin America and Africa. Since being named as an Earthshot Prize Winner, its restoration work has captured 7.8 million tonnes of carbon emissions, improving the lives of 100,000 farmers.

- **Equatic secures $11.6 million to build world's largest ocean carbon removal plant** - Equatic is scaling one of the most promising new approaches to carbon removal, using the ocean to remove and reduce atmospheric CO_2 while producing green hydrogen. Backed by $11.6 million of new funding, led by Earthshot Prize partners Temasek Trust and Kibo Invest, this will support the ongoing engineering of Equatic's first 100-kilotonne carbon dioxide removal (CDR) commercial facility, planned for Southeast Asia.

- **44.01 scales carbon-to-rock storage in the Middle East and into Europe** - 44.01 is scaling permanent carbon storage in the Middle East, scaling up the site of its XPRIZE winning Project Hajar. It has also launched the UAE's first pilot to capture and mineralise CO_2 directly from a cement plant, demonstrating how heavy industry could lock away their emissions and move towards decarbonising their operations. The company is expanding into Norway and the Faroe Islands where its first European project is set to unlock carbon storage in old basalt rock, one of the most abundant rock types on earth. This year, 44.01 has stored almost 20 times more CO_2 than it did in 2024, as its operations scale.

Industrial Decarbonisation

Heavy industry is one of the most difficult sectors to decarbonise, but also one of the most important. Transforming how materials such as cement, chemicals and fuels are produced can trigger a tipping point where low-carbon processes become cost-competitive and widely adopted, reshaping entire industries. LanzaTech is converting carbon emissions into useful products like jet fuel, creating a circular model for industrial processes. Low Carbon Materials is developing additives to reduce emissions associated with construction materials, including concrete. Aquacycl is improving wastewater treatment using their bioelectrochemical treatment technology, while Build Up Nepal is replacing carbon-intensive building materials with low-cost, low-carbon alternatives.

- **LanzaTech advances carbon recycling with progress on global commercial projects** - LanzaTech is advancing its vision of turning waste carbon into valuable fuels with progress being made at sites around the world, including in India, Norway and the UK. In 2025, LanzaJet, the company founded by LanzaTech, started operating the world's first commercial-scale ethanol-to-jet fuel facility in the US. Backed by long-term support from Earthshot Prize partners British Airways, Breakthrough Energy and Microsoft's Climate Innovation Fund, LanzaJet's progress sends a clear signal to investors and policymakers that Sustainable Aviation Fuel is entering the next phase of commercial deployment. Since being named as a Finalist LanzaTech has avoided almost 500,000 tonnes of carbon emissions from entering the atmosphere.

- **Low Carbon Materials scales sustainable construction** - Low Carbon Materials (LCM) grew revenue fivefold and tripled manufacturing capacity last year, accelerating adoption of its innovative, carbon-cutting technology across infrastructure and commercial builds. It was named SCALE winner of the BE100, chosen from over 1,000 companies as one of the world's most impactful high-growth businesses, and its inclusion in Amazon's Go Build programme is fast-tracking deployment of its low-carbon materials into global supply chains.

- **Build up Nepal wins global awards while scaling disaster resilient homes** - Build up Nepal has supported the construction of 12,000 safer, earthquake-resilient homes over the past decade, while cutting over 120,000 tonnes of carbon emissions. In the last year, it was awarded the $250,000 Wilkes Climate Launch Prize and won the 2026 Zayed Sustainability Prize for Climate Action, recognising its innovative approach to replacing polluting fired bricks with low-carbon, locally made alternatives. By reducing building costs by up to 40 percent, the model is making safe housing accessible to more families, while creating local jobs and strengthening communities. In the last year alone, it has built more than 1,000 new homes, creating 2,000 jobs, and avoiding almost 12,000 tonnes of carbon emissions.

Land Systems and Climate Resilience

Land systems play a vital role in both reducing emissions and building resilience to climate change. Transforming agriculture and supporting communities to adapt can trigger tipping points where sustainable practices spread. Sea Forest is reducing methane emissions from livestock through seaweed-based feed additives, addressing one of the most potent greenhouse gases. Friendship is supporting vulnerable communities with integrated climate resilience solutions, combining services such as healthcare and education with approaches that restore and protect entire ecosystems.

- **Sea Forest completes $20.5m IPO to scale methane-reducing technology** - Sea Forest has successfully listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, raising A$20.5 million and valuing the Tasmanian-based business at A$112.1 million. The listing will help the company to grow, and advance its sustainable agriculture research, as it plans new sites in Queensland, New South Wales, Western Australia and international expansion into South Africa. Thanks to a new collaboration with fellow Earthshot Finalist Belterra, Sea Forest's low-emissions animal feed will also be offered to farmers in Brazil.

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For many Finalists funding and new deployments are crucial to their survival and growth. Whether they are restoring forests, creating clean energy or developing city-wide policies, almost all our Finalists require capital to grow and increase their impact. While we cannot compare them like for like, we work with all Finalists to help them secure additional funding and commitments.

Initiatives like the Tropical Forest Forever Facility and Bonds for Ocean Conservation have secured $6.8 billion in new finance commitments for nature and oceans, while supporting indigenous and coastal communities. These represent innovative new mechanisms to direct large amounts of funding towards protecting forests and restoring coastlines.

