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**SEACOLOGY MAKES CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE
COMMITMENT TO ACTION**

***Berkeley-based Nonprofit to Focus on Sustainable Livelihoods for
Women Living on Islands***

BERKELEY, CALIF.—SEPT. 23, 2013—[Seacology](#), a nonprofit whose mission is to work with islanders around the world to protect threatened ecosystems and help their local communities, said today that it has created a [Clinton Global Initiative](#) (CGI) Commitment to Action to focus on maintaining island conservation and creating sustainable livelihoods for women.

As part of its CGI commitment, Seacology will launch three innovative projects in specific biologically significant island communities over a three-year period. The first project will take place on Sumba Island, Indonesia. This will be the beginning of a long-term initiative providing viable income sources for female villagers in exchange for the establishment of important ongoing island preservation endeavors.

“Seacology is thrilled to announce this Clinton Global Initiative commitment,” said Duane Silverstein, Seacology executive director. “As a member of CGI, Seacology will expand upon its successful island conservation model while filling a void by helping women establish island-supported livelihoods.”

A CGI commitment is a new, specific, and measurable plan for addressing a significant global challenge. Established in 2005 by former President Bill Clinton, CGI brings together global leaders to address issues such as poverty, health, education, and the environment.

About Seacology

[Seacology](#) helps protect island habitats and assists local communities by offering villages a unique deal: if they agree to create a forest or marine reserve, Seacology will provide funds for something the village needs, like a schoolhouse or health clinic. Since 1991, Seacology has worked with over 200 villages on 149 islands in 51 countries, helping to protect nearly 2 million acres of some of the world’s most vulnerable ecosystems.

About the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI)

Established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), an initiative of Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation, convenes global leaders to create and implement innovative solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges.

CGI Annual Meetings have brought together more than 150 heads of state, 20 Nobel Prize laureates, and hundreds of leading CEOs, heads of foundations and NGOs, major philanthropists, and members of the media. To date CGI members have made more than 2,300 commitments, which are already improving the lives of more than 400 million people in over 180 countries. When fully funded and implemented, these commitments will be valued at \$73.5 billion.

CGI also convenes CGI America, a meeting focused on collaborative solutions to economic recovery in the United States, and CGI University (CGI U), which brings together undergraduate and graduate students to address pressing challenges in their community or around the world, and, this year, CGI Latin America, which will bring together Latin American leaders to identify, harness, and strengthen ways to improve the livelihoods of people in Latin America and around the world. For more information, visit clintonglobalinitiative.org and follow us on Twitter @ClintonGlobal and Facebook at facebook.com/clintonglobalinitiative.

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