

# Welcome from the GLOBE Program Office

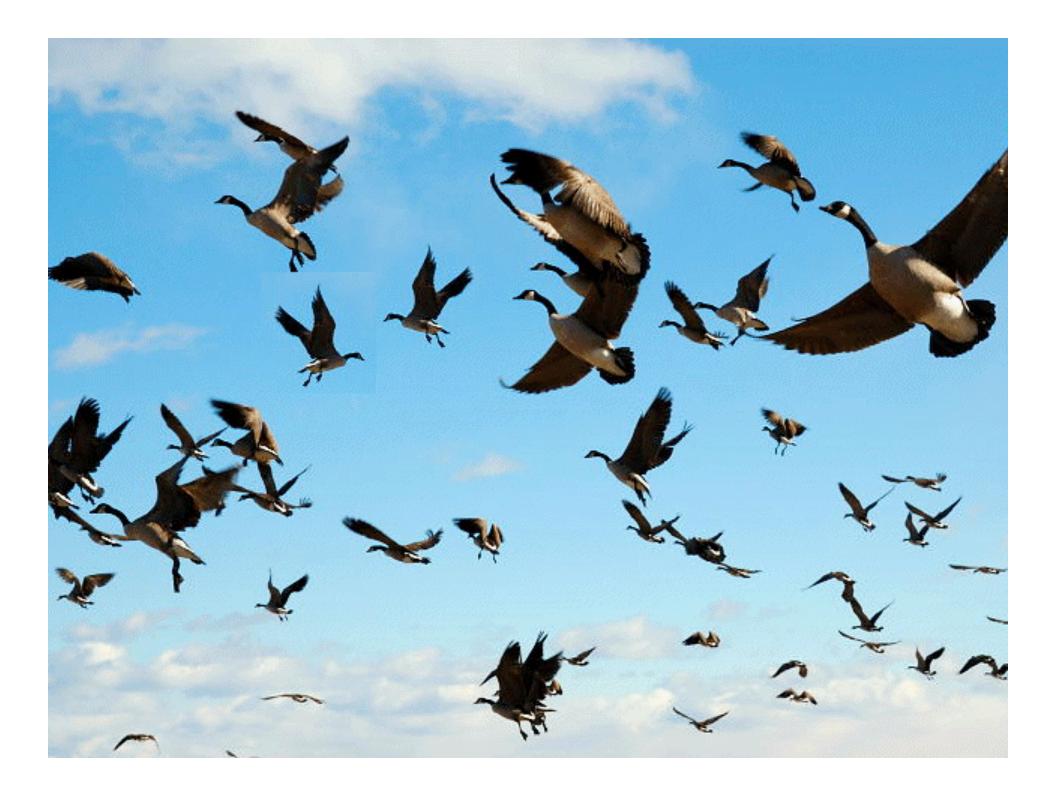
Dr Andy Tasker Director

Monday 18 July 2011 Washington DC













Dear Partner,

30 June 2011

At the end of my first month as Director of the GLOBE Program Office (GPO) I thought I should write to you to let you know about progress. I intend to write every month to keep you up to date with developments and help improve communication throughout the GLOBE Partnership. This letter is for internal use only, so please don't pass on any parts to the media without checking with me first!

My first 2 weeks were hectic, spending time getting to know all the staff here, meeting our sponsors NASA, NOAA and the National Science Foundation in Washington DC, and visiting our satellite office in Tyler, Texas. These meetings have given me a great insight into where we are now, and where we should be.

One of the key areas for all of us going forward is a strategic plan for the whole GLOBE Program, and for the GPO too. Accordingly we've made a good start on a Strategic Plan for the five year period 2012 – 2017. We will have a draft of this to share at the Annual Meeting, and we will also circulate it to all partners who are not there, so that everyone can have a say in the direction of GLOBE. How many schools do we want by 2017? How many teachers trained? We are also developing a plan for web-based teacher training of some basic areas, so we could have 'GLOBE e-Teacher' as an introductory level before full GLOBE training. What do you think of such a move? It should allow many more teachers to get involved!

We're also printing a GLOBE Annual Review for 2010 to highlight just some of the activities around the world carried out by GLOBE partners, teachers and students. We'll be printing enough for 20 copies per country, for you to pass on to key contacts and supporters, and can print more if you want.

