



Endangered Planet Foundation Marks 20th Anniversary Celebrating Global Flagship of Peace – Odyssey Inauguration Webcast Connecting Manila and Laguna Beach



Laguna Beach, California — June 2026, Endangered Planet Foundation (EPF) will mark its 20th Anniversary and the next chapter of its **One Earth | One Dream** initiative as part of the international inauguration of the **Global Flagship of Peace – Odyssey** in Manila, Philippines, on Monday, June 8, 2026.

The historic inauguration aboard the *Villa Vie Odyssey* will take place in *Manila* from approximately **9:00 AM to 12:30 PM**, with key ceremonial highlights beginning around **10:00 AM Manila time**, which is **7:00 PM Pacific Time** on Sunday, June 7. EPF will be connected from Laguna Beach, California, as part of a live webcast across the Pacific, linking peace, art, education, and environmental stewardship initiatives between the Philippines and the United States.

As part of the festivities, EPF Founder **Charles Michael Murray** produced a **16-minute documentary** for the event showcasing artists creating environmental banners for the inauguration at the **Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach, California, April 2026**. The documentary showcases artists of **The Art Miles Mural Project** and founder, **Joanne Tawfilis**. Another highlight includes a nine-foot-wide dreamscape produced by EPF depicting the *Odyssey* entering the global stage.

The *Odyssey's* arrival in Manila begins on Sunday, June 7, with a special escort by representatives of the **Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary** as the vessel enters port. Private meetings and planning sessions will include the ship's **Captain**, senior representatives of the **Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary**, members of the **National Commission for Culture and the Arts**, and the *Odyssey* team in preparation for the following day's official inauguration.

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On **Monday, June 8**, residents, including **Barbara Figiel** resident director, **officers, crew, dignitaries, community leaders**, and invited guests will gather aboard the **Odyssey** for the official inaugural ceremony. The morning will begin with a welcome from the **Young Voices of the Philippines**, followed by ceremonial activities at the bow of the ship.

Program highlights will include a symbolic **ringing of the bells** connecting peace initiatives across **multiple** locations around the world, inspirational inaugural remarks, distinguished guest speakers, and opportunities to meet and mingle with visiting dignitaries and community leaders. Following the outdoor ceremony, the program will continue in the ships' **Neptune Lounge** with a cultural and educational presentation featuring **Dr. Maria Victoria "Marivic" Lualhati**, one of the Philippines' respected cultural voices, and **Chef Reggie**, who will share insights into Philippine cuisine, culture, and traditions. The morning will conclude with flag raising featuring **Captain Bao** and auxiliary **Coast Guard Commodore Dadiva** and the **Hennessy family**. **Joanne Tawfilis** and **Barbara Figiel** played a pivotal role in shaping the vision and concept behind the **Global Flagship of Peace – Odyssey**, as well as the planning of its inauguration.

The event represents a significant milestone in **EPF's** anniversary year and its expanding **One Earth | One Dream** platform, which brings together artists, educators, environmental advocates, community leaders, and peace builders around a shared vision for a regenerative and sustainable future.

*"Our mission has always been about more than raising awareness," said **Charles Michael Murray**, Founder of **EPF**. "It is about inspiring meaningful action through the arts, education, collaboration, and a shared commitment to a healthy, regenerative planet. As we celebrate twenty years, **One Earth | One Dream** carries that vision forward on a global scale."*

EPF – Mission Statement

Endangered Planet Foundation is dedicated to fostering the thriving of Earth through the arts, education, dialog, the dissemination of knowledge, and the recognition that advances in technology can provide many of the solutions needed for a regenerative and sustainable future.

June 2026 also marks **EPF's** first online call for support. Supporters are invited to donate and help sustain the Foundation's mission, momentum, and focus at:

<https://endangeredplanet.com>

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ATTACHMENT:

For the inauguration of the **Global Flagship of Peace – Odyssey**, **Endangered Planet Foundation**, produced a nine-foot dreamscape banner honoring this ships' global mission. The banner will be featured aboard the **Odyssey** as a powerful visual expression of **One Earth | One Dream's** commitment to peace, the arts, environmental stewardship, regenerative and planetary unity.

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