Our for-profit Finalists have secured over $500 million in funding, with the majority receiving multiple rounds of investment. 30 of them have had at least one round of new funding, and nine of them have had their products or services deployed commercially with support from The Earthshot Prize.

This includes NatureMetrics Series B funding of $25 million, and Equatic series A round of $11.6 million. Meanwhile, non-profit and social enterprise Finalists have unlocked $300 million in additional funding and investment.

We have also seen significant sums of additional private capital going to Finalists that are publicly on stock exchanges. LanzaTech and Enapter have collectively secured over $1 billion in additional investment since going public. And in November 2025, Sea Forest were the latest Finalist to go public, receiving a listing on the Australian Securities Exchange and raising $13.5 million to fuel their expansion.

This surge of capital reflects growing confidence from governments, businesses and investors that these solutions are not just promising, they are delivering real-world impact today.

As our portfolio has grown, so has our understanding of how we are uniquely placed to help. Our role is not to teach Finalists how to build their solutions, it is to help remove the barriers that hold them back. In our first five years, five clear support pathways have emerged where we can make the biggest difference:

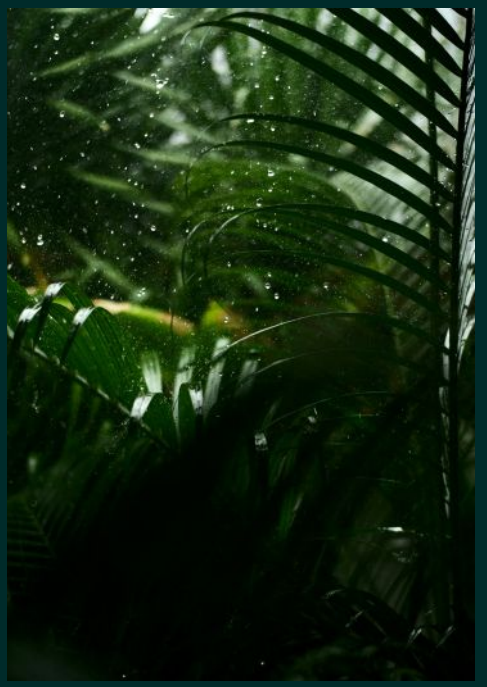
1. **Funding –** Connecting with the capital they need to grow, through grants, investment and blended finance, so they can scale faster and deliver real-world impact.

2. **Corporate deployment –** Working with businesses to integrate solutions into operations and supply chains, bringing innovation to widescale use.

3. **Replication & international expansion –** Supporting solutions to be adapted and adopted in new geographies, allowing proven approaches to spread quickly.

4. **Spotlighting –** Telling Finalist stories on the global stage to build visibility, credibility, and demand for their solutions.

Each of these pathways is amplified by The Earthshot Prize brand, which helps us bring capital, capability and credibility to accelerate progress. Alongside finding new Finalists and awarding the Prize each year, much of our focus is on these elements.



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Part of our success is working with impact-focused partners to support clusters of Finalists, and solutions from the wider Earthshot portfolio. This approach is already unlocking new pathways for growth. A new strategic partnership with Founding Partner the Bezos Earth Fund, will see them support up to 48 new pioneering solutions drawn from Earthshot's wider nomination pool. With $1.6 million in funding each year, this three-year initiative is accelerating high-potential ideas that have not yet been selected as Finalists.

A new partnership with 500 Global is helping to address one of the biggest barriers to progress: access to capital in emerging markets. While these regions face most of the global climate risk, they receive only a fraction of investment. By connecting Earthshot's pipeline of Global South nominations with one of the world's most active venture capital networks, we are unlocking new opportunities for entrepreneurs to scale solutions where they are needed most.

Our Global Alliance and Founding Partners have been integral in creating the enabling conditions for Finalists to grow and scale their solutions. In 2025/26, this has included deepening strategic partnerships with new Founding Partners such as Builders Vision to help accelerate and scale ocean solutions. More recently, we have also begun a new collaboration with Amazon focused on supporting the deployment of Finalist solutions at scale through access to global operations, supply chains, and wider networks including their 650+ Climate Pledge Signatories.

"When we won The Earthshot Prize 3 years ago, we didn't really realise what it was. It was not just funding, it was credibility at scale. The last 3 years have been our best run ever. We grew 10x, from around 500 farmers to 7,000 across 7 states. This is important not just because of the numbers. It's because it proves, for the first time ever, that high tech climate smart agriculture can work not just for large farms, but for the 1 acre farmer in rural India, and not just as a pilot program. Second, Earthshot unlocked doors we couldn't open before. The credibility of the Prize helped us partner with five state governments, bringing public funding to over 2,300 farmers in just the last 18 months, with 8,000 more expected to be supported this year. And third, the network mattered. Through connections facilitated by Earthshot, we've raised six times more capital than before - catalytic funding that allowed us to achieve these things."

"The Earthshot Prize network has been catalytic in helping us scale. After winning in 2023, we gained not just global visibility but access to strategic partners like Deloitte who helped us think bigger. The results have been transformational. In just two years, S4S has scaled impact across the entire value chain. We've engaged 10,000 women entrepreneurs, tripled our revenue, expanded to 1,000 villages and reached half a million farmers, all while preventing 200,000 tonnes of agricultural waste each year. Most importantly, farmers in our network are now earning meaningful extra income from produce that used to go to waste. Because they have reliable buyers and steady demand, they're no longer burning or dumping their surplus, they're selling it and turning it into a real source of income. For us, The Earthshot Prize has not just been recognition. It has been a platform that unlocked strategy, capital and global connections to help us scale."