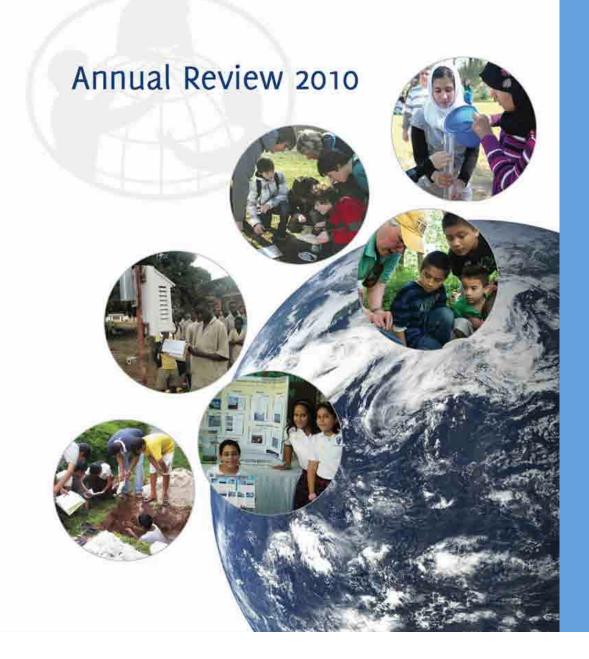
There is also good progress on the website refresh, where NASA has kindly put additional funding into a subcontractor (Raytheon) to develop an entirely new website. The Technical Team here has been working hard to make our antiquated database into a fit state to work within this new site.

Finally, and with regret, we've had to make some staff reductions in order to remain within our budget for 2011. We've lost 3 members of the Technical Team over the last two months (Daniel Berger, Russ Gonsalves and Jason Roth) and have had to release another 3 people from the Science & Education Team (Mike O'Toole, Martos Hoffman and Sheila Yule). Several had been with the program for many years, and each has made invaluable contributions to GLOBE. I'm sure I speak for you all in thanking them for their many inputs and wishing them well in their future careers.

I hope to see as many of you in Washington DC as possible,

Andy Tasker, GLOBE Program Office Director















#### GLOBE Around the World Africa

GLOBE Africa Region
22 Countries; 642 Schools;
1,105 Teachers; 1,097,135 Measurements

GLOBE Africa held its fourth regional meeting in Dakar, Senegal in February 2010, bringing together 20 representatives from 13 countries to discuss goint projects and plan future activities.



GLORE Africa's fourth regional meeting in Datar, Seneral

The meeting included GLOBE representatives from Benin, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Ethiopia Kenya, Madagascar, Namibia (via Skype), Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal. South Africa. Tanzania and Ugunda. Discussions ranged from preparation for the Student Climate Research Campaign to the Africa regional Mt. Kilimanjaro Project. The meeting was followed by a GLOBE Train-the-Trainer workshop, where 30 teachers from 25 schools were trained in GLOBE Protocol activities aimed for inclusion in student

inquiry projects. The newly trained teachers received equipment ready to set up their study sites to help students build inquisitive relationships with the Earth.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON Senegal prepare GLOBE students to become tomorrow's leaders

Lycée Seydina Limamoulaye, a GLOBE High School in Dakar, Senegal, has consistently excelled in a national student achievement test, taking first place in the number of overall scudents ranked for the past three years.

The contest – know as 'Concours Général' - functions as a nationwide challenge for schools in the areas of biology, mathematics, chemistry, languages, history, and geography, with awards being made by His Excellence, the President of the Republic of Senegal.

According to Madame Ngossé Fall Bousso, GLOBE Senegal Country Coordinator, "The results are presented again by students on World Environment Day, celebrated on the 5th of June each year in Senegal to stimulate environmental awareness." In 2008, Birane Diouf, now a GLOBE Alumnus still involved with GLOBE activities at Lycée Seydina Limamoulaye, was placed second in Concours Général forthe Earth and Life Sciences category.



