

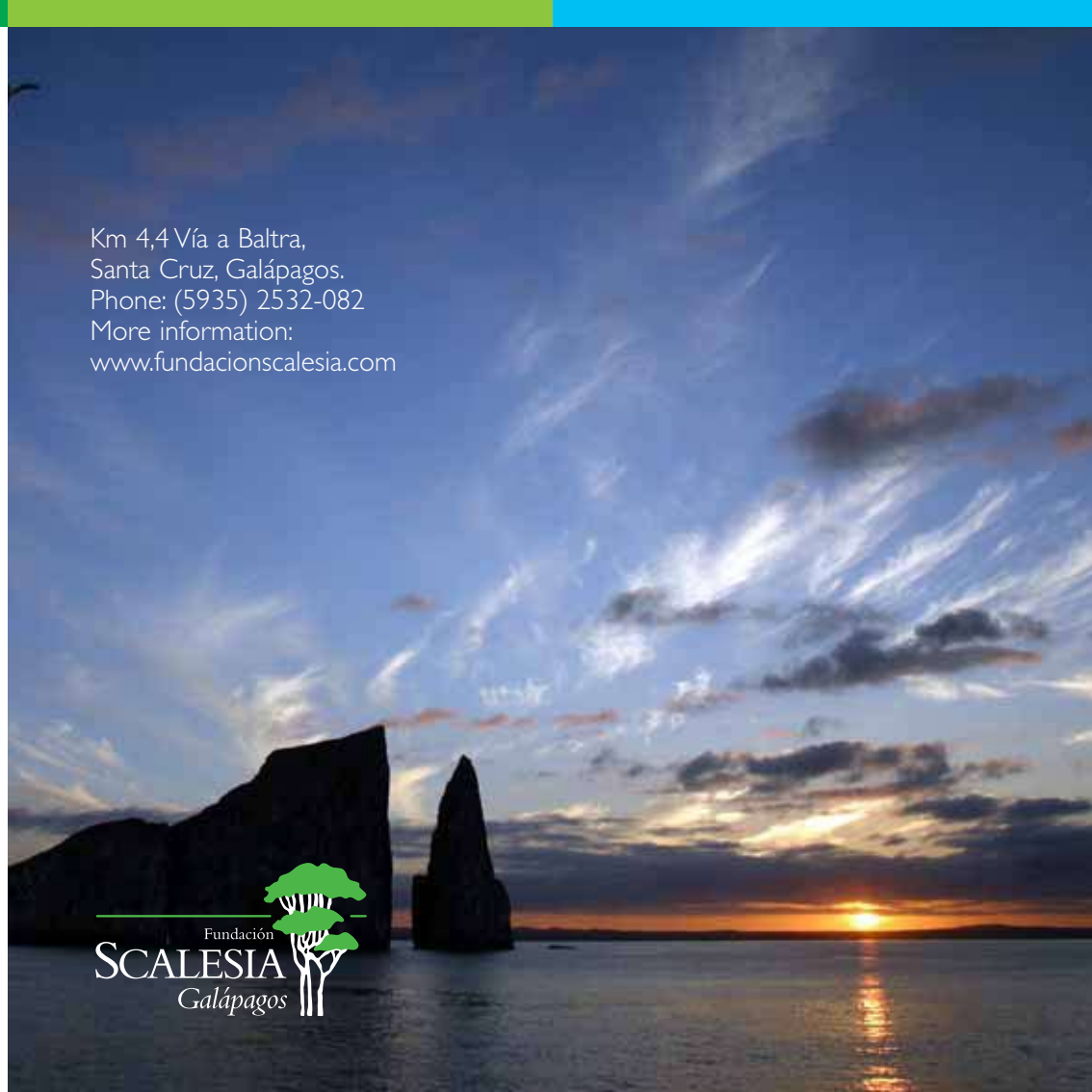
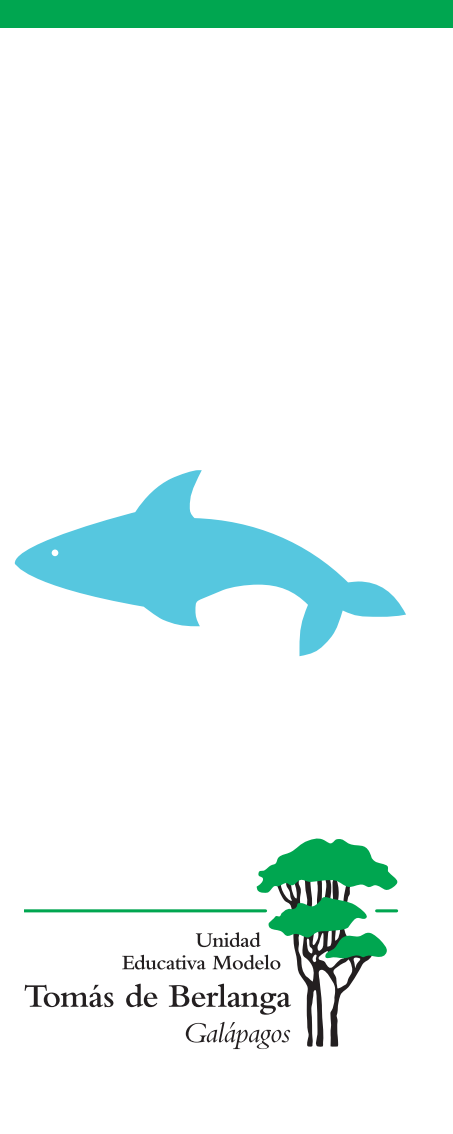
You can help with the solution

