



South-South Series: Empowering and Growing Women-led Business

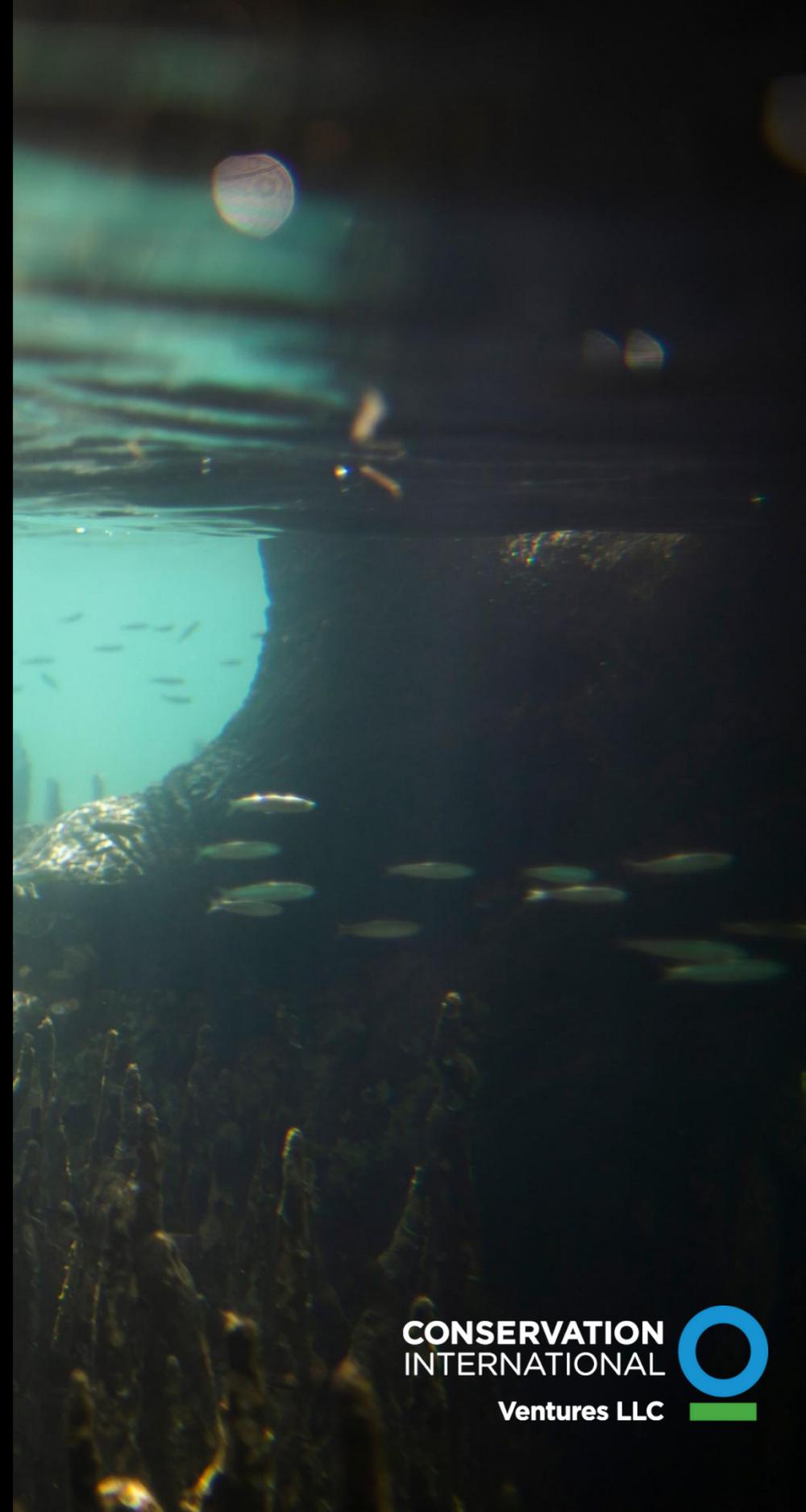
Session 7: Women pioneering in the blue and green economies

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CI VENTURES

Founded in 2018, Conservation International Ventures (CI Ventures) is an impact-first investment vehicle providing flexible financing solutions for enterprises that reinforce conservation, or sustainable management of the critical ecosystems that deliver the essential goods and services upon which we all depend.

