

Fiscal Year 2021 **IMPACT REPORT**

October 2020 – September 2021

Guided and inspired by a shared vision of a healthy ocean for marine mammals and humans alike

OUR MISSION

The Marine Mammal Center advances global ocean conservation through marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation, scientific research, and education.

Inspired by a growing need

The ocean is in trouble. From the depletion of fish stocks to increasing ocean temperatures, human activity threatens marine ecosystems that are vital to the health of our ocean and all life on earth. The Marine Mammal Center is a critical first responder to these threats and a leader in the field of ocean conservation through our work in marine mammal rescue, science and education. Marine mammals are ecosystem indicators, and the health of these animals provides insights into human and ocean health threats. Together, we are taking action today to support a network of scientists and stewards to **protect our shared ocean environment** for future generations.

Accomplished by a dedicated community

Thanks to support from people like you, the Center continued its core work as an essential business while prioritizing staff and volunteer safety during this unprecedented time. Throughout fiscal year 2021, approximately 775 volunteers recorded about **74,000 hours**, remotely and onsite, in service to the Center's mission.

Made possible by supporters like you

More than **90 percent** of our funding comes from charitable gifts contributed by individuals, foundations and corporations. **None of this life-saving work is possible without people like you.**



ADVANCING GLOBAL OCEAN CONSERVATION

Reflections on growth and gratitude



We are so grateful for the support from this dedicated community. It's what makes it possible to continue advancing global ocean conservation every day. Thank you for making a positive impact on our shared ocean.

Julian Brandes | Board Chair



Since the Center's founding, our partnership with supporters like you has made countless wins possible—and I cannot thank you enough for that. It's your unwavering dedication that makes every aspect of this important conservation work possible, resulting in positive influence and impact locally and around the world.

Dr. Jeff Boehm, DVM, Dipl. ACAW | CERO



Thanks to your generous support, the Center continued to care for many sick and injured marine mammal patients despite the impacts of the pandemic. In Hawai'i, we have continued to respond to Hawaiian monk seals in need and educate hundreds of people, all thanks to you! You are vital to conservation of this endangered species, and we couldn't be more grateful for your support!

Dr. Sophie Whoriskey, DVM
Hawaiian Monk Seal Conservation Veterinarian



Today's youth are tomorrow's conservation leaders. Your generosity supports young people on their journey to care for our ocean as passionate, optimistic and resilient advocates. In uncertain times, our educators committed to empowering a community of future ocean stewards all over the world with innovative and mission-driven programs. We are grateful for your contributions.

Jane Choi, M.A.
Strategic Program Development Specialist



Thanks to your generous support, we have been able to improve animal care workflows, collect increasingly higher quality data, support research projects with historic and prospective data, and dive into animal stranding trends through adapting our animal records database. Thank you for supporting this cornerstone of our conservation work!

Lian Hortensius, M.S., M.A.
Animal Programs Data Scientist



We, the volunteers and staff at The Marine Mammal Center, are grateful to all of our donors for their contributions. Thanks to you, we can save the lives of marine mammals and advance global ocean conservation, while enriching our community.

Francisco Curreilche
Rescue and Animal Care Volunteer



ANIMAL CARE

One of three areas of focus in our mission to advance global ocean conservation

The Marine Mammal Center **rescues and rehabilitates** sick and injured marine mammals at our state-of-the-art veterinary facilities by engaging a dedicated workforce and a supportive community.

Highlights of our animal care impacts from October 2020 to September 2021, made possible by your support:



Received more than **10,000 calls** to our 24-hour hotline for reporting distressed marine mammals, leading us to dispatch responders to assess nearly **1,600 animals**.

Customized a **specialized housing area at our state-of-the-art hospital** for our most vulnerable sea otter patients, allowing our experts to provide more hands-on care as we work to conserve this threatened species.



Expanded our whale entanglement response and research efforts by continuing to serve as a primary responder to entangled whales, as well as conducting field surveys and deepening partnerships with stakeholders to prevent entanglements in the future.



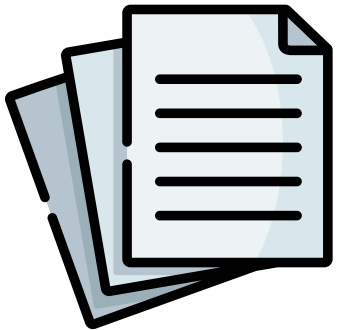
Received and responded to more than 1,400 sightings of endangered Hawaiian monk seals on Hawai'i Island, sending responders out to an average of four seals per day to monitor the animal, and provide public outreach and education.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

One of three areas of focus in our mission to advance global ocean conservation

The Marine Mammal Center **learns from the patients in our care** and **contributes to scientific understanding** of the changing health of our ocean, taking action to address ocean threats and save endangered species.

