



Highlights from May 2023

Greetings to the MAHB Community

Check out what's happening:

The TEDxPorto Countdown (June 6 to 7) is now a [free online event](#); listen to [Paul Ehrlich](#) reflecting on science and his life, with Stanford Woods Institute Director Chris Field (recording from April 25), and check out the latest [What's Next For Earth art call](#) on social justice.

Read this month's [blogs](#) on the role of sports celebrities in climate change, reflections by a farmer and cooperative member from Hyderabad, India, and whether the courts should enforce carbon dioxide removal technologies. There is also a new MAHB dialogue with acclaimed wildlife photographer Tom Mangelsen and an art blog on installations in the Mojave Desert that echo the human predicament.

Our [resources](#) include a new study spanning 30 years which, contrary to the dominant narrative, suggests population growth is the main driver for carbon dioxide emissions (full paper available); a critical review of carbon removal technologies (full paper available); an example from Sweden showing that it *is* possible to get the attention of mainstream media on the problems of overpopulation (includes a link to the TV program), and new evidence that intensive agriculture is the main driver for the decline of birds (full paper available).

Listen to the Conservation Conversations with Sean O'Brien and Paul Ehrlich on the future of life on Earth, and Nate Hagens' Earth Day presentation in which he pairs 30+ common English terms with their "systems reality" equivalents.

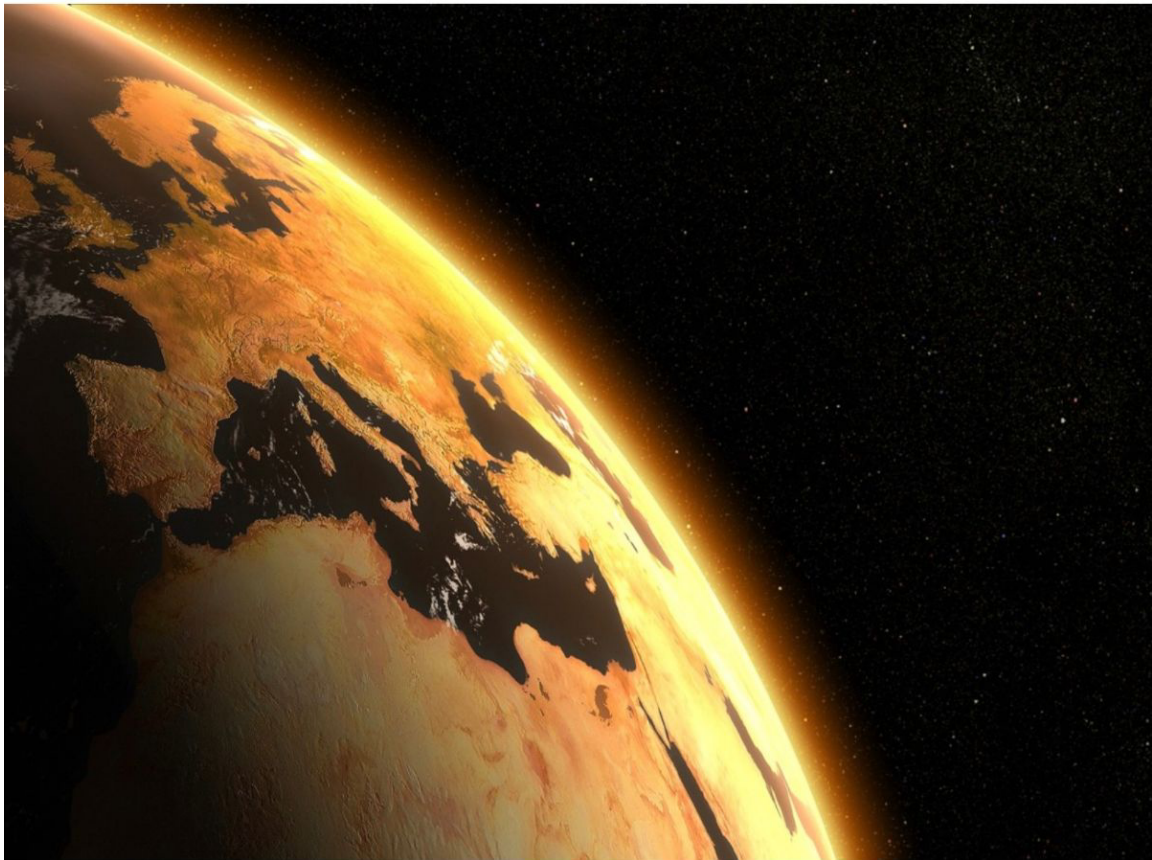
Watch the video on Pacific Island cultures and what they can teach us about sustainability, including a conversation on *Island Cultures and Environmental Leadership* with Stanford ecologist Peter Vitousek and Hawaiian scholar Kamana Beamer.

