

Sea Forward's Deep Dive

Oct 9, 2026

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09:02:22 **Barbara Pierce:** Barbara Pierce in Mill Valley

09:02:26 **Nicole Wald:** Nicole Wald, Sea Forward Team in Santa Barbara, CA

09:02:36 **Sophie Robe:** Sophie Robe, FIIND Impact from Amsterdam, hi everyone!

09:02:40 **Judith Albert:** Judy Albert in NYC

09:02:45 **Natalie Shriber | Sea Forward Fund:** Natalie Shriber, Sea Forward team in Lisbon

09:02:49 **Tim Freundlich:** I'm on the banks of a river and bay in Newburyport MA

09:03:40 **Braulio Quintero:** Braulio Quintero, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico

09:05:44 **Nicole Wald:** Now speaking: Laura Francis, Sea Forward Fund Founder and Director
Tim Freulind, Co-founder of Impact Assets where Sea Forward is housed

09:06:45 **Nicole Wald:** If you have questions that come up, please drop those into the chat and our team will capture for the Q&A at the end.

09:13:35 **Tim Freundlich:** My 17yo son Gus is in SFOH Fund's DAF with \$250! He can't vote yet, but he is investing in a global portfolio with almost 100 other people large and small. I love that!

09:14:44 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward:** Just to note: the webinar is being recorded, and you'll receive an email with the recording and other resources in the next few days.

09:18:14 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward:** Now speaking: Laura Francis, Sea Forward Fund Founder and Director

09:18:23 **Barbara Pierce:** Curious to know if you've had any returns yet.

09:22:20 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward:** Replying to "Curious to know if y..."

Great question. Adding to our Q&A list!

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09:23:41 **Braulio Quintero:** I am working in coral resotation non-profit in Puerto Rico, where we grow, sexually reproduce, bio-bank, cryopreserve, corals, including protected and endangered species (*Dendrogyra cyllindrus*). We also culture urchins, and Caribbean King crab.

09:24:06 **Sam Teicher:** Replying to "I am working in coral resotation non-profit in Puerto Rico, where we grow, sexually reproduce, bio-bank, cryopreserve, corals, including protected and endangered species (*Dendrogyra cyllindrus*). We also culture urchins, and Caribbean King crab."

Would be great to connect 👍

09:24:12 **Catherine Jadot:** What is the main bottleneck you're seeing in your work and how can we support what you do?

09:24:47 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward:** Now Speaking: Natalie Shriber Klatt,
Senior Investment Consultant

09:25:38 **Braulio Quintero:** The NGO I work at is ISER Caribe, from Puerto Rico.

09:26:41 **Aparna Rao:** I'd be interested in learning more about the track record / past performance of these managers and the portfolio companies.

09:27:28 **Braulio Quintero:** Replying to "I am working in coral resotation non-profit in Puerto Rico, where we grow, sexually reproduce, bio-bank, cryopreserve, corals, including protected and endangered species (*Dendrogyra cyllindrus*). We also culture urchins, and Caribbean King crab."

Please email me at braulio.quintero@isercaribe.org

09:31:24 **Lisa Uttal:** Hi Laura Great to see you! I have to jump off for another meeting. Thanks to you and your team for all this great work. Interested in learning more.

09:31:52 **Natalie Shriber | Sea Forward Fund:** Replying to "Hi Laura Great to se..."

Thank you for joining us!

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09:32:27 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward:** Invest in Sea Forward Health Fund at <https://catacap.org/investments/seaforward>

09:33:04 **Tim Freundlich:** I'm texting with my son Gus now and he just approved \$250 to Cerulean Ventures and \$250 to SWEN Blue Ocean through his DAF and SFOH during this call.

09:33:45 **Sophie Robe:** curious if DAF exist in Europe too.. just googled that there is one in France

09:33:48 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward:** Invest in SWEN Blue Ocean II Fund: <https://catacap.org/investments/swen-blue-ocean-2>

09:33:59 **Sam Teicher:** Sam Teicher from Coral Vita here if folks want to follow up!
sam@coralvita.co

09:34:26 **Erika Woolsey:** Replying to "Sam Teicher from Cor..."