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Inspiring Urgency & Optimism

Alongside discovering and supporting the world's most promising environmental solutions, we use our brand power and global platform to build visibility, credibility and demand for them. When people see and understand the incredible work of our Finalists, and the impact it has for people and planet, we see support, investment and adoption follow, which accelerates growth. Storytelling is a vital tool for change.

Since launch, our stories have been seen over 1.5 billion times around the world. More than 38 million people across five continents have seen our awards ceremonies. In the past year, our Earthshot channels generated 86 million views and more than two million engagements, while partnerships with creators, talent and media extended our reach by a further 270 million views. At the same time, we secured thousands of global articles in almost 100 countries, bringing our Finalists to new audiences.

This creates a powerful amplification effect, taking the stories of our Finalists into mainstream culture, where they can influence behaviour, investment and policy. As we enter the second half of this decisive decade, inspiring urgency and optimism will be more critical than ever before. Central to this is reaching more people with our storytelling and our global media moments.

June 2025 – The Blue Economy Finance Forum (BEFF) and the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC)

The Blue Economy Finance Forum (BEFF) and the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) mark global milestones for ocean action. With oceans critically underfunded and with less of a pipeline of innovation compared to land-based solutions, we attended to spotlight new ideas, unlock finance, and accelerate action towards protecting 30 percent of the ocean by 2030. We brought Earthshot Finalists and partners into the centre of global decision making, connecting innovation with capital and influence. Our Founder and President, Prince William, emphasised the urgency of the challenge and the progress being made through his keynote at the Leaders' Summit and participation across sessions.

At BEFF, we convened Finalists with our new Founding Partner, Builders Vision. In partnership with the Prince Albert II Foundation, we showcased five cutting-edge Earthshot solutions, including Coral Vita, which recently closed an $8 million Series A funding round, and NatureMetrics, supported by the ReOcean Fund in their $25 million Series B. Alongside this, we initiated the Global Coral Innovation Search with CORDAP and OceanX, calling for scalable reef restoration solutions from innovators worldwide.

June 2025 – London Climate Action Week (LCAW)

London Climate Action Week has become one of the most important annual moments for global climate leadership, bringing together over 45,000 participants across business, government and civil society. For us, it is an important point in the year to back our Finalists, strengthen partnerships and speed progress.

At LCAW 2025, with support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, we championed our 2024 Finalists and connected them with the partners who could help them scale. At Leading with Impact, hosted by Bloomberg Philanthropies and convened by Michael R. Bloomberg and Prince William, we gathered leaders from business, politics and civil society to align on action.

We curated roundtables with Finalists, investors and partners including Mastercard and Arup, focusing on practical pathways for funding, deployment and growth of carbon removal. We also co-hosted a high-level Nature's Protectors roundtable together with The Royal Foundation, involving global leaders such as Ministers Marina Silva, Sonia Guajajara and Ed Miliband, to advance critical conversations on conservation finance and Indigenous leadership.

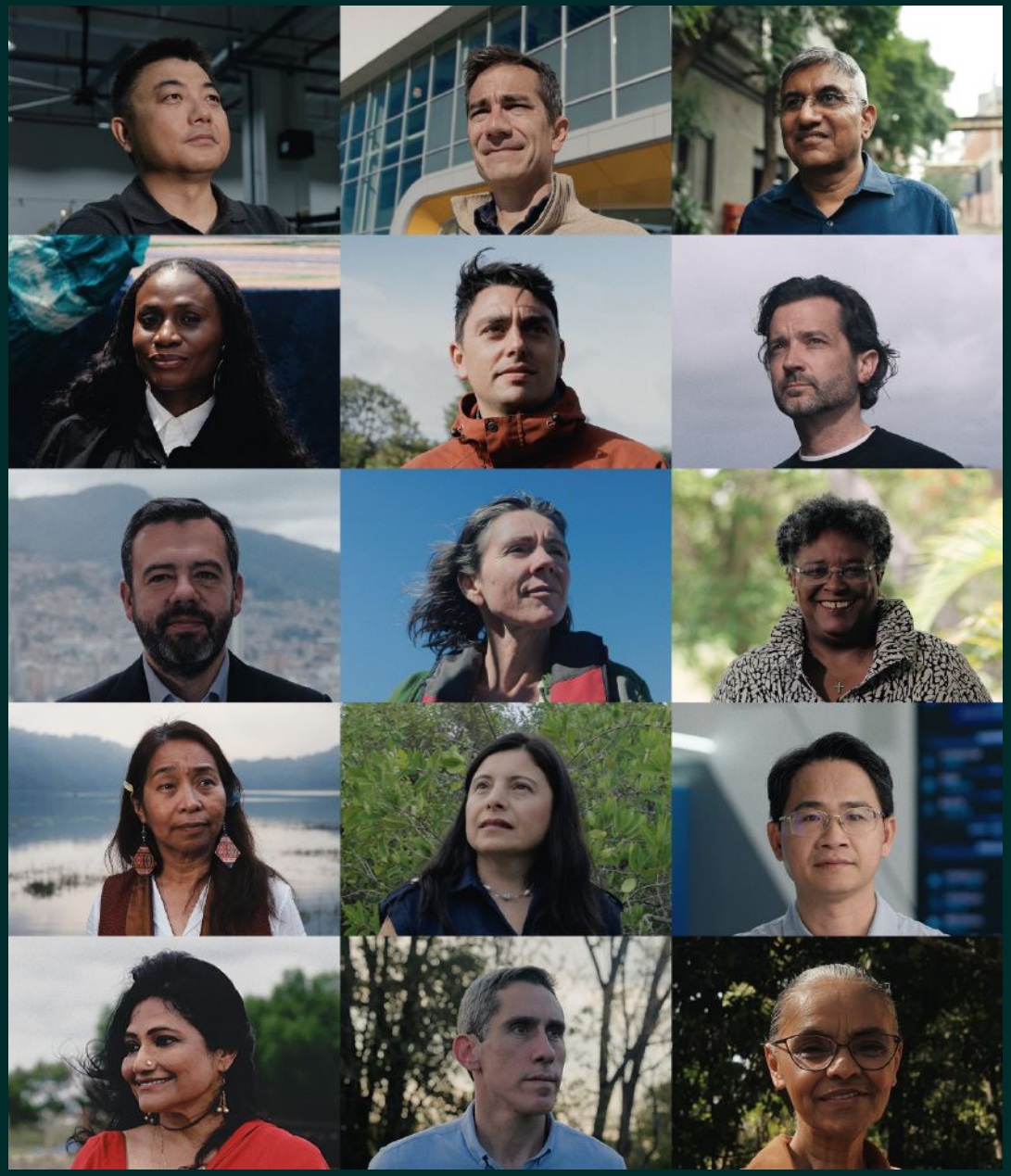
With the world's attention on climate issues, we launched a new report in partnership with CGAP and the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth: Unlocking Critical Finance for Climate & Economic Resilience. This highlighted a critical gap in funding for community-led adaptation, and the need for new financial models.

