

## OUR FUNDING PRIORITIES



The Ecological Aquaculture Foundation LLC is a small but growing family foundation led by Barry Antonio Costa-Pierce, Ph.D. as its President/CEO. Costa-Pierce family members comprise the Board of Directors and make consensus decisions on all programs and investments.



By design we have no formal application process, and no formal application materials that we can send you. Nor do we hold to any formal decision-making deadlines, preferring to make all decision on a rolling or need to act basis. Thus, we make funding decisions rather quickly. Our decisions are done in a rigorous manner, but we do so in our informal way.

We receive your ideas by whatever means you decide to engage with us either electronically or in person...we determine your fit to us...then we start a process with you.

Our top priorities are to fund outstanding examples of ecological aquaculture and agriculture projects and leaders who are working to develop the next generation of sustainable food production systems.

If you think we are a good fit, send us an e-mail to [bcp@oceanfoods.org](mailto:bcp@oceanfoods.org) with your idea, how much money you'll need, over what time frame, who is your team for your efforts to accomplish what you're proposing, and your best contacts. We'll examine these and if we want to talk, we will do so. We will have the professional courtesy to contact you if we're not interested at this time.

While we do have specific geographic areas of the World of top interest to us, such as the **Large Ocean Nations**<sup>1</sup>, we have worked all over the World, and we have professional colleagues and farmer friends all over the World, so there are no geographies we're not

interested in talking about. Thus, we will accept ideas and proposals from anywhere on Mother Earth and Planet Ocean.

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### **<sup>1</sup>Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to Large Ocean Nations**

“SIDS have been defined by others and by themselves as vulnerable small islands with limited land, which has often affected their development perspectives and potential. Today, an increasing number are self-identifying as “large ocean states” to include the massive ocean areas and resources within their jurisdiction. Through these exclusive economic zones (EEZs), SIDS control about 30% of all oceans and seas. For example, Saint Lucia has a marine reserve the size of Germany (Cheney, 2021), while Tuvalu has an EEZ 27,000 times its land mass (Halais, 2019). The combined EEZs of Mauritius and the Seychelles represent an area bigger than India, with significant untapped economic potential (Cedras, 2020). Together, SIDS have around 24,111 km<sup>2</sup> in total land area and 666,110 km<sup>2</sup> in EEZs. In other words, 3.5% of SIDS is land, while 96.5% is ocean (UNDP, 2017).”

Taken from IISD [Small Islands, Large Oceans: Voices on the Frontlines of Climate Change](#) | International Institute for Sustainable Development ([iisd.org](http://iisd.org))