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Celebrating a Decade of Advocating for the Blue Economy

Ocean Climate Action (virtual) Lobby Day Success!

On Wednesday, April 14, 2021, in one of the largest and certainly most timely Ocean lobbies in U.S. history, over 300 people from more than 30 states and territories met with 107+ Members of the House of Representatives and their staff, and 33+ Senators and staff. For many, it was the first time they were speaking directly to elected officials. The Center for the Blue Economy and lobby day advocates have built a strong coalition of organizations: Crowley Maritime Corporation; Moss Landing Marine Labs; Monterey Bay Seaweeds; Nature Conservancy; Advanced Structures & Composites Center at the University of Maine; and the Port of San Diego.

The Center for the Blue Economy (CBE), a program at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS), has been active in advocating for a Blue Economy since 2011. As the Biden administration has made climate change a top priority, the CBE has continued to push for policies and actions that support the development of a Blue Economy for the 21st century.

The Center for the Blue Economy at the Middlebury Inst. of Intl. Studies (MIIS) is actively engaged in promoting the development of a blue economy for the 21st century that can help solve humanity's greatest challenges, including climate change, ocean acidification, overfishing, loss of biodiversity, and growing demand for clean energy, food, and space. It's the perfect recipe for conflict. This film tells the real story behind Kenya's present-day struggles with human-wildlife conflict.

In a country the size of Texas with twice the number of people, the population explosion is putting humans and wildlife in constant competition for limited resources and space. Millions of species are threatened with extinction because of humans. Nowhere is this reality for wildlife more pronounced than in Kenya. In a country the size of Texas with twice the number of people...