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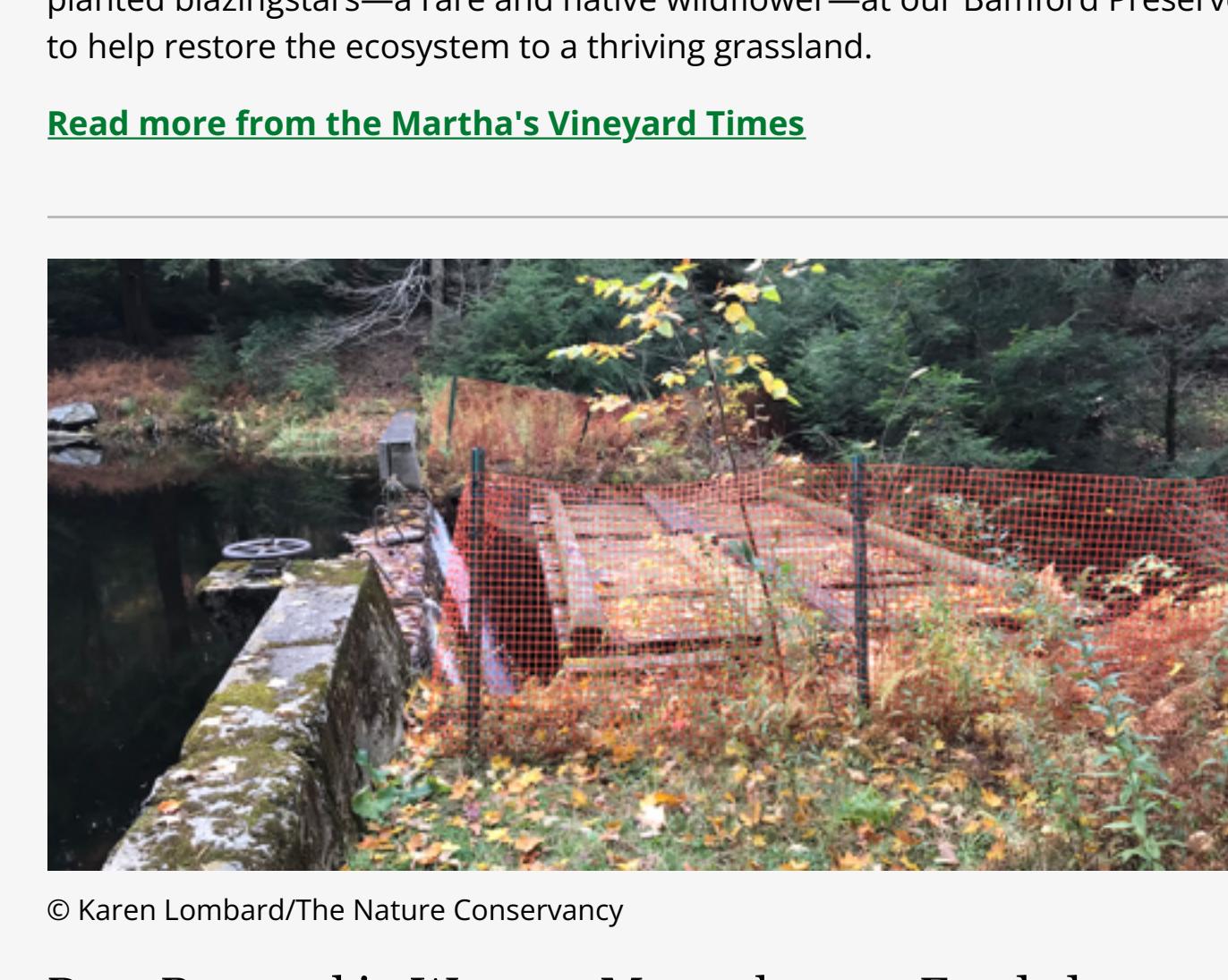


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Program Will Pay Landowners to Use Climate-Friendly Forest Management

The Family Forest Carbon Program, TNC's joint initiative with The American Forest Foundation, launched in mid-July in Massachusetts, Vermont and Western New York. The program pays forest owners to implement climate-smart forestry, to help manage forests with the goal of storing as much carbon as possible in forests over the next two decades to help address the climate crisis.

[Hear more from our climate solutions scientist and others in this WBUR piece](#)



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1,000 Rare Blazingstar Seedlings Planted on Martha's Vineyard

The Vineyard is one of the last remaining strongholds of sandplain grasslands, an important habitat for rare species that TNC has been working to protect there for over 30 years. In July, with the help of volunteers from conservation organizations across the Island and seedlings from Polly Hill Arboretum, we planted blazingstars—a rare and native wildflower—at our Bamford Preserve to help restore the ecosystem to a thriving grassland.