Hi Sam!

09:34:51 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward:** Now speaking: Shey Dorji,
Ocean Impact Metrics and Reporting Intern

09:35:25 **Barbara Pierce:** To make sure I am understanding it clearly, I can give from my DAF at a community foundation to CataCap, where it will be invested in this fund

09:36:17 **Natalie Shriber | Sea Forward Fund:** Replying to "To make sure I am un..."

Great question, adding to the list for the Q&A for Tim 🙏

09:38:16 **Sam Teicher:** This is the link to make DAF investments for Coral Vita's current round! \$50k committed via DAFs on top of the larger round <https://catacap.org/investments/coralvita>

09:38:29 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward:** Now speaking: Nicole Wald

Communications & Marketing Strategist

09:38:52 **Tim Freundlich:** Yes exactly, it's just another grant from your DAF sponsor, they don't have to understand or approve anything other than they are making a grant to a 501c3 charity!

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And this end runs around the lack of impact investing capabilities in these other DAFs. Then later you can send it back to your source DAF.

09:40:52 **Julien Scholnick**: what is the role of blended finance in your process and how can it be used to grow the combined capital and resources that are directed to ocean conservation?

09:41:06 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward**: Learn more about the California Ocean Summit and join the waitlist at <https://calocean.org>

09:43:50 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward**: Now Speaking: Jaden Gill,

Communications Specialist

09:44:49 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward**: Reminder: Feel free to drop your questions in the chat and we'll add to the Q&A list!

09:48:32 **Erika Woolsey**: Erika from The Hydrous here. Thank you for the informative session!

My question: As DAFs grow to \$5T, how do you see them changing the ocean funding ecosystem of government grants and private foundations? (My sense is that DAFs could push those systems to move faster and take more chances on new ideas. Is that what you're expecting?)

09:50:00 **Sam Teicher**: Replying to "Sam Teicher from Coral Vita here if folks want to follow up! sam@coralvita.co"

Let's catch up soon!

09:53:23 **Tim Freundlich**: Replying to "Erika from The Hydro..."

Erika, I think you're right. This \$5 trillion is just people, many who are passionate about a sustainable ocean... if they can dive in with us. Then with Builders' Wave Collective work, Sea Forward, Katapult Oceans, 1000 Ocean Startups... all the fund managers... all these system oriented initiative and players set a societal narrative of doing this together... and then the DAFs can easy button in and jump in!

09:53:51 **Tim Freundlich**: NOTE in 20 yrs DAFs will surpass all foundations

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09:55:22 **Erika Woolsey**: Replying to "Erika from The Hydro..."

Thank you Tim!

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Exciting times

09:55:41 **Braulio Quintero**: What strategies can a small nonprofit employ to access and leverage donor-advised fund (DAF) capital as a means of diversifying revenue, reducing dependence on traditional grants, and strengthening long-term financial sustainability?

09:56:22 **Natalie Shriber | Sea Forward Fund**: Replying to "What strategies can ..."

Beautiful question, have added to our list and we will follow-up after!

09:56:30 **Lulu Louchheim**: How could angel investor networks get involved?

09:57:02 **Babbie Jacobs**: Such fantastic work. Thank you.

09:57:14 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward Fund**: Reminder: We'll send out the recording and additional resources in the next few days

09:57:17 **Nicole Wald | Sea Forward Fund**:

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09:57:26 **Braulio Quintero**: Replying to "What strategies can a small nonprofit employ to access and leverage donor-advised fund (DAF) capital as a means of diversifying revenue, reducing dependence on traditional grants, and strengthening long-term financial sustainability?"

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09:58:26 **Sophie Robe:** well done everyone, great portfolio of effective ocean solutions

09:58:27 **Erica van Haersma Buma:** Thank you!

09:58:42 **Tim Freundlich:** More info at www.impactassets.org too

09:59:51 **Claire Champion:** Thank you so much!!