The challenges we face in the educational system go beyond the Foundation's capacity to solve them, but we believe we can make positive movements towards change with your help.

We are working in the identification of a model that can be replicated in other educational centers in Galapagos. We are currently implementing a pilot school where traditional learning structures are integrated with a new curriculum and methodology that match the reality of students who live in a World Heritage Site.

The pilot project is implemented in *Tomas de Berlanga School*, a private institution founded in 1994 by the Scalesia Foundation. Thirteen years after its creation, the school graduated its first class and currently has over 100 students between elementary and secondary school.

Almost 50% of the students in the *Tomas de Berlanga School* already receive some kind of financial aid. *We are now looking for additional resources to finance scholarships that will give more children the opportunity to earn the education and skills to build a rewarding life.*



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THINK GLOBALLY, EDUCATE LOCALLY.

Think globally, educate locally.

The children of the world are the hope for its future. The education of children living on Galapagos will ensure a generation that respects and appreciates the richness of the Islands, its country and its impact on the global community. Galapagos needs to be preserved

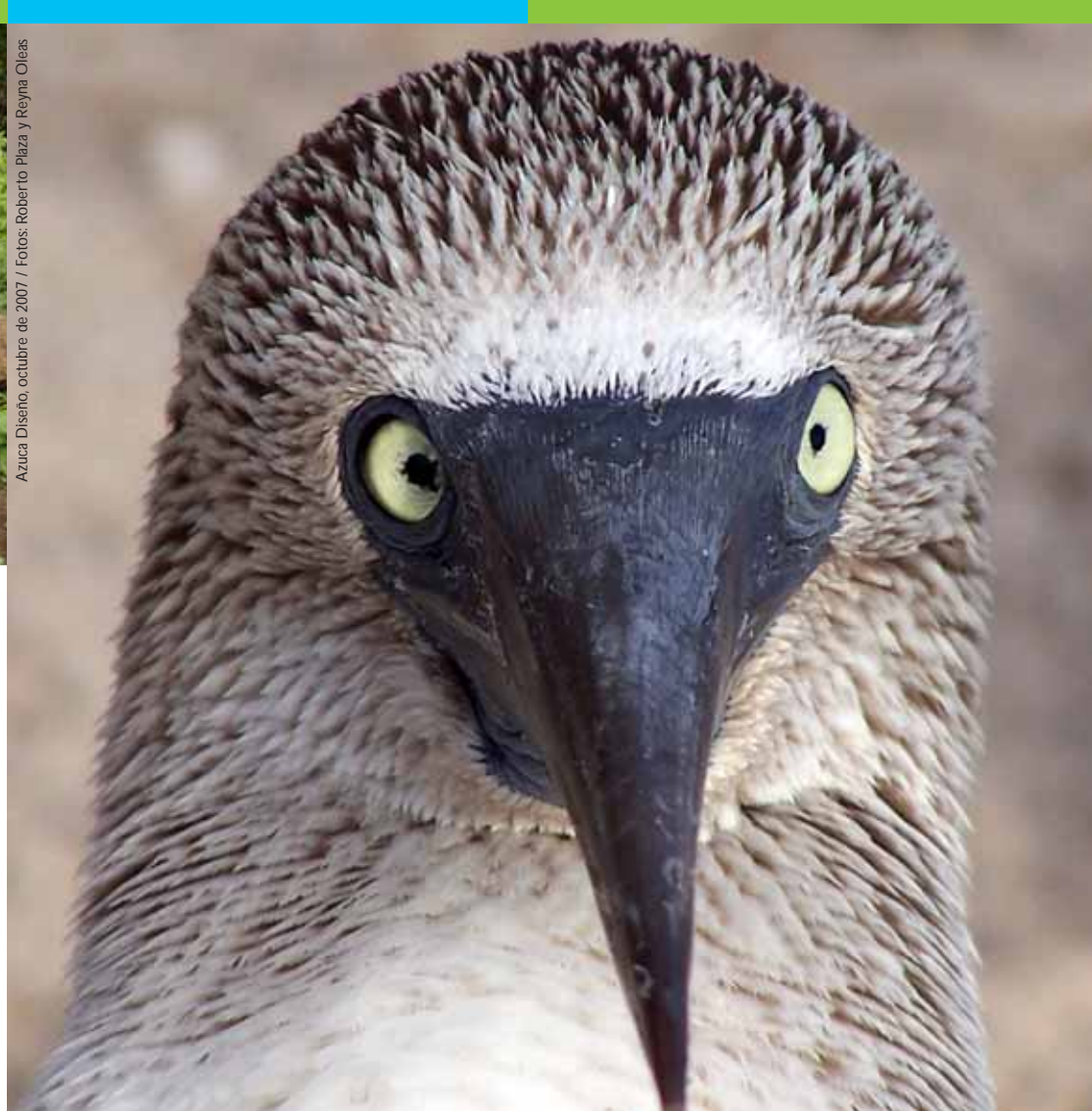
for countless future generations to enjoy. We believe in education as one of the principal tools to ensure sustainability in the long term. The Scalesia Foundation is the only non-governmental institution that is investing 100% of its efforts in EDUCATION on the Islands.



Our goal is to educate Galapagos children to be:

- Lifelong learners who actively participate in their local and global communities.
- Critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, and decision makers.
- Effective communicators in both Spanish and English.
- Passionate about the society and environment in which they live.
- Committed to contributing to the sustainable development of the Islands and the country.

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The challenge

The population has exploded on the Islands from 3,000 residents in 1979 to 30,000 today. This has created a burden on the current school system. The current curriculum does not match the diverse needs of the student population and its social and environmental reality.

The children educated on the islands perform poorly in school and have limited language skills which often result in an inability to

qualify for local employment and a low rate of acceptance into universities, leaving children on the Galapagos with fewer advantages than on the mainland. Environmental awareness and the development of problem solving capacities are two important elements that are missing in the school system now. *The education system is failing to train students to be the future citizens and leaders needed to ensure sustainable, long-term development on the Islands.*