Investing for Impact brought our network together with investors, venture capital and private equity leaders, creating opportunities for funding and scale. Here we gathered our full community together to show the collective momentum behind our mission.

October 2025 – 2025 Finalist Announcement

In October, we unveiled our 2025 Earthshot Prize Finalists to the world, spotlighting 15 new groundbreaking environmental solutions ahead of the Awards through a high profile global launch. The launch included 15 new films, one for each Finalist, created by Open Planet, and a film featuring Prince William which reinforced both the urgency of the challenge and the progress already being made. Through collaborations with partners, creators and global talent, this coordinated global media launch extended far beyond our own channels.

We achieved 17 million views across Earthshot and Kensington Palace platforms, and stories shared by global voices, spread to millions more. Over 650 articles focused on the new Finalists in 22 countries, with 95 articles in Brazil alone, building further momentum and excitement ahead of the 2025 Awards.



November 2025 – The Earthshot Prize Summit and Awards

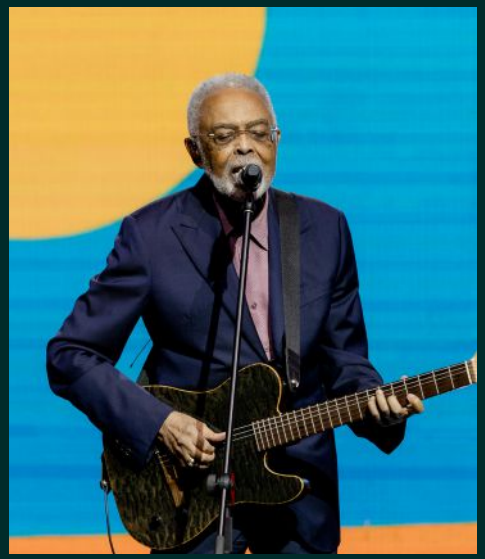
In November, Rio de Janeiro became the global stage for climate action as we brought The Earthshot Prize to Latin America for the first time. This year marked a step-change in how we deliver the Prize: from a single event to a city-wide, week-long platform, connecting people, ideas and solutions and culminating in The Earthshot Prize Awards Night.

Held at Rio's iconic Museum of Tomorrow and hosted by Luciano Huck, the Awards ceremony recognised our 2025 Finalists and their remarkable work in an evening that combined global influence with local culture. Performances from Anitta, Gilberto Gil and Kylie Minogue, alongside appearances from leading figures across sport, entertainment and environmental leadership, created a moment that was both celebratory and purposeful.

We announced to the world five new Earthshot Prize Winners, who were each awarded £1 million to accelerate their impact: re.green, the City of Bogotá, the High Seas Treaty, Lagos Fashion Week and Friendship.

Broadcast across Brazil and around the world, the ceremony brought these environmental leaders into millions of homes, reaching more than 14 million people in Brazil, with stories from the Summit and Awards reaching hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

Through partners, creators and talent, our stories travelled far beyond our own channels, demonstrating the power of a truly global, collaborative platform. The 2025 Summit and Awards achieved unprecedented global reach: Earthshot Prize and Finalist stories were seen 360+ million times, an increase of 32% on the Cape Town Awards. Our content reached 180 countries, with the highest engagement in the US, followed by our host region, Brazil. We also reached over a million engagements on Earthshot Prize channels.