CI Ventures is managed by Conservation International Foundation, a leading nonprofit environmental organization working in more than 30 countries on 7 continents globally.



DELIVERING ON OUR MISSION

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a single, vibrant green leaf. The leaf is held gently between the fingers, and its veins are clearly visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

WHAT WE DO

- Foster the growth of the Global South through flexible and patient capital for early-stage businesses.
- Catalyze funding to support nature and mobilize resources to critical landscapes.
- Support innovative, science-led solutions for environmental challenges.

WHAT WE SUPPORT

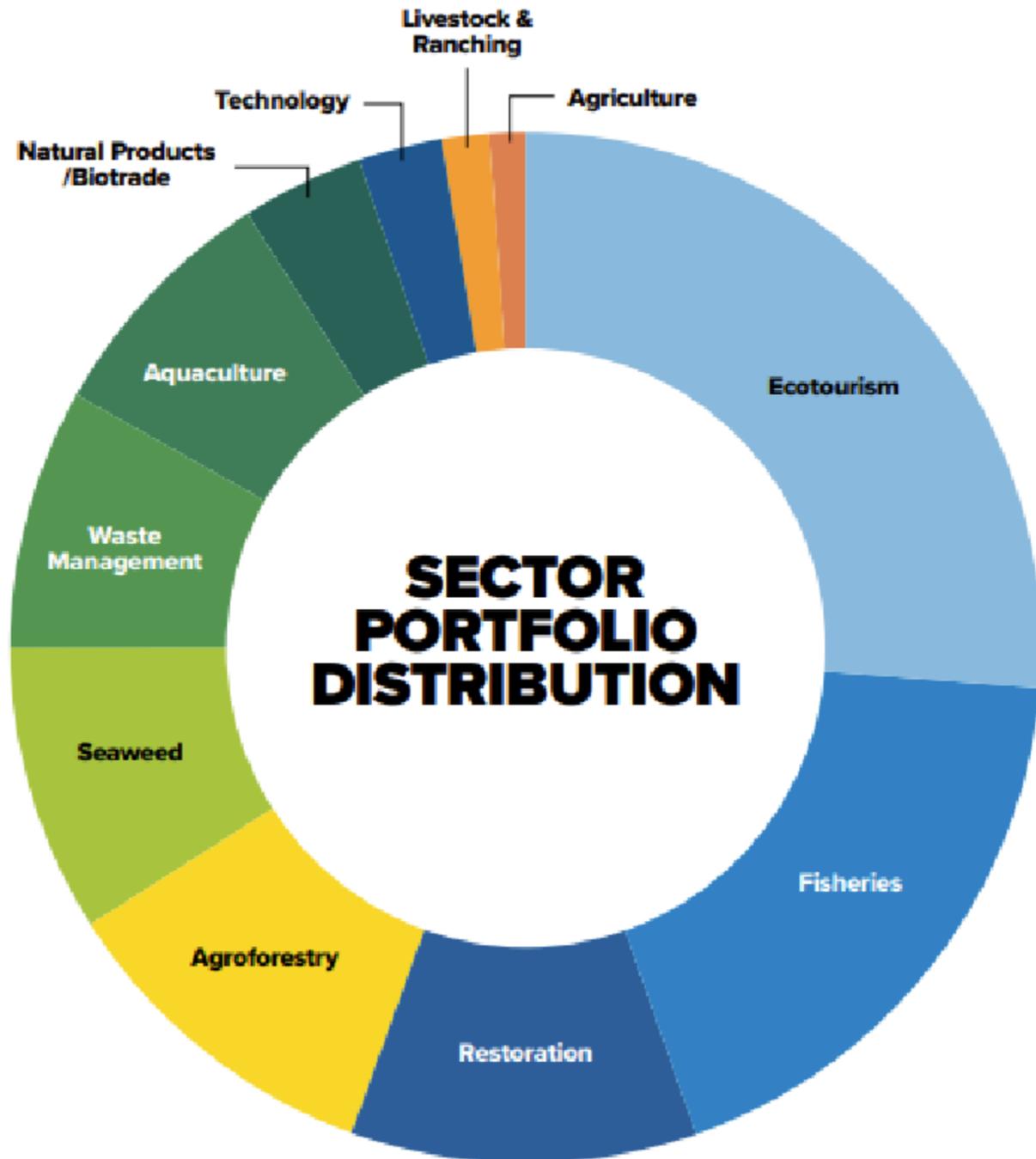
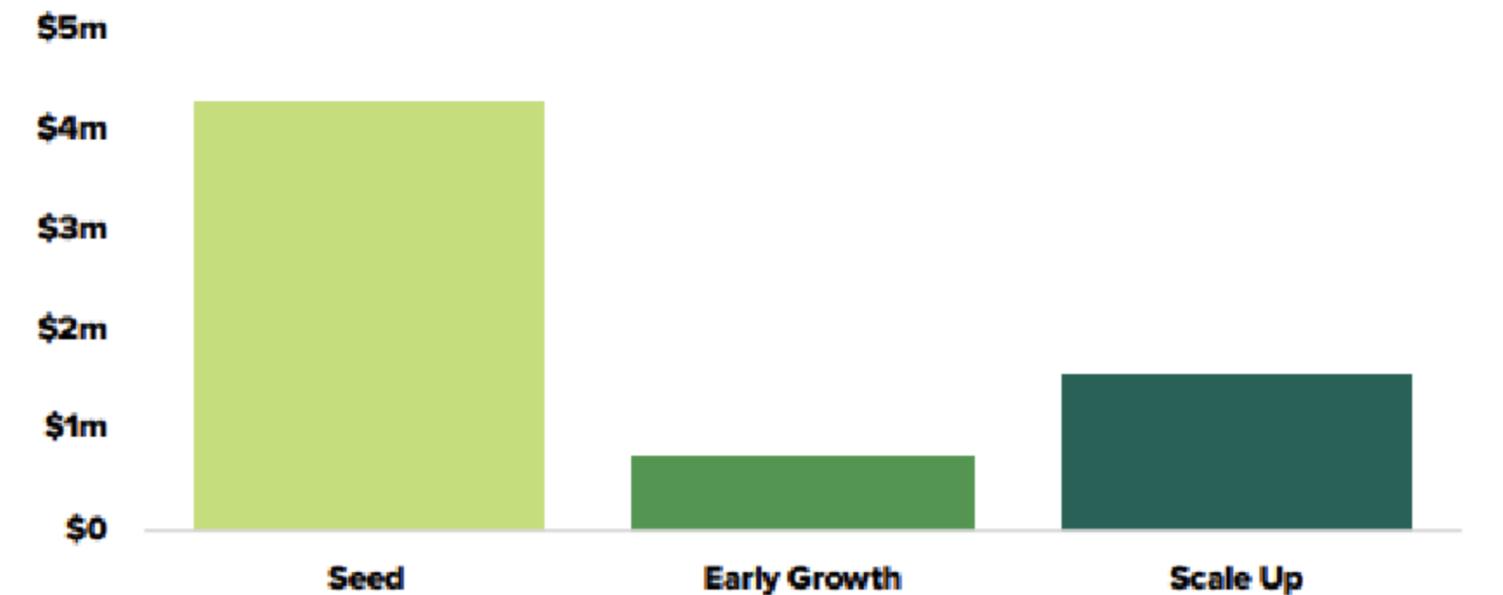
- Protection of high-conservation value ecosystems and biodiversity
- Technology and data for science-based project management
- Regenerative systems for food production
- Circular economy and resource efficiency
- Nature-positive materials and supply chains

AT A GLIMPSE

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT DISTRIBUTION



BUSINESS STAGE DISTRIBUTION



The finance gap for women entrepreneurs is \$1.7 trillion

and yet...

women-owned startups earn 2x as much per dollar invested than those owned by men, and women-owned SMEs are more likely to repay unsecured loans.

