



OceanLove 2027-2030

BECAUSE YOU PROTECT WHAT YOU LOVE



A wide-angle photograph of a beach completely covered in plastic waste, including numerous discarded water bottles, food containers, and other debris. In the background, the ocean waves are visible, and a dark, rocky coastline rises under a cloudy sky.

THE OCEAN AT RISK

Our ocean gives us half of the oxygen we breathe.
It absorbs a third of the carbon we produce.
It covers 70% of our planet — and sustains all life on Earth.



An underwater photograph showing a vibrant coral reef at the bottom. Sunlight rays penetrate the deep blue water from the top, creating a serene and majestic atmosphere. The coral is a mix of brown and orange hues, contrasting with the deep blue of the water.

“BECAUSE YOU PROTECT WHAT YOU LOVE”

Using photography, social media, events, publications and
a yearly innovation award to build a movement of
effective ocean lovers



The Innovation Gap

The biggest challenge isn't just pollution — it's opportunity.



Lack of mobilisation of talent



Lack of funding



No visibility





OceanLove Innovation Awards

...
Developing the worlds biggest and most inclusive
award project focused on ocean innovation.
Providing coaching, PR and seed money for world
changing ideas



The Growth Story

2024

📍 NETHERLANDS

86 37

APPLICANTS COUNTRIES

2025

📍 BARCELONA, SPAIN

260 80+

APPLICANTS COUNTRIES

2026

📍 LOS ANGELES, USA

487 91

APPLICANTS COUNTRIES

2027

📍 CAIRO, EGYPT

700 120

APPLICANTS COUNTRIES

2030

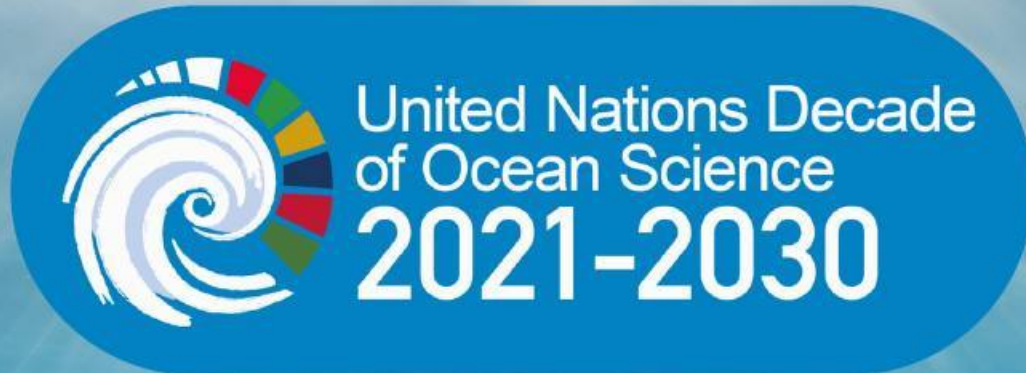
📍 IT CAN BE YOUR CITY!

1000+ 150

APPLICANTS COUNTRIES

OCEANLOVE IS NOW **THE LARGEST** AND **MOST INCLUSIVE** OCEAN INNOVATION AWARD **IN THE WORLD** — BY NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED, ACHIEVED THROUGH VOLUNTEER EFFORT AND ZERO PAID MARKETING.





**Endorsed by
UN Ocean Decade**



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Dr. Sylvia Earle



Mr. Paul Polman



Tatiana Mendes

OCEANLOVE UNITES SCIENTISTS, ENTREPRENEURS, EDUCATORS, AND OCEAN LOVERS UNDER ONE CAUSE —
INNOVATION FOR A LIVING PLANET.



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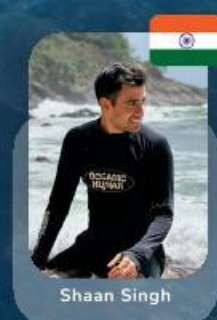
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Shirley Butter



Mahouna TCHANGOLE



It may be you!



Laureate Ambassadors



OceanLove core team

Global team of scientists, environmentalists, divers, artists, social entrepreneurs and other change-makers, all volunteers



Our Founder
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Sea Sense



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(B Corp)



KMT House



Bright Vibes



An underwater photograph of a coral reef with two divers swimming in the background. The scene is set in clear blue water with sunlight filtering down from the surface. The coral reef is vibrant with various colors and textures.

OceanLove Innovation Awards 2026

3 AWARD CATEGORIES



The Wave Makers Award

Recognizes educators,
youth, and movements
spreading awareness
and hope.
Because true change
starts with people – and
ripples outward like
waves.



An underwater photograph showing a wooden boat partially submerged in the ocean. The water is filled with numerous pieces of plastic waste, including bottle caps, fragments, and other debris, illustrating the problem of ocean pollution. The scene is dimly lit, with light filtering down from the surface.

The Blue Circle Award

Celebrates **circular-economy** and **cleanup** innovations restoring the ocean's balance. From waste-to-resource startups to large-scale cleanups — closing the loop on ocean plastics, and pushing back other pollutions



An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through. In the foreground, there is a large, dark, textured coral formation. In the background, a more vibrant, greenish-yellow coral reef is visible. The overall scene is serene and beautiful.

