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# Love The Oceans Announced as Finalist Within the Inaugural Regenerative Travel Impact Awards

Recognised in the Education category, Public Facing People's Choice Award voting now open!



*Jangamo Bay, Mozambique:* Love The Oceans is proud to have been recognised as a finalist within the Education category for the Regenerative Travel Impact Awards 2021! These new awards celebrate the people and projects that embody the spirit of regeneration—improving people's lives, our communities, and the world around us.

Love The Oceans has been awarded as a reflection of the organisation's work to invest in the next generation, building a generation of conservationists with the knowledge and skillsets to ensure a successful marine protected area in Jangamo Bay. The Education category is about projects that deepen or broaden education's impact, promoting equity and understanding.

To drive public engagement and exposure for the finalist initiatives Regenerative Travel are inviting the public to vote for their favourite initiative with the People's Choice award. Voting for this category is open to anyone via <a href="mailto:this link">this link</a> and voters will automatically be entered into a competition with a chance to win a three-night stay at the award-winning Regenerative Resort <a href="mailto:Gangtey Lodge">Gangtey Lodge</a>, Bhutan-, 1 entry per email, voting closes on September 10.

Regenerative Travel, a benefit corporation and online booking platform to a collection of independent boutique eco-luxury hotels and lodges will reveal the overall winners in each category ahead of the upcoming second annual Regenerative Travel Summit. Staying online for a second year from the 20-22 of September the summit looks to showcase how the travel industry can be designed to thrive and serve as a catalyst for change, generating economic, social, and environmental wealth and how that all fits into the wider principles of embracing a regenerative lifestyle. Tickets for the summit can be purchased <a href="here">here</a>.

In the spirit of regeneration, each award winner will receive a professional development package to help take their work to the next level.

#### Ouotes:

"Education is a key component in any conservation initiative worth it's salt. Investing in the next generation is essential to ensure long-lasting environmental stewardship, and giving children access to environmental education enables a passion for the ocean to develop and knowledge is power." says **Francesca Trotman, Founder** at Love The Oceans

"Enabling access to free education is a massive step in the environmental movement. With more education there is more chance of jobs, and with more jobs there is less poverty. With less poverty comes more financial luxury to consider conservation and sustainability in everyday life. It's a positive upward spiral" says **Francesca Trotman, Founder** at Love The Oceans

"With one of our key aims as a brand being to build a travel industry that creates abundance for all—one that is non-extractive, immersive, inclusive, and equitable, we feel it is more important than ever to showcase trailblazing projects and to celebrate those driving change in order to inspire further initiatives to move the industry forward. The Impact Awards will act as a crucial element in the lead up to our summit and we are honoured to have the opportunity to bring attention to these inspirational individuals and brands." says **Amanda Ho, Co-Founder and Brand Director** at Regenerative Travel

#### **Judges Featured**

Regenerative Travel have engaged a group of respected judges, who have been meticulously chosen as experts and professionals in their respective fields for their experience and industry know-how.

### Social Impact

Martinique Lewis, President of the Black Travel Alliance

## Travel Media

Juliet Kinsman, Sustainability Editor at Conde Nast Traveller

# Food and Agriculture

Anthony Myint, Chef, founder of ZeroFood Print

#### Marine Conservation

Lea d'Auriol, Founder of Oceanic Global

#### Sustainable Destinations

Paloma Zapata, Sustainable Tourism

## Community Engagement

Api Movono, Senior Lecturer in Development Studies

### Hospitality and Culture

Sheldon Scott, Director of Culture Eaton Workshop

### Wildlife Conservation

Dr Paula Kahumbu, CEO of Wildlife Direct

## Social Media Links:

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**About**: Love the Oceans is a non-profit marine conservation organisation working in Jangamo Bay, Mozambique to protect and study the diverse marine life and megafauna found in the area. We use research, education and diving to drive action towards a more sustainable future. Our mission is to protect the marine environment in the Jangamo district of Mozambique and establish it as a Marine Protected Area. In doing so, working towards our vision to develop a holistic conservation strategy which can be replicated along the East African Coastline which protects and preserves the diverse ocean fauna native to those areas while empowering the surrounding communities to thrive. LTO was recently highlighted by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex for our work and received international recognition. Our Founder, Francesca, was the 2021 recipient of the Oceans Award Young Initiative by Blue Marine Foundation and Boat International.

## **About Regenerative Travel:**

Regenerative Travel is a shared benefit corporation and booking platform providing marketing and hospitality services to a network of independently owned eco-luxury boutique hotels dedicated to the highest levels of social and environmental impact located in over 24 countries worldwide. Through sharing individual best practices and through collaboration, Regenerative Travel enables the Regenerative Resorts hotel collection to work together to achieve significant economies of scale and to make a deeper impact. Media Contact: Kerry@regenerativetravel.com

# Images (email for higher quality):



Figure 4 Pascoal Nhamussua, our Community Outreach Manager teaching a lesson on whale sharks. By Jeff Hester, Photographers Without Borders



Figure 3 Armando, one of our junior swimmers. By Stella Levantesi, Photographers Without Borders



Figure 2 Mario Guilamba, one of our Ocean Conservation Champions during his scuba diving training. By Francesca Trotman



Figure 5 Chelsia, one of our beginner swimmers. By Stella Levantesi, Photographers Without Borders



Figure 1 Melta Marrengula, one of our Ocean Conservation Champions in class. By Stella Levantesi, Photographers Without Borders