

MAHONA DA NARI RECEIVES \$4,000 FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION

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Underwater Images Photo and Video Competition is pleased to present a contribution of \$4000 to Mahoni Na Dari. The check was presented to Max Benjamin, representing the Mahoni Na Dari, by Roger Roth and Carol Kender, directors of Underwater Images at DEMA, October 2008.

Underwater Images is an international non-profit corporation registered in the State of Ohio with all proceeds from this competition going to marine conservation, educational, and scholarship purposes. The organization has been in business for 11 years and is managed by a board of directors. Three board members compose the staff of Underwater Images. Mark Beatty, webmaster is the third director.

Since 1996, Mahonia na Dari ("Guardians of the Sea" in the local Talasea language) has been working to protect Papua New Guinea's abundant biodiversity by promoting the sustainable development of its biological and cultural resources. Mahonia Na Dara was established as a result of a cooperative venture by the owners of Walindi Plantation Resort and several international governmental and nongovernmental organizations, including the European Union and The Nature Conservancy.

Other Underwater Images beneficiaries include Pro Peninsula, DiveHeart earmarked towards the training of a wounded Ohio veteran and The Marine Archeological Survey Team in Ohio (MAST).

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