[Read more from the Martha's Vineyard Times](#)



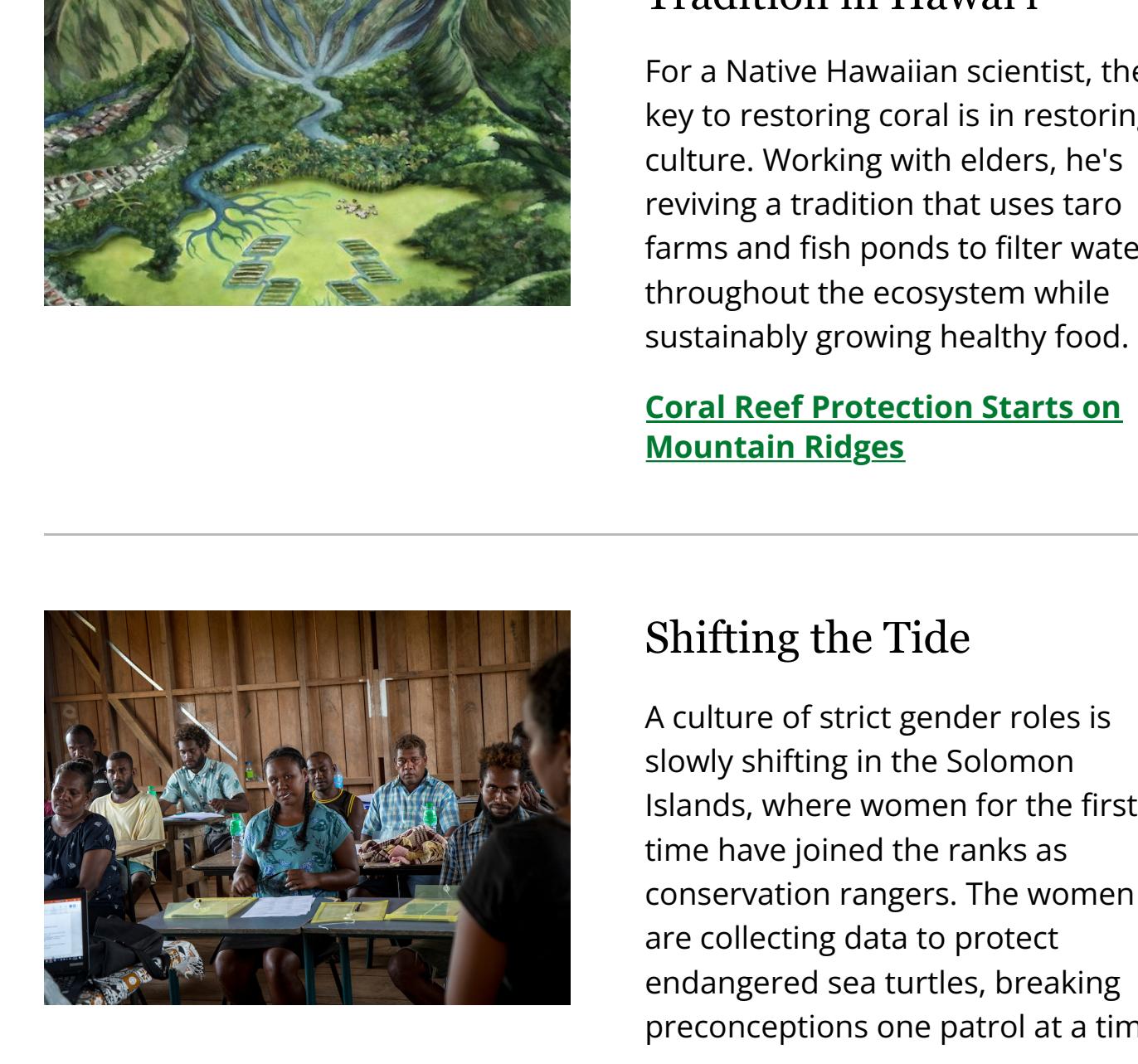
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Dam Removal in Western Massachusetts Funded Through State

In July, TNC in Massachusetts was awarded \$50,000 through the state Division of Ecological Restoration's Priority Program to remove Becker Pond Dam in Mt. Washington. Removing the dam will eliminate a public safety hazard, promote restoration of ecological processes and functions, restore fish passage, and improve water quality. The award is part of a total package of \$4.6M for ecological restoration and climate change adaptation projects across the state.