GLORE students from Lycele Seydins Umamoulaye study clouds using the GLORE Cloud Charts

#### GLOBE around the world Asia/Pacific

CLOBE Asia / Pacific Region: 16 Countries: 2,456 Schools; 3,148 Teachers: 1,265,548 Measurements

The Regional Office for GLOHE in Asia and the Pacific conducted a myriad of activities in 2010, ranging from student climate research events, hosting school visits by NASA officials (see below), and increasing



GLOSE representatives gather to plan future student inquiry activities in Asia and the Psoilic.

the training team for the region. Twenty representatives from the Asia/Pacific region, including GLOBE Country Coordinators. Government officials, teachers and scientists met in Dhaka, Bangladesh in April 2010, to plan future student inquiry activities in the region. Following the meeting, trainers from Bhutan, India, Nepal and Thailand attended a regional workshop in New Delhi, India, where a new regional training guide was used for the first time.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON GLOBE and NASA link-up in India and Nepal

The GLOBE Asia/Pacific Regional Office in India welcomed Dr. Michael Freilich, NASA Earth Science Division Director in August 2010. Dr. Desh Bandhu, GLOBE Regional Office Director, described the activities of GLOBE in the region and Mr. Rajinder Mehta, GLOBE India Country Coordinator, discussed the role of the Ministry of Environment and Forests in implementing the GLOBE Program in India itself. The NASA team then called in on a GLOBE School - Ahleon International School - where Dr. Freilich joined GLOBE students collecting data from their weather station. He went on to give a speech emphasizing the value of the Earth, encouraging students to love and care for their planet in their everyday lives, ending with a question and answer session for students to find out more. This event demonstrates a unique attribute

of the GLOBE Program: a platform for students and teachers to interact with real scientists face to face.

In October 2010, NASA Administrator Charles F. Bolden, Jr. visited Yasodhara Baudha Secondary School in Kathmandu, Negal. Mr. Bolden talked to students and teachers about his experiences as a NASA astronaut, presented books to the teachers, and spoke about the importance of working hard in school to achieve personal and professional goals. He encouraged students not to be afraid of failure and to seek answers to their questions through research and international scientific collaborations. Both visits were an honor for the schools and the GLOBE Asia/Pacific Region.



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Students from OFF College in Pakintain celebrate Wivid Water Day 2010

#### GLOBE around the world

#### Students get their hands wet for World Water Day 2010

GLOBE students from 67 schools in 14 countries participated in the U.N. sponsored World Water Day on March 2010. Students took part in learning activities and used GLOBE Water Protocols to gather data for research projects. Students collected water quality data on five continents during the day. "It is so exciting to see students have the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than just their school," said Dr. Donna Charlesons, Director of the Science and Education Division for the GLOBE Program Office.

Examples of student participation from around the world included GLOBE school Escuela Provincial No. 38 Julio A Roca in Argentina. Here students measured water pH in the Argentine Base Esperanza, located on an island off the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. Base Esperanza is in the middle of an Adélie Penguin rookery, containing roughly 100,000 pairs of resident penguins. The contribution of GLOBE data from this location expands the inforation for students, educators, and scientists learning about water quality in different parts of the world.

Students at Cape Hatteras Secondary School in Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, USA,



GLOBE Arrung the World - each yellow dot represents one GLOBE actions

celebrated World Water Day with activities throughout the week. Each middle school and high school student



Cayle Hatteries Students collect GLOBE Hydrology data in noncr of World Water Day.

about water and they posted their facts throughout the school premises. Students also created posters about the importance of

found one fact

conserving the limited amounts of usable freshwater available on Earth. Many students were surprised to learn that not everyone in the world possesses the same access to water as they do.

At the GLOBE School Overseas Pakistanis Foundation Girls College in Islamabad, Pakistan, students gave presentations on water conservation and conveyed the importance of access to clean water through beautiful an pieces that were then exhibited at the college. Dr. Khushi, a renowned scientist and teacher, delivered a lecture and the blue crions show those taking part in White Water Day 2010.

emphasizing water quality. Students then went on a GLOBE Water Walk at Lake View Park and ended the day using GLOBE Protocols to collect hydrological data from the Rawal Lake and Chattar Park.

GLOBE school Bandarawatta Parakrama Maha Vidyalaya in Gampaha, Sri Lanka, commemorated World Water Day



GLOBE Students in America pertrapers in World Water Day

with a Hydrology
workshop
for students
and teachers.
GLOBE Country
Coordinator
Damayanthi
Balasuriya
and GLOBE
Trainer Shanthi

Siriwardhana collaborated with the Ministry of Education and the Gampaha Zonal Education Office to host the event. Sixth and seventh grade students from WP/Gm/ Parakrama Maha Vidyafaya participated along with GLOBE students and teachers from WP/Gm/ Dompe Siyane Vidyafaya and WP/Gm/ Kuruwamulla Maha Vidyafaya, Students discussed the water crisis, and the relevance of GLOBE Protocols for

gathering data to use in research projects.

