



## **The Oceanographic Institute's commitment to our blue planet**

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In response to the urgent ecological crisis, the Oceanographic Institute (IO) is committed to improving our understanding of the oceans and encouraging sustainable management and protection of marine resources. This aim reflects the wishes of its founder Prince Albert I of Monaco to “love, understand and protect the oceans”.

The IO acts as mediator between scientific and socio-economic players on the one hand, and the public and political decision-makers on the other. It raises public awareness, advises political decision-makers based on scientific analysis, and encourages commitment through concrete projects.

Projects undertaken recently include:

- Improving the impact on the public of aquarium exhibits through strong topics;
- Entertaining activities that reinforce the message of protection;
- Popular publications;
- Exhibitions linking art and science;
- Free monthly public conferences on current themes;
- Annual international meetings and think-tanks involving scientific, political and social representatives; and
- New aquarium developments: a dedicated tortoise area and “Nature and the Mediterranean”.