

Earth Ocean Food Systems (ETHOS) is a non-profit organized to accelerate directed actions worldwide that advance education and applied science in ecological aquaculture and regenerative agriculture systems that are socially and environmentally inclusive and just. We work at the nexus of social and climate change in aquatic food systems and their integration with terrestrial food systems, renewable energies, soil and water conservation, environmental conservation, and protection. ETHOS has a special mission to assist the next generation of leaders working in food production and justice. ETHOS is committed not only to increasing the participation of but supporting the voices of peoples who represent the world's spectacular human diversity and indigenous peoples. ETHOS works to enhance global to local direct actions in food for peace initiatives, anti-racism, and decolonization.

DONATIONS TO ETHOS WILL ALLOW US TO INCREASE SUPPORT TO:

✓ Fund organizations committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives that advance actions in ecological aquaculture and regenerative agriculture systems which are socially and environmentally inclusive and just and build partnerships with ETHOS. ETHOS is a 501©3 U.S. tax exempt international organization with an office in Maine, with partners throughout the World.

A World Aquaculture Society (WAS) DEI effort was funded by Ecological Aquaculture, Inc. to convene youth leaders from diverse, low-income New Orleans schools at the WAS annual meeting in 2022. Previous discussions have been held with Minorities in Aquaculture, among other organizations. ETHOS wishes to continue funding DEI aquatic food security and justice actions, and to partner with other to increase its activities in these areas.

✓ Fund at least ten (10) individuals who are next generation leaders in ecological aquaculture and regenerative agriculture systems by making grants-in-aid and sponsoring their leadership to organize, convene, and make presentations at key international and national aquaculture, agriculture and food systems conferences, workshops, and meetings.

Five professionals were funded previously by Ecological Aquaculture, Inc. ETHOS wishes to increase its support by developing a "Grants-in-Aid" program modeled after the one developed by Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society.

Fund the development of new educational programs and associated food culinary opportunities at global to locally linked aquatic food demonstration sites that advance community and family food self-sufficiency.

ETHOS continues to develop two, linked, demonstration food security sites, one in a rural temperate zone (Maine, USA) and another in a rural tropical indigenous community (Kaua'i, Hawai'i) led by Kaua'i Sea Farms. ETHOS has a funding proposal pending to develop a new site on the island of Sortland with the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO) in Bodø, Norway. Sites are to be the foci of partnership-building in community-scale, ecological and restorative aquaculture and regenerative agriculture development and allied educational programs that bring together cohorts of entrepreneurs, existing and emerging food systems leaders to demonstrate practices and accomplishments, and to develop actionable proposals that would expand real-world applications of ecological and restorative aquaculture and ecosystem approaches to food production. Funding will assist ETHOS to hold our first workshop in October 2024, in Kaua'i, Hawai'i with Kaua'i Sea Farms and to plan our next workshop two years later in 2026.

✓ Fund OMNIA to build a partnership to enhance aquatic food and climate justice actions globally by building 1-2 Interfaith Peacemaker Teams focused on ecological aquaculture combined with regenerative agriculture. This is the ETHOS "Fish for Peace" initiative.

Interfaith Peacemaker Teams are a proven OMNIA strategy that build teams of diverse faiths, backgrounds, and points of view to engage honestly and to creatively solve problems together. OMNIA has trained about 5,300 peacemakers and created 200 Interfaith Peacemaker Teams (65% are led by women). ETHOS supported OMNIA in 2023 and wishes to increase support and works with OMNIA by funding/mentoring 1-2 IPTs in ecological food and climate justice initiatives...as we "Fish for Peace" together.

Funding to convene applied science and education leaders in an ETHOS "design charette" that would develop a new project with partners in Spain (Universidade de Las Palma de Gran Canaria) and Kaua'i Sea Farms in Hawai'i to establish an innovative aquaculture program in Hawai'i for limpets (Portuguese/Spanish = lapas, Hawaiian = 'opihi); marine mollusks that are significant, culturally invaluable marine foods in Spanish, Portuguese, and Hawaiian cultures which are also prized as iconic jewelry.

In these activities, ETHOS would also connect and partner with the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in the <u>Small Island Developing States (SIDS) for Nature Priority 2</u> to communicate this innovative international cooperation, to seek additional peer learning, and to help develop education programs that expand SIDS best practices and nature-based solutions in ecological aquaculture.