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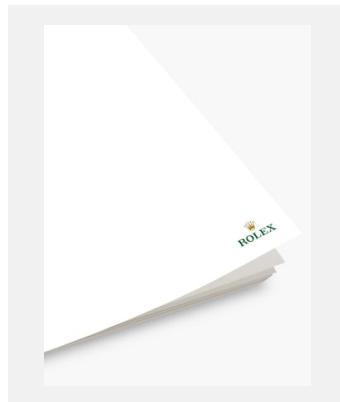
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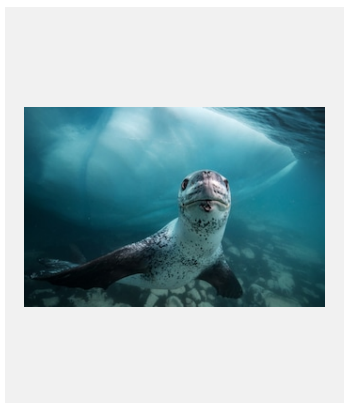


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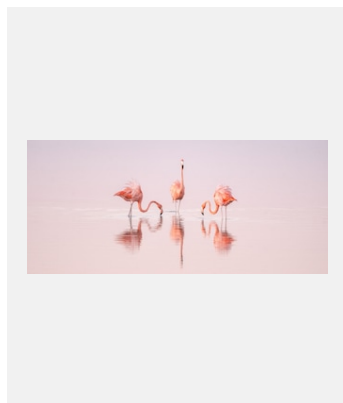
CRISTINA MITTERMEIER: INSPIRING ACTION TO SAVE THE OCEAN



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Cristina Mittermeier co-founded SeaLegacy with Paul Nicklen and Andy Mann in 2014. Together, they have undertaken over 45 expeditions, including to Antarctica, where they encountered leopard seals. Scientific observations have shown leopard seals moving into fur seal territory around Antarctica, where they are decimating the fur seal population.

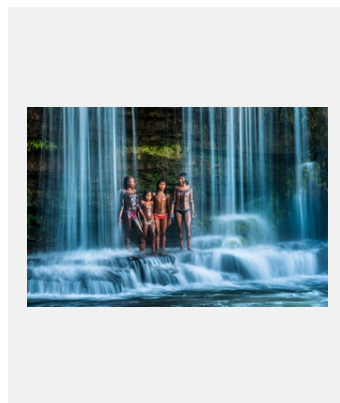
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A trio of flamingos search for brine shrimp in the shallows of the Ría Lagartos, in Mexico. The flamingos get their bright, coral colouring from the pink crustaceans they eat.

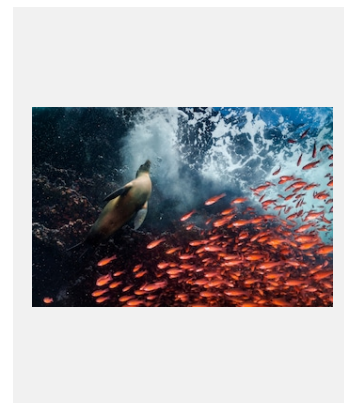
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Cristina Mittermeier's photographs often show the beautiful relationship between people and nature, like these Kayapo girls seen playing under a waterfall. The Kayapo people are one of the countless indigenous tribes of the Amazon Rainforest.

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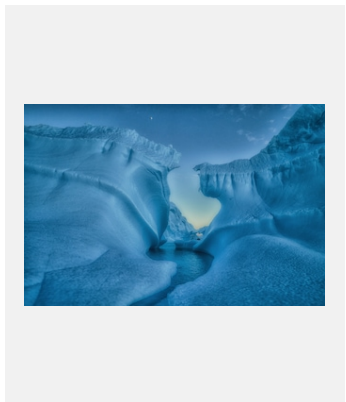
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Torrents of cardinal fish race by to avoid a Galapagos sea lion. The Galapagos is one of the most biodiverse areas on the planet. In January 2022 the Hermandad Marine Reserve added sixty thousand square kilometres to the islands' surrounding no fishing zone, adding 5.9% to Ecuador's protected ocean.

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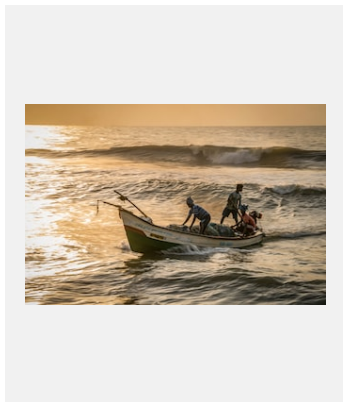
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SeaLegacy's expeditions take Cristina Mittermeier to the furthest corners of the globe, including the frozen landscapes of Antarctica. She uses photography to show the beauty of these places and inspire the climate action needed to save them.