Earlier that week we held The Earthshot Prize Summit, which featured our Generation Earthshot Leadership programme. In partnership with Common Purpose, 75 exceptional young leaders from Brazil, Asia and South Africa, chosen from over 500 applicants, joined workshops, roundtables, and panels with Earthshot Finalists, and visited changemaking organisations across Rio. In a standout moment at the Maracanã Stadium, football legend Cafu joined Prince William to lead a discussion about what sparked the young leaders' environmental ambitions and how they are working towards them. We also hosted a dynamic Mini-COP climate negotiation simulation for 11–16-year-olds, representing Brazil's diverse regions and cultures, in partnership with the Alana Foundation. Young people explored how the climate crisis affects their communities and developed creative, actionable solutions. They also had the opportunity to connect directly with global leaders, gaining insights into how climate decisions are made and how young voices can influence them.

"The training prior to Earthshot week and the week itself showed me that it is possible to reach the heights that the Earthshot finalists have reached. I believe that one day my organisation can be an Earthshot award recipient, and we will work towards creating and measuring our impact."

– Generation Earthshot Participant

On the last day of the Summit, we hosted an Impact Assembly to showcase the latest advances and milestones of past and present Earthshot Prize Finalists. Hosted by CNN's Chief International Anchor, Christiane Amanpour, the Impact Assembly featured talks and speeches from Prince William, Rt Hon Dame Jacinda Ardern, Trustee at The Earthshot Prize; Marina Silva, Brazil's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Tropical Forest Forever Facility; Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados and 2025 Finalist' Eduardo Paes, Mayor of Rio de Janeiro, and Txai Suruí, a leading voice for Brazil's Indigenous communities. The event celebrated landmark announcements, including strategic partnerships, multimillion dollar investments and the deployment of solutions across our global network, creating unstoppable momentum towards repairing our planet.

"The Earthshot Prize Summit and Awards has been a transformative experience for Bogotá and for me as Mayor. Winning the Clean Our Air prize is not just an honour, it is a powerful confirmation that the tough decisions we have taken on public transport, air quality, and urban planning are the right ones for our people. Earthshot has given Bogotá global visibility, but more importantly it has given us new partners, new ideas and new responsibility. We returned home determined to accelerate action, and to show that a large Latin American city can clean its air while creating opportunities and improving quality of life for millions. This is just the beginning of what we can achieve together."

– Mayor Carlos Galán, City of Bogota

"Being part of the Earthshot Prize Summit and Awards has been an extraordinary experience for all of us that attended from the High Seas Alliance, as we continue our work on the High Seas Treaty. Hearing about the bold and diverse initiatives driving a healthier planet—far beyond our own focus area—has been both inspiring and deeply motivating. The Summit is a fertile ground for new ideas, collaboration, and hope. I loved the energy, the commitment, and the shared sense of purpose and feel truly honoured to be part of the Earthshot Prize."

– Nathalie Rey, The High Seas Alliance

During our week-long activation, Rio came alive as an Earthshot City, featuring city-wide branding in partnership with Eleven Eleven Foundation. From airport installations to greet those attending the Awards to immersive public art and a live Ipanema Beach drone show, the spirit of climate urgency and optimism was seen and felt across the iconic city.

As we brought the world to Rio, we focused on legacy—embedding The Earthshot Prize within Brazil's climate ecosystem. In partnership with Insper, we launched the Earthshot Climate Leadership Programme, a year-long course equipping emerging leaders to drive Brazil's low carbon transition. With Cubo Itaú and partners, we're creating a climate innovation hub connecting entrepreneurs, investors, and researchers across the region. We're also amplifying Brazilian leadership through media and partnerships—from Globo's national storytelling platform to a new Arapyau and Itaú supported book celebrating 26 groundbreaking Brazilian climate solutions.

From the Finalist Announcement to the end of November, The Earthshot Prize featured in over 20,000 global articles in 95 countries across every continent, with more than 160 in-depth Finalist pieces from 70 Finalist interviews. This also includes almost 5,000 articles spanning top news outlets, from The Guardian and The Sunday Times to Sky Sports, BBC Breakfast to Good Morning America, and from Reuters and Time to Vogue and The News Movement. Additionally, we reached hundreds of regional outlets in Finalist home countries, spreading powerful messages of urgency and optimism to every corner of the globe.

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Winners and Finalists

Over the first five years of the Prize, we have supported 75 Winners and Finalists, each working to protect and repair our planet. Each year, we select three Finalists for each of the five Earthshots. All Finalists receive tailored support from The Earthshot Prize and our partners to help scale their impact, and one Winner per Earthshot is awarded a £1 million grant.

Protect & Restore Nature

2021

The Republic of Costa Rica (Costa Rica): Vast forests of Costa Rica were devastated by unregulated exploitation, now its government has incentivised citizens to plant trees and restore ecosystems.

Pole Pole Foundation (Democratic Republic of Congo): Eastern Lowland Gorillas are critically endangered by deforestation and poaching. This organisation tackles the root causes of both: poverty and hunger.

Restor (Switzerland): Restoring nature is challenging and often takes many years. Restor's online platform increases transparency around ecosystem restoration efforts.

2022

Kheyti (India): With their Greenhouse-In-a-Box, Kheyti is building the systems, technology, and government pathways to increase incomes for millions of smallholder farmers affected by climate change.

Hutan (Malaysia): In Malaysian Borneo, research organisation Hutan is reforesting and creating wildlife corridors for wildlife and people to co-exist.