Also, visit our **Art section** to watch the video recording from May 16 on [Rethinking Globalization through the Eyes of Artists](#).

Don't forget to check out the latest MAHB announcements [here](#).

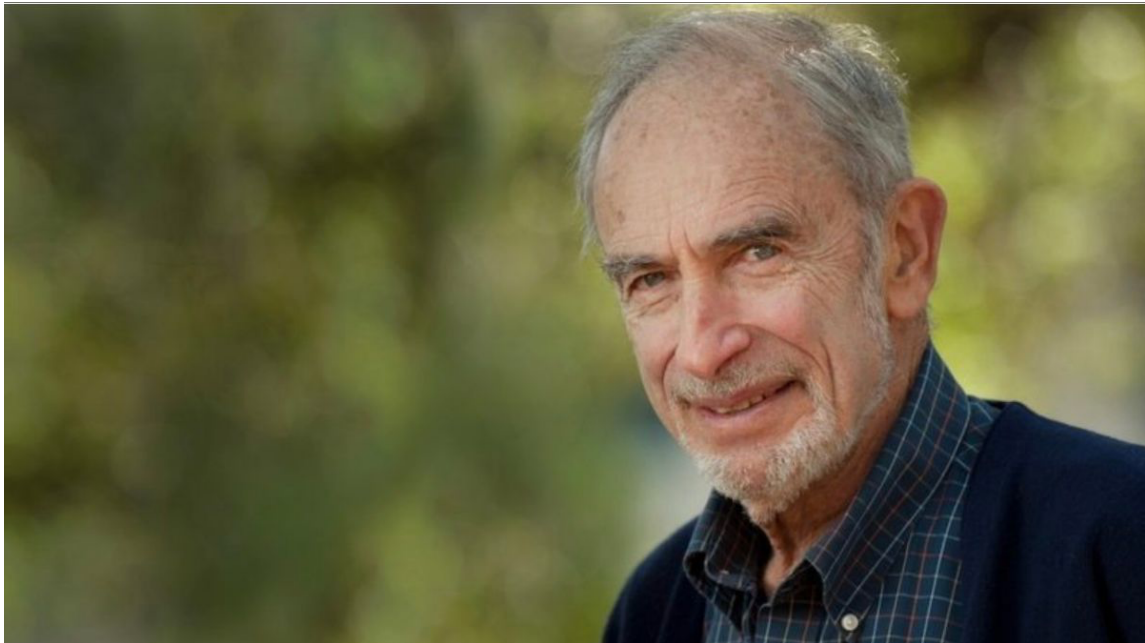
Not a member of the MAHB yet? [Join the MAHB](#) and help transform progressive civil society into an increasingly powerful force for positive change.

What's Happening



[TEDxPorto Countdown—Porto, June 6 and 7, 2023—Now Free Online Event](#)

The organizers of TEDxPorto announce that the first edition of the TEDxPorto Countdown will be held online instead of the previously announced in-person event.



Paul Ehrlich Reflects on Six Decades of Science and Speaking his Mind

Recording from April 25, 2023. Renowned Stanford ecologist and population scientist Paul Ehrlich recently sat down with Woods Institute Director Chris Field to look back on the former's career accomplishments – including a 60-year tenure at Stanford. When looking back at his long and varied life, what advice would Paul Ehrlich offer to others? Are there things that he would change if he could do them again? Find out [here](#).