The George community in South Africa is familiar with effects of the water crisis as they are experiencing the worst drought in 100 years in the Western Cape of Africa. For World Water Day, GLOBE schools in George, Western Cape and Indwe, Eastern Cape, concentrated on the problem of water accessibility with a full week of activities. Students created awareness posters to express the barmful reality of water limitations and water audits were integrated into math classes to demonstrate the importance of preservation.

Forty-four schools from Europe and Eurasia participated in World Water Day, including eight schools from the Czech Republic. Students from Gymnazium Kadan, collected and removed gurbage around an important spring and stream in a nearby village. They then carried out botanical surveys to learn about local water sources. At ZS Trebic School, older students taught younger students about the value of water sources, how to protect them and how to analyze the quality of water using OLOBE. Hydrology Protocols, High school students at Integrovana Stredni Skola, Valasske Mezinici, analyzed water quality and demonstrated tools that could be used within the GLOBE Hydrology Investigations for future research projects.

Dr. Teresa Kennedy, Director of the International Division for the GLOBE Program Office and GLOBE U.S. Country Coordinator, said: "It is phenomenal to see data received from all over the world for a common purpose. These simultaneous analyses by so many students in differing environments build useful knowledge about Earth's water supply and provide baseline data for future studies."



















































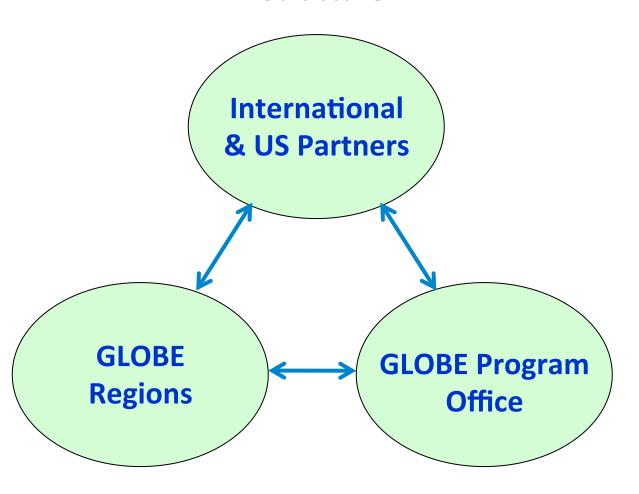


### **Draft GLOBE Program Development Strategy 2012 – 2017**

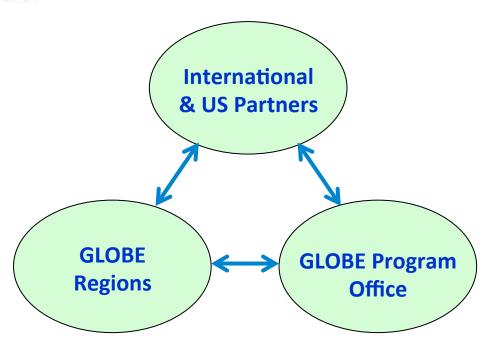
- 1. What is the GLOBE Program?
- 2. The GLOBE Program Organizational Structure
- 3. The GLOBE Program Operational Structure
- 4. Opportunities over the next five years
- 5. Draft Performance Measures, Goals and Actions

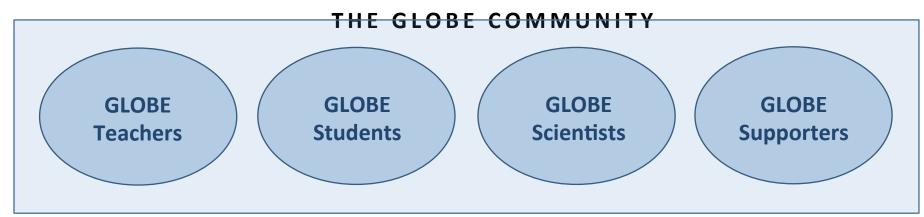


#### **Structure**











### **Function**

**Primary Purpose** 





## GLOBE Program Office Organizational Chart

#### **GLOBE Program Office Board**

Ming-Ying Wei (NASA), Christos Michalopolos (NOAA), Jill Karsten (NSF), Jack Fellows (UCAR)

#### **UCAR**

Jack Fellows

#### **GLOBE International Advisory Committee**

Elected Representatives from GLOBE Regions: Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe/Eurasia, Latin America/ Caribbean, Near East/North Africa, North America