Desert Agricultural Transformation (China): As the climate crisis turns more land into inhospitable desert, Desert Agricultural Transformation makes desert landscapes into lush, green oases.

2023

Acción Andina (The Andes Mountains): A grassroots community-based initiative working across South America to protect native High Andean Forest ecosystems, benefitting both nature and millions of people in the region.

Freetown the Tree Town (Sierra Leone): This grassroots movement for tree preservation in Sierra Leone's capital city combines community stewardship and digital tools.

Belterra (Brazil): Working with smallholder farmers in Brazil to restore forests through regenerative agricultural practices and create market incentives for sustainably-grown crops.

2024

Altyn Dala Conservation Initiative (Kazakhstan): One of the world's largest conservation projects, working to protect and restore Kazakhstan's Golden Steppe, having saved the critically-endangered Saiga Antelope from extinction.

Amazon Sacred Headwaters Alliance (Ecuador): ASHA brings together Indigenous nations to protect 86 million acres of forests for its communities and to advocate for a regenerative bioeconomy.

NatureMetrics (United Kingdom): NatureMetrics simplifies collecting and reporting environmental DNA to help organisations make more informed choices to protect and maintain ecosystems.

2025

re.green (Brazil): re.green uses AI and satellite data to make reforestation profitable, restoring the Amazon and Atlantic Forests at scale while protecting vital biodiversity, and supporting local communities.

Tenure Facility (Global): Tenure Facility is the world's first international financial mechanism dedicated exclusively to securing the land and forest rights of Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant Peoples, and local communities, supporting durable protection of critical ecosystems.

The Tropical Forest Forever Facility (Global): The Tropical Forest Forever Facility is the most ambitious forest protection fund in history, creating a $125 billion programme to pay countries to keep their forests standing.

Clean Our Air

2021

Takachar (India): Takachar's technology turns agricultural waste into profitable products, reducing crop burning.

The Blue Map App (China): This app gives citizens real-time pollution data to advocate for change and hold polluters accountable.

Vinisha Umashankar (India): Vinisha Umashankar's solar-powered ironing cart is a clean alternative to the charcoal-powered street irons that press clothes for millions of Indians each day.

2022

Mukuru Clean Stoves (Kenya): Across Africa, 700 million people use traditional cookstoves, which emit harmful chemicals. Mukuru Clean Stoves provide cleaner-burning stoves, using processed biomass to reduce indoor pollutionyields.

Ampd Enertainer (Hong Kong, China): The construction industry is difficult to decarbonise and is one of the biggest drivers of air pollution. Ampd Energy has created an all-electric battery energy storage system, powering construction sites without fossil fuels.

Roam (Kenya): Roam is bringing affordable, electric transport to one of the world's fastest growing regions.

2023

GRST (Hong Kong, China): Developing a new way to build and recycle lithium-ion batteries, GRST offers a solution to make the next generation of electric cars even cleaner.

Polish Smog Alert (Poland): One of the world's most effective clean air campaign groups, Polish Smog Alert helps secure policy change and air quality improvements across Poland and has goals to do the same across Central and Eastern Europe.

ENSO (United Kingdom): ENSO engineers ultra-efficient tires that help EVs drive further and wear less, reducing electricity costs and harmful tyre pollution every mile, leading to cleaner air for everyone.

2024

GAYO, Green Africa Youth Organization (Ghana): A youth-led collective transforming waste management practices across Africa with its zero waste model.

d.light (India, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia): d.light makes life brighter for millions of people by bringing clean and affordable power to rural African communities.

MYCL (Indonesia): MYCL uses palm oil waste to grow a viable low carbon, sustainable leather alternative, while incentivising farmers to stop burning crop waste.

2025

City of Bogotá (Colombia): The City of Bogotá has implemented bold clean air policies to cut air pollution by 24 percent since 2018, redesigning how eight million people use the city, and building a healthier, greener space.

The State of Gujarat (India): The State of Gujarat in India has pioneered the world's first trading scheme for particulate emissions, enabling businesses to keep growing while providing clean, healthier air for its citizens.

City of Guangzhou (China): By electrifying tens of thousands of buses and taxis, the City of Guangzhou has transformed its transport system and improved air quality for its 24 million citizens.

Revive Our Oceans

2021

Coral Vita (Bahamas): Climate change, pollution and overfishing are set to destroy over 90 percent of reefs by 2050. Coral Vita grows resilient coral on land in months instead of decades, before replanting them in oceans to restore degraded reefs.

Living Seawalls (Australia): Sea defences around our major cities can be devastating for marine life. Living Seawalls fits artificial habitats to existing structures to help sea life thrive.

Pristine Seas (United States): Human impact is pushing the ocean towards a devastating tipping point. Pristine Seas is leading the charge to create marine protected areas through scientific work, and documentary filmmaking.

2022

Indigenous Women of the Great Barrier Reef (Australia): A network of indigenous women rangers using traditional knowledge and digital technologies to preserve marine environments.

The Great Bubble Barrier (Netherlands): Every year, more than eight million tonnes of plastic end up in the world's oceans. This solution uses air bubbles to catch and remove plastic from waterways before it reaches the ocean.

SeaForester (Portugal): Human activities and the climate crisis are decimating underwater seaweed forests. SeaForester has developed "green gravel" seeded with seaweed spores to restore them.

2023

WildAid Marine Program (Global): Global non-profit organisation WildAid scales marine enforcement to end illegal fishing and strengthen ocean conservation.