What's Next For Earth

ART CALL

Based on the Think Resilience Course
by Post Carbon Institute

SOCIAL
JUSTICE

Open until June 30, 2023

[What's Next for Earth Art Call: Social
Justice](#)

What's Next for Earth is a participative art project on Instagram that invites artists to respond to a bi-monthly topic, reflecting on the human predicament. You are invited to participate in the [@WhatsNextForEarth](#) art call **Social Justice**, open until **June 30, 2023**.

Blogs for this Month



The Role of Sports in Climate Change

How sports - and their powerful athletic influencers - could become a force for sustainable behavior change

Will Masks Become Permanent for Today's Students?



A vegetable farmer, cooperative member, and gallery owner reflects from Hyderabad, India



The Global Challenge for the Courts: Enforcing Intergenerational Equity or Lex Naturalis

To mitigate climate change, courts should enforce the application of Negative Emission Technologies

An Artist's Wisdom—A MAHB Dialogue with Tom Mangelsen



Capturing the moments that are vanishing through human interference



Reflections in the Mojave Desert: Four Installations Echo Humanity's Predicament

Art that sheds light on our reckless misuse of the very systems that sustain us

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Please add your thoughts to the conversations. Previous posts to the MAHB Blog can be found [here](#).

Resources



Population growth is the main driver of increased carbon emissions, study finds

The richest countries emit more carbon dioxide than the rest of the world combined, while the population is only growing in the poorest countries. These are two common notions that argue for focusing on reducing emissions per capita to mitigate climate change. But this is not entirely true in the light of data from the last 30 years, new research published in the journal *Sustainability*, shows.



Assessing Carbon Capture: Public Policy, Science, and Societal Need

From typhoons to wildfires, as the visible impacts of climate change mount, calls for mitigation through carbon drawdown are escalating. Environmentalists and many climatologists are urging steps to enhance biological methods of carbon drawdown and sequestration. Market actors seeing avenues for profit have launched ventures in mechanical–chemical carbon dioxide removal (CDR), seeking government support for their methods.



Making media seriously discuss population growth and its consequences – a case in Sweden

Newspapers, radio, and TV in many countries usually avoid the problems of population growth and overpopulation. But by focused work, it is possible to get the attention of mainstream media. This recently happened in Sweden, judging from a TV program broadcast on April 13.



[Intensive farming is biggest cause of bird decline in Europe, study says](#)

The use of pesticides and fertilizers has been identified as the most significant factor behind the loss of 550 million birds from the skies. A team of more than 50 researchers, analyzing data collected by thousands of citizen scientists in 28 countries over nearly four decades, found that it is intensive agriculture, above all, that is behind the decline in the continent's bird populations.

Podcasts & Videos



Conservation Conversations with Sean O'Brien – Episode 9: Paul Ehrlich

Join Sean O'Brien, President and CEO of NatureServe, as he discusses emerging technologies, regional and global trends in biodiversity, and the future of life on Earth with some of the world's leading experts in conservation. **On this month's episode of Conservation Conversations, Sean was joined by the legendary author and scientist Paul Ehrlich**, known for his work in biology and population dynamics.



The Words of Our Lives | Earth Day 2023

Marcus Briggs-Cloud of the Muskogee Tribe once explained to Nate Hagens how English words fail to represent the values and terms in his native language. The words we use imbue an understanding and perspective that shape our behaviors and almost give them tacit approval. For this year's Earth Day presentation, Nate presents 30+ common English terms that describe our surroundings and pairs them with their "systems reality" equivalents.



What can Pacific Island Cultures Teach Us About Sustainability?

Island geography, genealogy, kinship, and other cultural and environmental factors influenced early Pacific island societies to develop sustainable practices. How can we apply these lessons to climate and sustainability issues today?

The Arts



[Video: Rethinking Globalization through the Eyes of Artists – Exploring Economic Relocalization](#)

Recording from Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Artists Yvonne C Espinoza, Ries Faison, Diane Farris, Deborah Kennedy, Susan Smith, Kim Tanzer, Karen Viola, and Marcela Villasenor contributed to the Economic Relocalization exhibition and shared their views on the pressing need to reconsider globalization.

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