The Living Sea Award

Honors projects reviving coral reefs, protecting marine creatures, biodiversity, and promoting responsible fishing. For those bringing the ocean back to life — one reef, one fishery, one innovation at a time.



An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through. In the foreground, there are large, brownish-purple coral structures. In the background, there are green and yellow coral formations. A few small fish are visible swimming in the water.

Award to Push Back Climate Change

To be added from 2027
onwards



Important Dates 2027

- **Applications open:** April 1st
- **Applications close:** August 31st
- **Bootcamp:** Mid-September
- **Judging:** End of September
- **Award Ceremony:** October 2027, Cairo (Egypt)



OUR YEARLY IMPACT

BY 2030

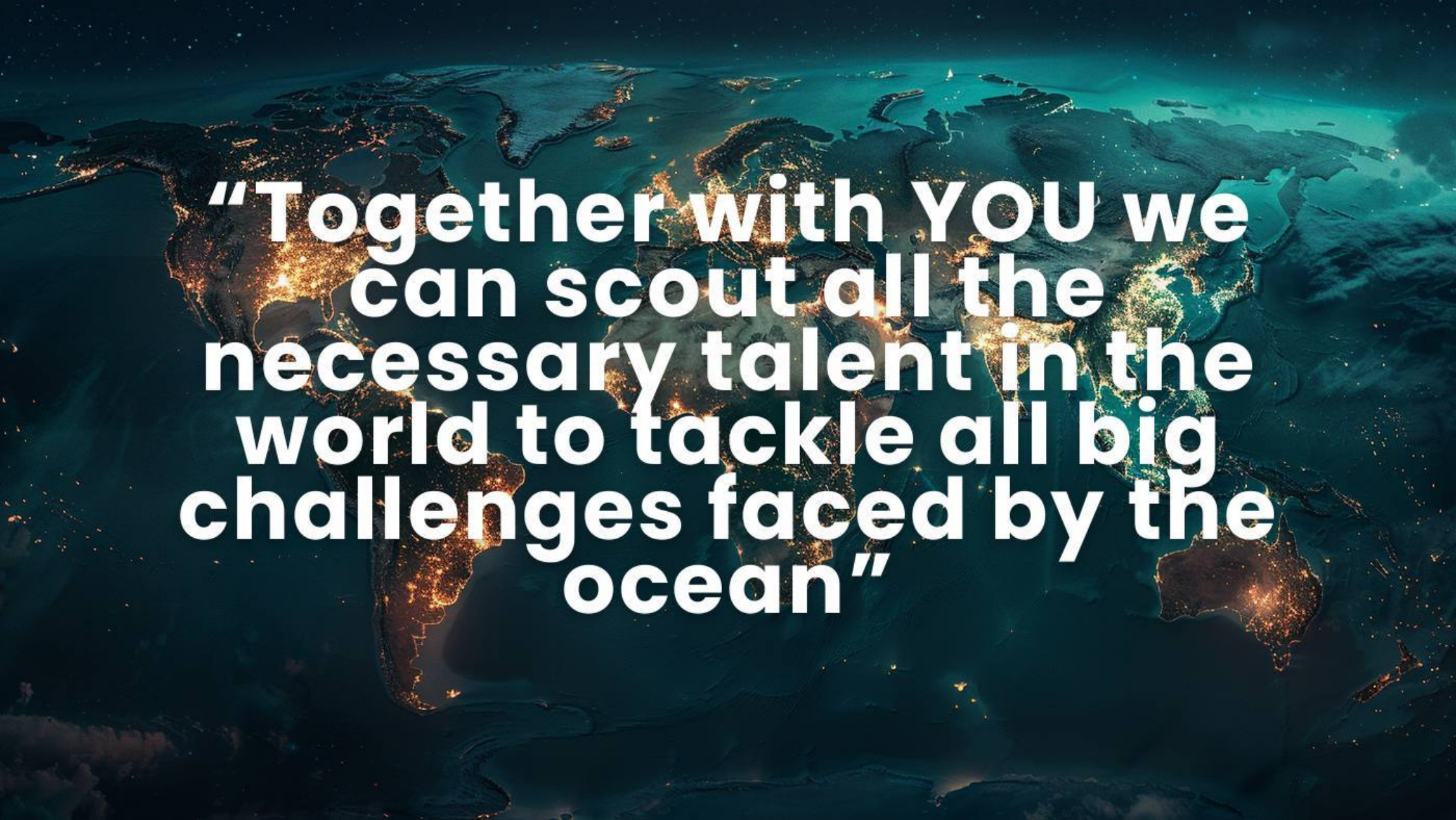
- 1000+ inovative ideas
- 100+ countries
- 500+ communities involved
- 30+ ideas supported with online coaching
- 20+ ideas supported with seed money & 1 year coaching
- 100 million+ people reached (mainly global south)



What can you do?

- 1) Social media channels: Follow, Like, Share
- 2) Start or support your own country team
- 3) Help us find talent and inspire them to participate/apply
- 4) Help us find partners and donors, to grow further towards 2030





**“Together with YOU we
can scout all the
necessary talent in the
world to tackle all big
challenges faced by the
ocean”**



**Because you protect
what you love**

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