ABALOBI (South Africa): Using easy-to-scale technology, ABALOBI works with small fishing communities to record their catch data and to ensure a fair and improved livelihood from sustainable fishing

Coastal 500 (Global): A global network of mayors and local government leaders restoring ocean habitats and advocating for coastal protection internationally

2024

Coast 4C (Australia, Philippines): A social enterprise aiming to build the world's largest supply of regenerative seaweed, benefiting marginalised coastal fishing communities.

HAC for N&P, High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (Global): HAC is engaging with over 100 governments around the world to officially protect 30 percent of our land and oceans by 2030.

MiAlgae (United Kingdom): MiAlgae is working to end reliance on wild-caught fish as a primary source of Omega 3 by growing Omega 3-rich algae. This sustainable alternative takes its nutrient source from the by-products from Scottish distilleries.

2025

The High Seas Treaty (Global): A result of decades of cooperation, the High Seas Treaty closes the gap in ocean conservation, protecting biodiversity in international waters and helping hit the global 30×30 goal.

Matter (Global): Matter's breakthrough self-cleaning filter for homes and factories stops harmful microplastics from entering our rivers, oceans and water supplies.

Bonds for Ocean Conservation (Global): Bonds for Ocean Conservation, pioneered by the Debt for Nature Coalition, transforms ocean protection on a global scale by enabling countries to refinance debt and invest billions into saving our seas.

Build a Waste-Free World

2021

The City of Milan Food Waste Hubs (Italy): Milan has created a city-wide food infrastructure that reduces food waste, lowers emissions and strengthens food security through a coordinated network of local hubs.

The Sanergy Collaborative (Kenya): A sanitation and waste management crisis is unfolding across the developing world. Sanergy provides a clean, cost-effective way to process and repurpose sanitation, and other organic waste.

WOTA BOX (Japan): Nearly 40 percent of the world could experience water stress by 2050. WOTA's technology purifies wastewater on site, meaning it can be used repeatedly.

2022

The City of Amsterdam (The Netherlands): In 2020, The City of Amsterdam committed to becoming a circular economy. By 2050, it aims to waste nothing and recycle everything.

Phool (India): Flowers cast into the Ganges River contain highly toxic pesticides. Phool uses this floral waste to make a sustainable alternative to leather.

Notpla (United Kingdom): 6.3 billion tonnes of untreated plastic waste litter our streets and fill our seas. Notpla is creating a plastic-free future using seaweed.

2023

Circ (United States): US-based company Circ has created a groundbreaking solution to enable the recycling of polycotton fabrics, which make up half of all textile waste.

Colorifix (United Kingdom): Colorifix uses DNA sequencing and nature's own colours to create sustainable dyes that reduce the fashion industry's use of water and harmful chemicals

S4S Technologies (India): S4S Technologies' solar-powered dryers and processing equipment combats food waste, enabling smallhold farmers to preserve crops and turn waste into valuable products.

2024

Ferment'Up (France): Ferment'Up, a range of products from Green Spot Technologies, uses the "magic of fermentation" to transform commercial food waste into nutritious and healthy alternative ingredients.

KIC, Keep IT Cool (Kenya): KIC provides sustainable refrigeration and smart distribution solutions for small farmers and fishers. It helps extend the shelf life of their produce, reduces spoilage, and creates more stable incomes

NFW, Natural Fiber Welding (Global): Natural Fiber Welding's natural-based circular materials replace plastic in anything from cars to clothing, while reducing carbon emissions and supporting regenerative farmers.

2025

Lagos Fashion Week (Nigeria): Lagos Fashion Week is transforming one of the world's most wasteful industries by creating a new fashion economy: one rooted in purpose, sustainability and cultural integrity.

ATRenew (China): ATRenew is making second-hand the first choice in a world that can't afford waste. Through AI and a global scale, they're creating a future where reusing electronics is the new norm.

Quay Quarter Tower (Australia): Quay Quarter Tower, the world's first fully upcycled skyscraper, shows how retrofitting high-rise towers can replace demolition, cut waste and carbon and offer a blueprint for sustainable urban growth.

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2021

Enapter AEM Electrolyser (Global): Too often industry, heating and transport are still powered by fossil fuels. AEM Electrolysers offer an alternative: emission-free green hydrogen.

Reeddi Capsules (Nigeria): 600 million Africans don't have steady access to electricity. Reeddi helps solve this problem with affordable energy capsules

SOLshare (Bangladesh): Almost a billion people have no electricity, instead burning charcoal and wood with dire consequences. SOLshare's solar-powered solution reduces both energy poverty and emissions.

2022

44.01 (Oman): Removing CO_2 from the atmosphere is essential if we are to limit global warming. Started in Oman, 44.01 stores CO_2 forever by mineralising it in rock

LanzaTech (United States): Carbon, released into the atmosphere, heats the planet. LanzaTech are using bacteria to recycle carbon pollution into profitable and sustainable products.

LCM, Low Carbon Materials (United Kingdom): Concrete is responsible for an extraordinary eight percent of the world's CO_2 emissions. Now, thanks to UK-based LCM, production could soon go from unclean to green.

2023

Aquacycl (United States): Using microbial technology, Aquacycl makes the treatment of industrial wastewater more accessible, more efficient, and less polluting

Boomitra (Global): Boomitra are removing emissions and boosting farmer profits by incentivising soil restoration and the adoption of regenerative agriculture through a verified carbon-credit marketplace.