Highlights of our scientific research impacts from October 2020 to September 2021, made possible by your support:



Contributed 19 authored and co-authored scientific research papers to peer-reviewed journals and shared findings with global audiences via eight presentations at four conferences on topics including cancer in sea lions, research that was highlighted in Los Angeles Times.

Performed more than 220 necropsies, including 35 whales, dolphins and porpoises, and **processed 10,185 specimens**, such as blood, tissue and fur samples, to identify diseases and pathogens, investigate the reasons why marine mammals strand and determine how these factors are connected to ecosystem and human health.



Conducted 10 cetacean surveys in the San Francisco Bay with our newly operational research vessel and identified four cetacean species, indicating that efforts to protect these species and Bay waters have been successful.



EDUCATION

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The Marine Mammal Center **leads as a teaching hospital** by training veterinary professionals locally and internationally, and **inspiring future ocean stewards** through innovative school and public education programs.

Highlights of our education impacts from October 2020 to September 2021, made possible by your support:



Continued to train and provide professional development experiences to students and practitioners in the field of marine mammal health, medicine and conservation during pandemic-related restrictions by leading lectures and presenting at conferences both in-person and virtually, providing one-on-one support for pursuits such as publishing research and passing board exams, and more.

Developed and led two sessions of Ocean Advocacy Collective, a 12-week online teen leadership program, supporting 70 high school students, many of whom reported they felt a sense of growth in leadership and empowerment after completing the program.



Shared our extensive knowledge of climate and conservation communication strategy with the professional community by launching the Climate Literacy Collaborative and leading 30 presentations and workshops that reached more than 1,500 people.

Supported more than 4,100 middle school students in California and on Hawai'i Island through our marine science and ocean conservation programs, Ocean Ambassadors and Nā Kōkua o ke Kai, by supplying more than 50 teachers with resources to continue engaging and inspiring their students at a pivotal time in their development.

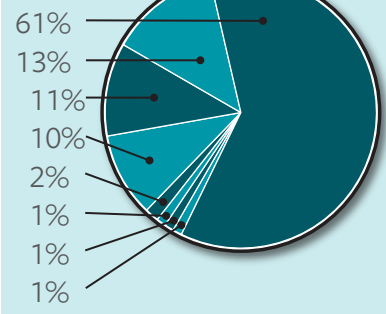


FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Activities for the year ended September 30, 2021

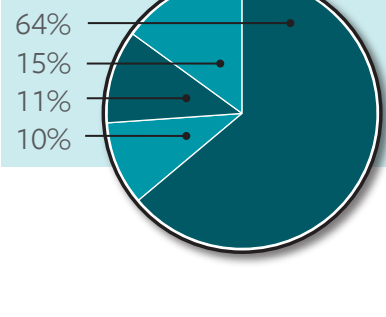
Support and Revenue

Contributions and grants	\$10,523,684	61%
Bequests	\$2,171,986	13%
Employee retention tax credit	\$1,817,427	11%
Return on investments, net	\$1,777,804	10%
Federal and state government service contracts	\$441,660	2%
Donated materials, services and equipment	\$261,724	1%
Education program fees and retail revenue	\$141,696	1%
Other revenue	\$133,306	1%
Total Support and Revenue	\$17,269,287	



Expenses

Veterinary science programs	\$9,442,584	64%
Educational programs	\$2,307,479	15%
Fundraising	\$1,671,622	11%
Management and general	\$1,422,397	10%
Total Expenses	\$14,844,082	
Change in Net Assets	\$2,425,205	
Transfer to reserves	(\$2,425,205)	
Net Impact	\$0	



The Marine Mammal Center sincerely appreciates and proudly recognizes the generous support received from donors who are helping ensure a healthy ocean for marine mammals and humans alike. Careful stewardship of these financial resources is key to increasing our impact in the face of ongoing marine mammal health threats and a rapidly changing ocean environment.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY Continued



Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2021

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,014,352
Restricted cash	\$368,503
Investments	\$19,047,859
Accounts receivable	\$250,098
Contributions receivable	\$1,684,835
Employee retention tax credit receivable	\$1,183,164
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$336,856
Property and equipment, net	\$23,750,912
Total Assets	\$47,636,579

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$1,587,531
Capital lease obligations	\$181,670
Deferred revenue	\$6,091
Notes payable	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$1,775,292

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$40,142,482
With donor restrictions	\$5,718,805
Total Net Assets	\$45,861,287

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$47,636,579**

Audited financial statements for fiscal year 2021 are available at The Marine Mammal Center's administrative office and on our website at MarineMammalCenter.org.



THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER

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