



Dear East Cape Friends and Colleagues,

It is with a deep sense of purpose and gratitude that LegacyWorks Group's East Cape Initiative team sends you a brief update of our most important work in 2020 - even with the challenges we've all faced in the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Our small team, composed of James Honey, Pablo Castro and myself, are proud of our efforts with local scientists, non-profits, community partners and supporters. We believe that the key ingredients that drive action to achieve healthy environments and healthy communities in the East Cape are: shared knowledge on key resources, local collaborative leadership, community-based best practices, supportive public policy, and catalytic financial resources. We work those strategies actively in La Paz, La Ventana, Boca del Alamo, Los Barriles, Cabo Pulmo, and Santiago, and hope to expand as resources permit.

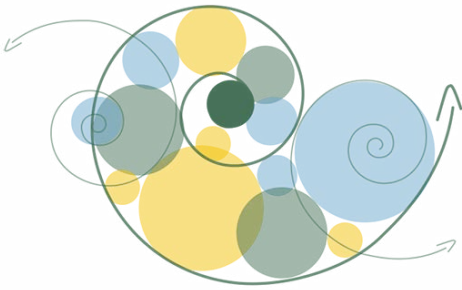
I urge you to read the short report below and click on the links provided. I hope you will find them informative and inspiring. Please contact us if you have any questions. Most importantly, we want to acknowledge and thank you for your support of our vital work. You make it all possible.

Very gratefully,

Martin Goebel, Regional Director



Our Collaborative Impact Model



LegacyWorks Group helps community leaders, agencies, nonprofits and funders come together to collaborate on critical challenges that no single organization can take on themselves. Success in these collaborations builds momentum, courage and the drive to enable increasingly complex opportunities. We illustrate how this process unfolds as a continuously expanding spiral of activity that strengthens collaboration, empowers community leadership and builds the capacity needed to address the most pressing challenges. The spiral represents an actionable pathway to the BIG change we need. Our unique approach to impact requires a mix of trust-building, convening, facilitation and active project management - roles we play in the following projects and initiatives.

Program Updates Marine and Terrestrial Conservation Water Sustainable Development

Our work in Baja Sur falls under three primary categories: Marine and Terrestrial Conservation, Water, and Sustainable Development. These projects require ongoing stewardship and investment, and your support for our work is more important than ever.

Boca Del Alamo Community and Resource Restoration Initiative

Over 20 years ago, the Cabo Pulmo community in the East Cape successfully pushed for creation of a marine national park and no-take fishing zone. Cabo Pulmo has been a phenomenal success recognized the world over for its coastal protection, restoration of marine biodiversity, and connection to improved livelihoods. However, Cabo Pulmo cannot, by itself, restore the region's coastal resources or provide for the hundreds of traditional fishing families in Cabo del Este. The Boca del Alamo community wants to learn from and follow Cabo Pulmo. LegacyWorks has been invited to assist in formally exploring land and marine protection, hand in hand with social and economic

development. We are working to create a terrestrial, aquatic, social and economic resource inventory as a management baseline and point of departure for planning. We seek to ensure that the Boca del Alamo community is able to commit to conservation that also provides tangible social and economic benefits. We've had the opportunity to begin the explicit planning process and were awarded, together with our fiscal sponsor and fisheries technical partner, Pronatura Noroeste, a grant from Fondo Mexicano para la Conservacion de la Naturaleza's Gulf of California fund. We are grateful for this vital support, especially since important groundwork was laid in our [2019 Impact Expedition](#) sponsored by [Lindblad Expeditions](#) who also provide core funding for the Fondo Mexicano's Golfo de California program.

Protecting Nature's Priorities

Understanding the marine and terrestrial biodiversity of a region is essential to successful conservation, protection and regenerative resource use. The status and distribution of the East Cape's terrestrial biodiversity using all available databases has never been mapped. Two years ago LegacyWorks, Pronatura Noroeste and members of Cabo Pulmo Vivo Coalition began to assemble the data through several workshops. We now have multiple data layers integrated into one GIS system which can be used to inform and review conservation and development planning processes. Properly presented, these layers, combined with maps of water resources, the caudal ecologico (natural water and arroyo flow regimes), land tenure, and human occupation and use, will aid planning authorities and real estate developers to conserve critical natural areas and processes. We also know this will only happen if citizens participate actively in these processes. Thus we seek to make this information widely known and useful to local communities by planning with community leaders and citizens groups. Our objectives are to enable good terrestrial conservation planning for the East Cape with robust GIS data incorporated in the municipal, state and federal planning processes, and provide information for schools and other educators. We are now working, in collaboration, to build a regional information portal that would make this and other essential information available to both citizens and decision-makers. We are delighted to count on the advice and assistance of Breece Robertson, Trust for Public Land's former Chief Research and Innovation officer, as we shape our thinking and planning in this arena.



Cabo Pulmo Vivo Coalition meeting with local planning authorities

Watershed Study and the Citizen's Water Report

In partnership with the [Baja Coastal Institute](#) (BCI), we have completed a thorough investigation of water resources in the four watershed-aquifers that make up the greater Cabo del Este region between La Paz and Los Cabos: Los Planes, San Bartolo, Santiago and Cabo Pulmo. We seek to understand the basic availability, quality, and use of water, the patterns of demand that will come in the future, and what set of alternatives we have to increase water availability and steward what we have. Key information will be provided in a concise and simple Citizen's Water Report that summarizes the current and future state of water in the East Cape region. The document should be available by early winter. Our partners at BCI will introduce the Citizen's Water Report in the region's upper level public schools, thus providing the first comprehensive water education in the region. The Report is already providing LegacyWorks with opportunities to meet with key leaders and organizations to educate and learn about current and planned water uses. Together these actions set a course toward integrated, collaborative water management that promotes the wisest use of scarce water in the region.

Regenerative Development Working Group

To support sustainable coastal development, LegacyWorks is facilitating a diverse working group of community leaders, environmental advocates and developers to dialogue toward consensus on a technically rigorous conservation-based vision for the East Cape. These multi-party dialogues pursue best practices, design-build innovations and ecological safeguards. This essential vision is emerging through joint learning and analysis, working documents, agreements, public policy and development. As part of this process, we've had the great pleasure to have experts in the field inform partners and working groups we collaborate with. We are so grateful that [David Leventhal](#), a leader in regenerative hospitality, owner of [Playa Viva](#) hotel and founder of the [Regenerative Resorts](#) group, shared his experience with our partners. And architect [Tim Smith](#), of Sera Architects in Portland, Oregon, shared his wide experience with civic ecology, a framework and process for community systems planning that gave us new perspectives and ideas for intersecting with the region's ongoing urban planning processes. We also had the opportunity to support [BCI](#) in their excellent series focused on [Cabo Pulmo National Park's 25th Anniversary](#) by sharing our research on population growth trends in the region, and the challenges they pose for sustainable development (see [Webinar 3](#), minute 13).