Sea Forest (Australia): Sea Forest's revolutionary seaweed-based livestock feed drastically reduces planet-warming methane emissions from cattle and sheep, while supporting sustainable farming and healthy marine ecosystems

2024

ATS, Advanced Thermovoltaic Systems (United States): ATS offers a simple, safe and reliable solution to transform industrial waste heat into electricity for use in hard-to-abate industries, with the potential to save gigatonnes of CO_2.

Build up Nepal (Nepal): Build up Nepal is revolutionising house building with a low-carbon and cost-effective alternative to coal-fired bricks; supporting entrepreneurs and helping communities live safely in affordable, resilient homes.

Equatic (United States): Equatic is rewriting the future of Carbon Removal. Its carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technology uses ocean power to lock away harmful CO_2, offering a safe, scalable solution to the climate crisis.

2025

Friendship (Bangladesh): Friendship protects vulnerable communities in Bangladesh, combining vital services like healthcare and education with climate resilience projects that save lives, restore ecosystems, and create opportunity.

Barbados (Barbados): Under the leadership of Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley, Barbados is reshaping global climate finance systems, making them fairer and more effective for climate-vulnerable nations.

Form Energy (USA): Form Energy's breakthrough 100-hour iron-air batteries allow renewable energy to be stored for multiple days at a time in a way that is clean, reliable and cost-effective, playing a critical role in the energy transition.

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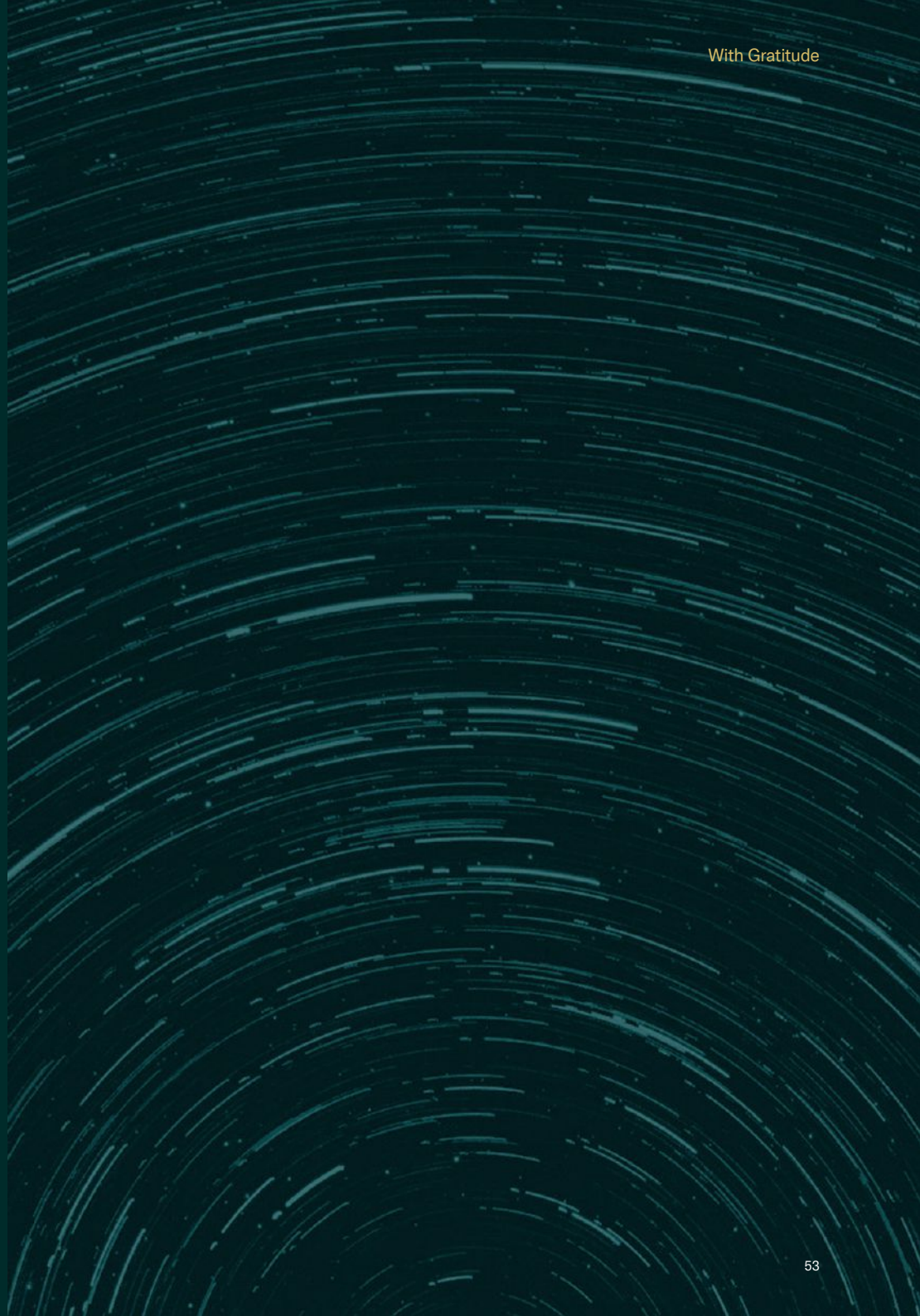

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