

The [CLIMA Fund](#) resources grassroots climate justice movements building local resilience and addressing the root causes of the climate crisis. We support grassroots groups led by women, Indigenous Peoples, youth, and peasants, as those closest to the climate crisis and building ingenious, effective solutions for confronting it. The CLIMA Fund is a collaboration between Global Greengrants Fund, Grassroots International, Thousand Currents, and Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism.

Over the last century, oceans have been the canary in the coalmine for the climate crisis, with acidity rising by 25% and wreaking havoc on biodiversity up and down the food chain. Fish constitutes over half of the animal protein consumed in many coastal and small island countries, and fish populations are collapsing due to overfishing, rising ocean temperatures, and altered weather patterns. Decades of pollution, mining, drilling and destructive tourist practices are destroying ocean ecosystems and the food sources and livelihoods of the coastal communities that work to protect these fragile ecosystems.

THE SOLUTION

Coastal ecosystems such as mangroves, seagrasses and tidal marshes are critical carbon sinks for sequestering and drawing down carbon as well as insulating land masses from devastating storms. Importantly, coastal communities are the frontline for protecting ocean and coastal ecosystems, and are those mounting some of the most ambitious campaigns. The CLIMA Fund members are supporting grassroots groups across the globe that are uplifting climate justice and advancing people-centered approaches to ocean protection. Here are a few examples of how CLIMA partners are approaching ocean conservation and protection of biodiversity:



Direct Resistance of Extractives. The [Pacific Network on Globalization](#) and [DIVA for Equality](#) are campaigning for local governance and control over oceans in Fiji and the surrounding areas, including a ban on sea-bed mining for military and commercial purposes. Sea-bed mining is a growing threat to oceans as well as local communities' human and economic rights.

Blue Carbon Protection and Restoration. Overfishing, pollution, and deforestation for palm oil plantations have destroyed marine resources in the Pacific Islands, where 80 percent of rural people live off the water. [Cape Holicote Bay Marine Resource Management Committee](#) travels from community to community in Papua New Guinea hosting workshops on mangrove forest, seagrass, and coral reef protection. The group engages local communities and government in reviving depleted fish populations and eliminating destructive fishing. Its work advances equity and protects local food sources.

Monitoring & Defense of Local Marine Tenure. [Health of the Mother Earth Foundation \(HOMEF\)](#) is resisting the emerging [Blue Economy](#) and advocating for the sustainable use and management of marine resources and ecosystems on African coasts. The CLIMA Fund supports movement connectivity and makes communication and convening grants. For example, HOMEF and the [South Durban Community Environmental Alliance \(SDCEA\)](#)'s campaign [Fish Not Oil](#) is supporting fisherfolk resisting oil and gas and other offshore mining activities while building a network of fisherfolk and communities across the coasts of Africa for aquatic ecosystems monitoring and defense .



To learn more about the CLIMA Fund and how to support grassroots groups on the frontline of ocean protection, visit www.climasolutions.org or email community@climasolutions.org