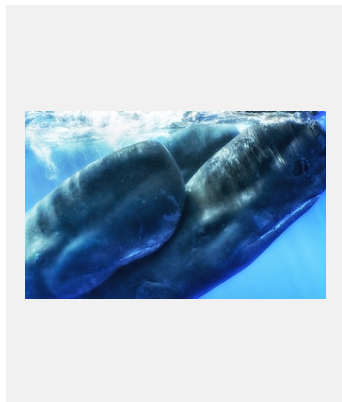
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Cristina Mittermeier's photography doesn't just show the vulnerability of the ocean, but of the coastal communities that depend on it, like these artisanal fishers in Tamil Nadu state, in southern India.

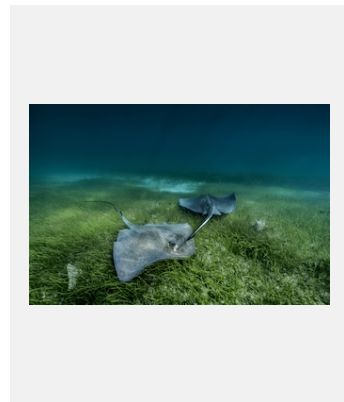
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Cristina Mittermeier has dived with sperm whales a number of times, and has been struck by their playfulness, social behaviour and chatter between one another.

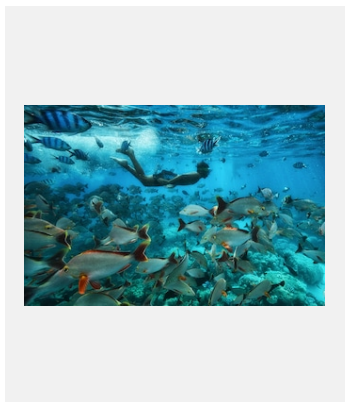
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Sea grass provides the perfect hunting ground for these rays as they forage for crustaceans. A healthy bed of lush underwater grass supports biodiversity whilst also providing nurseries for commercially important fish, ensuring food security and supporting local economies.

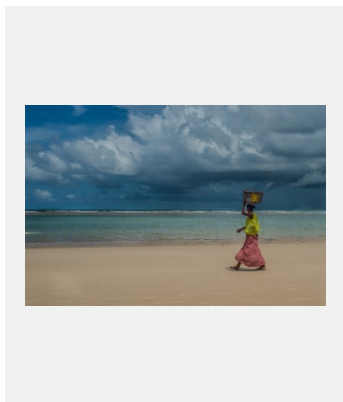
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A young snorkeler splashes into a colourful cacophony of curious reef fish off the Rangiroa Atoll. Cristina Mittermeier aims to show how human well-being is closely intertwined with ocean health.

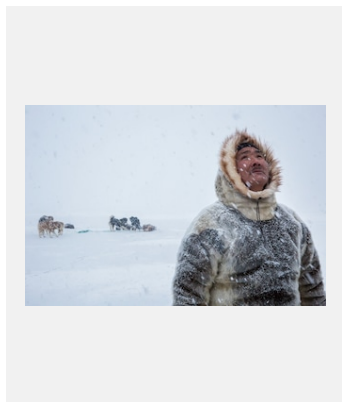
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Cristina Mittermeier showcases the power of natural forces in her photography. Here, a Vevo fisherwoman is captivated by gathering storm clouds off the coastline of Madagascar.

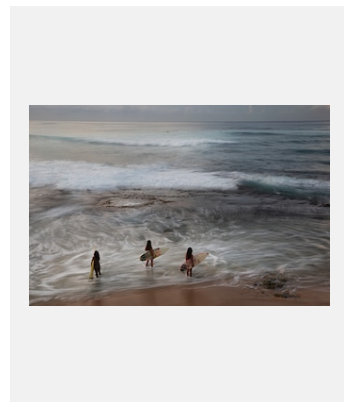
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An Inuit hunter looks up at the first snow of spring. The sight of falling snow brings hope to the Inuit hunters of Greenland, who depend on the seasonal ebb and flow of sea ice to feed their families. Indigenous communities remain the last vestiges of humanity's intricate connection to the Earth's primordial operating system.

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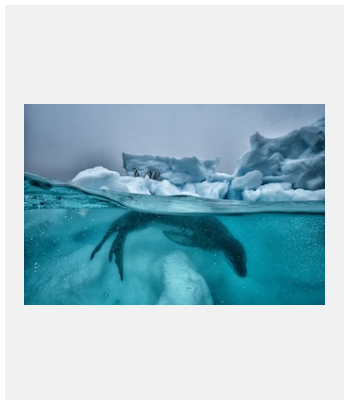
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On one of Cristina Mittermeier's first National Geographic assignments, she photographed these three young Hawaiian women standing on the brink of the same ocean their families have surfed for generations. Surfing can be dated back to the 12th century, and was not only a sport in Hawaii, but an important part of the local religion.