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STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



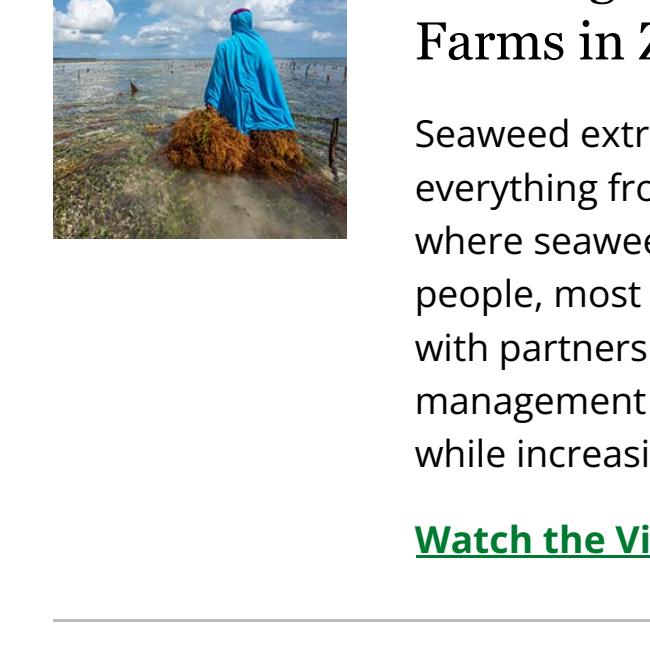
A Historic Opportunity to Address the Climate Crisis

After months of negotiation, Congress is now on the line to pass the single biggest investment to tackle the climate crisis in U.S. history, by far. And we need to make sure it gets across the finish line.

We urge you to send your message to your Senators and Representative now. Call on your elected leaders to support bold funding and policies we need to tackle the climate crisis ASAP.

Now more than ever, we need to put real, concrete action behind U.S. promises to combat the climate crisis.

[Tell Congress: Act Now on Climate](#)



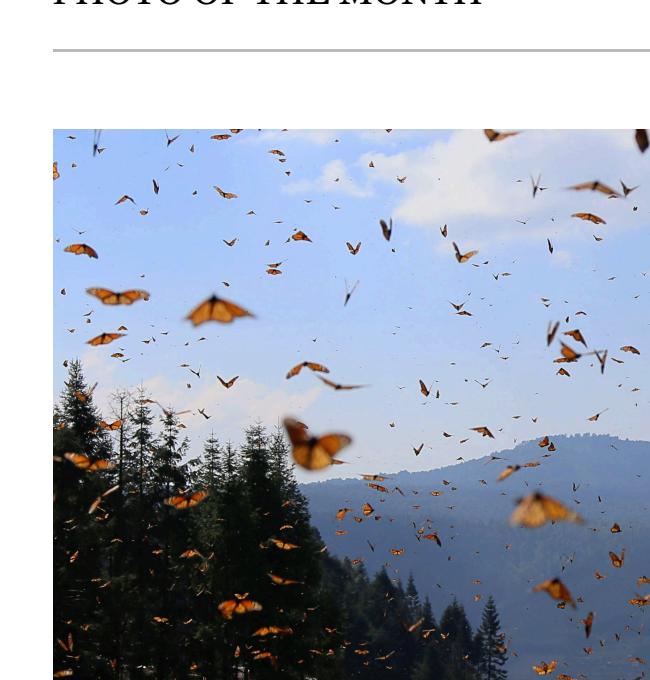
The Global Photo Contest is Back!

We're thrilled to announce that the 2022 Global Photo Contest is underway! Now through August 31, 2022, enter your best images for a chance to win some incredible prizes!

This year's categories are Wildlife, People and Nature, Water, Plants and Fungi, Landscape, and Climate.

No professional experience required—every moment captured in nature is special.

[Enter Your Nature Photo Today](#)



Restoration Through Tradition in Hawai'i

For a Native Hawaiian scientist, the key to restoring coral is in restoring culture. Working with elders, he's reviving a tradition that uses taro farms and fish ponds to filter water throughout the ecosystem while sustainably growing healthy food.

[Coral Reef Protection Starts on Mountain Ridges](#)



Shifting the Tide

A culture of strict gender roles is slowly shifting in the Solomon Islands, where women for the first time have joined the ranks as conservation rangers. The women are collecting data to protect endangered sea turtles, breaking preconceptions one patrol at a time.

[How Rangers Are Protecting Leatherback Sea Turtles](#)

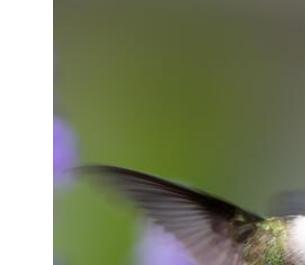


Gabon Is Leading the Way

Gabon, determined to protecting 30% of its natural habitats by 2030, is emerging as a conservation leader in Africa and globally. TNC has partnered in Gabon for 9 years and hopes to be a catalyst for durable conservation that benefits people locally.