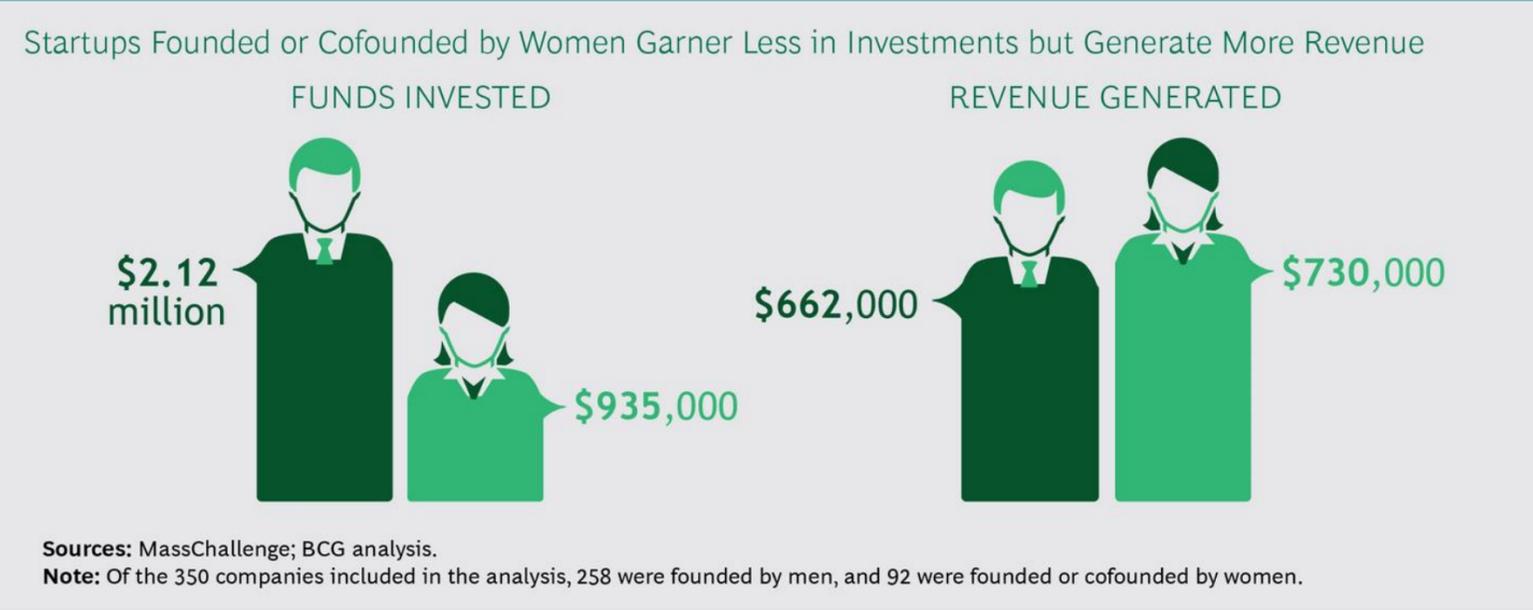


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WOMEN in OCEAN FOOD



An equity-free business support program for startup founders, entrepreneurs, and community leaders driving change in aquaculture and the blue economy.



**STRATEGIC
BUSINESS
SUPPORT**

**EXPERT-LED
MENTORSHIP**

**GLOBAL
NETWORK
ACCESS**

**LONG-TERM
SUPPORT**

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**CONSERVATION
INTERNATIONAL**

Ventures LLC



The program supports enterprises that:



Produce nutritious protein and/or create value from ecosystem services



Advance climate-friendly & climate-resilient production methods



Provide economic opportunities for coastal communities, especially for other women

OUR VISION >>

A world where women lead ocean food innovation, fully funded, globally connected, and building ventures that restore oceans and uplift communities.