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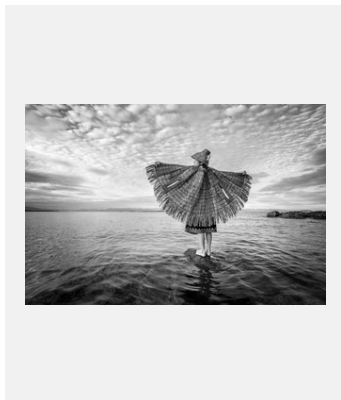
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A leopard seal prowls by the edge of an iceberg, where several chinstrap penguins stand, unaware of the predator waiting beneath the surface.

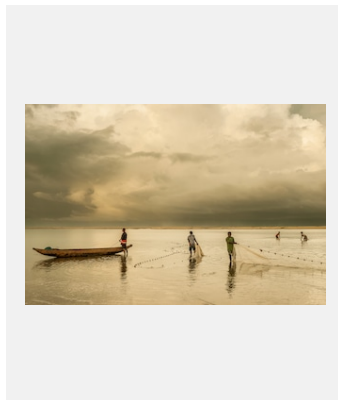
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Ta'Kaiya Blaney is a member of the Tla A'min Nation, an environmental activist, award-winning actress and singer, and ambassador for the Native Children's Survival Indigenous Children Fund and Salish Sea Youth Foundation. Cristina Mittermeier met her for a shoot on the shores of Vancouver Island, where she photographed her wearing traditional clothing.

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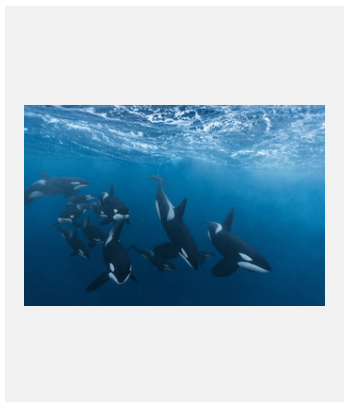


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By showcasing the beauty and vulnerability of the sea in her photography, Cristina Mittermeier inspires action to protect the oceans that so many people depend on, like these coastal fishing communities in Madagascar.

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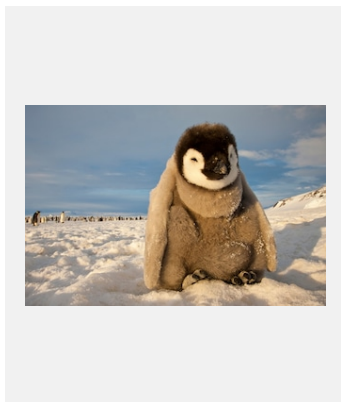
PAUL NICKLEN: ON A MISSION TO SAFEGUARD THE OCEAN



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Orcas carousel feeding on herring in Andfjorden, Norway. Paul Nicklen co-founded SeaLegacy with Cristina Mittermeier and Andy Mann to use visual storytelling to inspire millions of people to speak up for the pristine places threatened by climate change

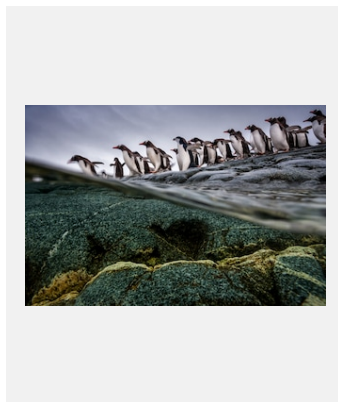
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A young Emperor Penguin chick at the largest Emperor Penguin breeding colony in the Ross Sea, an Antarctic bay in the Southern Ocean. Emperor penguins' breeding habits rely on the ice, making them the most vulnerable of Antarctica's species.

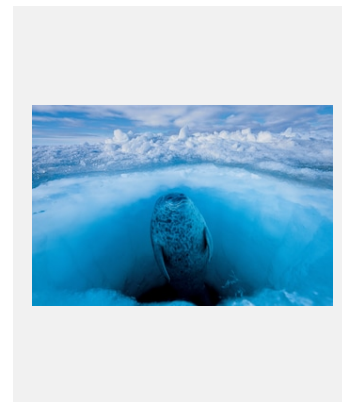
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A group of gentoo and chinstrap penguins prepares to dive into Antarctica's frigid waters to feed, braving icy temperatures and powerful currents in search of icefish and krill. The intertidal zone is shared by both predator and prey, and both must constantly be on high alert to survive. Life above and below the water is vastly different, and yet the two realms are inextricably linked.

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A ringed seal looks for polar bears through the crystal clear water in its breathing hole before surfacing for a breath. Without ice, ringed seals will lose a key part of their environment where they build the igloos where they rear their pups, and the series of breathing holes which allow them to evade polar bears.

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