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A Voice of Gratitude

In closing this special issue on **Indigenous Leadership in Marine Conservation**, we welcome you to listen to a well-known chant of gratitude from Hawai'i written and composed by Kēhau Camara and shared by Kalani Quiocho, a Kanaka 'Ōiwi.

Oli Mahalo

'Uhola 'ia ka makaloa lā
Pū 'ai i ke aloha ā
Kūka'i 'ia ka hā loa lā
Pāwehi mai nā lehua
Mai ka ho'oku'i a ka hālāwai lā
Mahalo e nā akua
Mahalo e nā kūpuna lā, 'eā
Mahalo me ke aloha lā
Mahalo me ke aloha lā

The makaloa mat has been unfurled
In love, sustenance was shared
The great breath has been exchanged
The lehua honors and adorns
From zenith to horizon
Gratitude and thanks to the godly entities
Gratitude and thanks to our beloved ancestors
Gratitude, admiration, thanks and love, to all who are present, both seen and unseen



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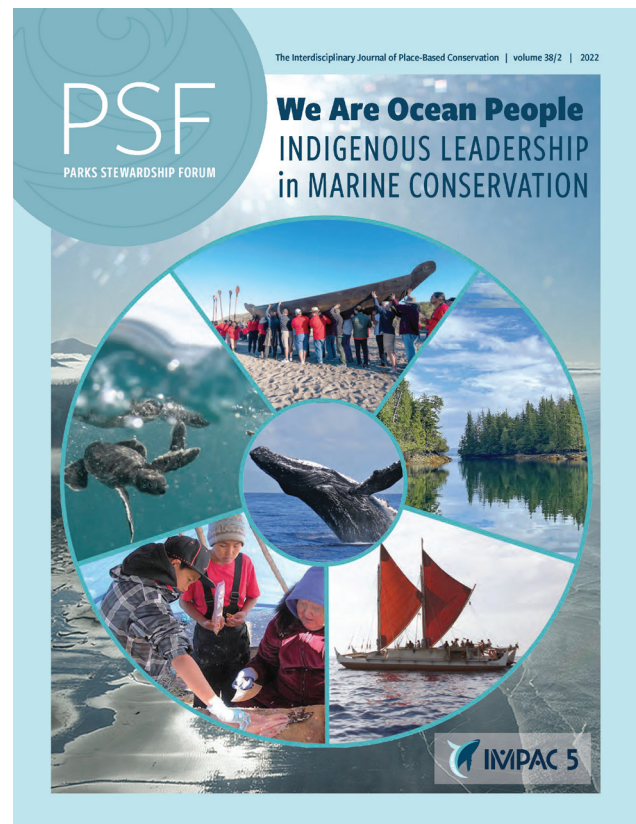
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