[Dwarf Crocodiles, Rare Forest Elephants, and Global Ambition](#)

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Creating More Sustainable Seaweed Farms in Zanzibar

Seaweed extracts are found in many household items—everything from ice cream to toothpaste. In Tanzania, where seaweed farming employs more than 25,000 people, most of whom are women, TNC is collaborating with partners to train seaweed farmers on best management practices that will protect the environment while increasing productivity.

[Watch the Video](#)

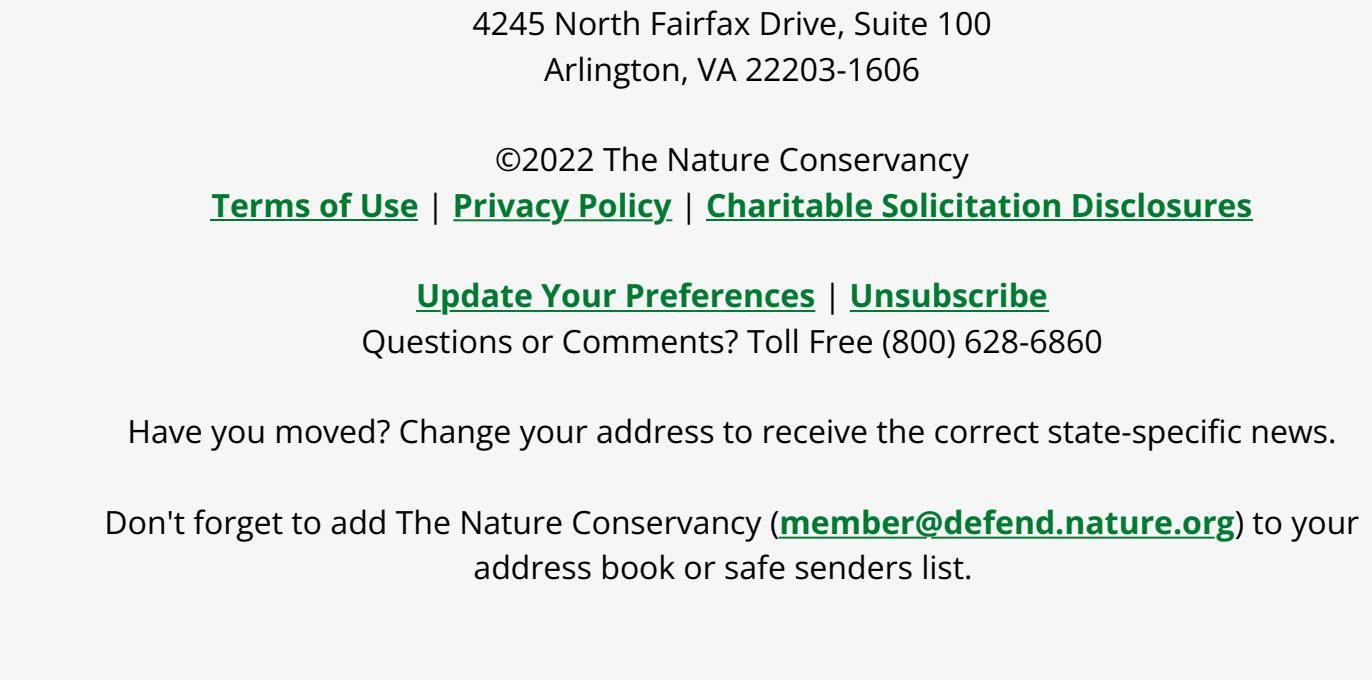


Putting Communities at the Heart of Nature Protection

"Today, the story is not about protecting nature from people, it's about protecting nature for people, and empowering communities who protect nature most effectively." TNC Africa Managing Director Ademola Ajagbe shared his thoughts as conservationists gathered for the first Africa Protected Areas Congress.

[Read The Article](#)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



FLUTTER SPEED MEETS SHUTTER SPEED Monarch butterflies fill the air around the mountain tops in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Michoacán, Mexico. © Luz Angela Velázquez/TNC Photo Contest 2022

The migratory monarch butterfly, a subspecies of the monarch butterfly, was recently added to the IUCN's Red List as an endangered species, due to pressures from habitat loss and climate change.

There are only 11-14 mountaintops left in Mexico where these butterflies can find a safe haven to wait out the harsh winters in temperate climates.

[How We're Working to Protect the Monarch Butterfly](#)

TRENDING NEWS

Before You Fire Up the Grill, an Environmental Scientist Wants You To Consider These 6 Eco-Friendly Tips

Joe Fargione, TNC Science Director for North America, shares tips on you grill set-up, ash disposal and meal planning so you can reduce your impact on the environment—but not on flavor.

[Find Out the Tips in Well+Good](#)

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