IMPACT TO DATE

5,903

Livelihoods Supported

1071 tons

Of seafood waste revalorized

643 ha

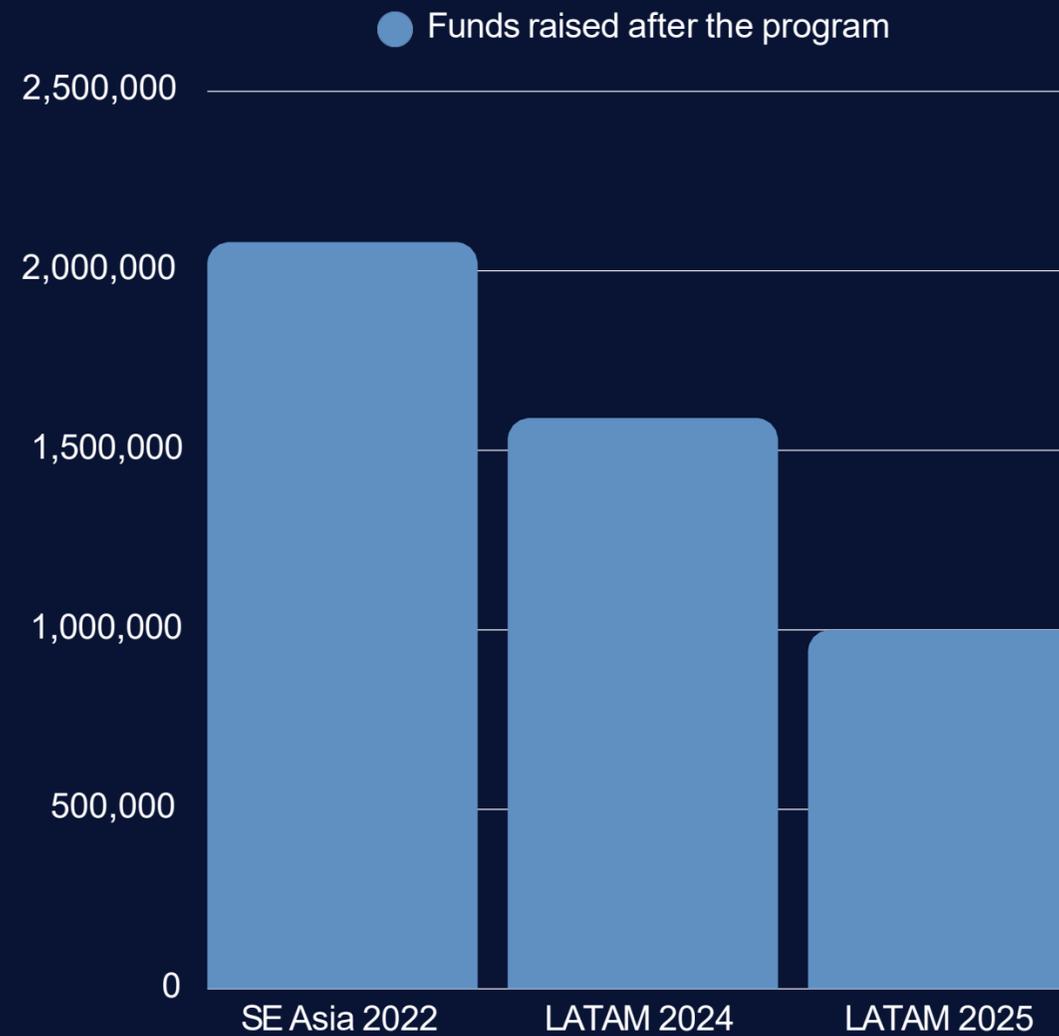
Conserved or Restored

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AQUIT

Raised \$832,000 USD pre-seed round led by Hatch Blue & GridX.



Marea Rosa

The first shrimp farm in LATAM to be part of ASC's Improver Programme.

Latin American Cohort · January 2025 · La Paz, Mexico



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