GLOBE Director

Andy Tasker

The GLOBE Program Office Team

#### Science & Education (CO)

**Donna Charlevoix,** Jessica Mackaro, Sarah Tessendorf, Gary Randolph Randall Thomas

#### **International Partnerships (TX)**

**Teresa Kennedy,** Nandini McClurg, Sybil Fisher, Jaema Krier, Lori Sisemore

#### **Technology Systems (CO)**

VACANT, Ying Hong, Travis Andersen, Mike Dye, Ardith Falkner, Clint Findley, Travis Kuennen, Charlie O'Keefe, Dave Salisbury

#### **Communication Systems (CO)**

*VACANT*, Jan Heiderer , Maureen Murray, Amanda Weaver (TX)

#### Management Systems (CO)

Katy Lackey, LeeAnn Prodoccini, Dawn Wright, Silvia Agnona

> Evaluation Valerie Williams

#### **International Regional Offices**

Mark Brettenny (Africa), Desh Bandhu (Asia/Pacific), Matthijs Beghyn (Europe/Eurasia), Amalia Aubone (Latin America/Caribbean), Sawson Bou Fakhreddine (Near East/North Africa), Nandini McClurg (North America) Key: CO = Boulder, Colorado TX = Tyler, Texas **BOLD** = Managers



# GLOBE Learning Expeditions

Helsinki, Finland, June/July 1998
Fayetteville, Arkansas, U.S.A., June 2000
Šibenik, Croatia, June/July 2003
Cape Town, South Africa, June 2008
Where in 2013? Bids now sought!

(and Annual Meeting 2012)









### Monday - Learning

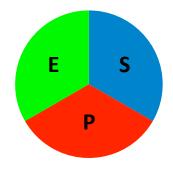
Monday, 18 July GLOBE Program Updates 09:00 – 17:00 & Posters

09:00	Opening and welcome
11:00	Keynote speaker: Dr. Waleed Abdalati, NASA Chief Scientist
12:00	Lunch
13:30	Regional Projects
15:30	Ocean For Life Live Broadcast from Channel Islands, California
16:00	Community Presentations (concurrent sessions)
18:30	Poster Presentation Session I
20:30	Poster Presentation Session I End











### Tuesday - Engaging

Tuesday, 19 July	09:00	Overview of the Events for the Day
GLOBE Community	09:15	Community Input on the Future of The GLOBE Program
Input	11:00	GLOBE Technology Refresh
09:00 - 17:00	12:00	Lunch and Exhibits
& Posters	13:30	Update on Student Climate Research Campaign (SCRC) (concurrent sessions)
	18:30	Poster Presentation Session II
	20:30	Poster Presentation Session II End









### **GLOBE Student Climate Research Campaign (SCRC)**

#### 1. Foundation Experiences



These introductory activities allow students to study real data and understand key concepts of weather and climate.

#### 2. Intensive Observing Periods



Students from around the world will be encouraged to take themed measurements over a short period of time, and analyse their data.

#### 3. Research Investigations



Ultimately, students can carry out their own research projects, either alone, or with other schools in your country or around the world.



### Wednesday - Options

Wednesday, 20 July	10:00	Optional Activities:		
Optional Activities		1.	Embassy and Government Visits	
10:00-17:00		2.	Earth: The Operators' Manual (Film Viewing)	
		3.	Visits to Washington, D.C.	
	11:30	Lunch		
	14:00	Optional Activities:		
		1.	Embassy and Government Visits	
		2.	Earth: The Operators' Manual (Film Viewing)	
		3.	Visits to Washington, D.C.	
	15:30	Prese	entation on Social Media	









Ann Davison



# "Your planet is due for an oil change!"



Earth science... climate change... & renewable energy, for a sustainable future.

GEOFF HAINES-STILES, writer/director

Wednesday July 20, 10:00-11:30 & 14:00-15:30

Grand Ballroom C & D

EarthTheOperatorsManual.com,

Facebook.com/EarthTheOperatorsManual.Page

On Twitter @earthtom



### Thursday - Discovery

Thursday, 21 July	07:00	Depart for Goddard / Patuxent – 'Exploring the Connections among Spheres'
Field Day	15:30	Leave Goddard / Patuxent
07:00-17:00	18:30	Banquet with guest of honor NASA Administrator Charles F. Bolden, Jr.
& Banquet	20:00	Group Photograph
	22:30	Banquet End









### Friday – ESSPs and beyond

Friday, 22 July	08:00	Update on ESSPs
<b>GLOBE</b> Community	09:00	Community Workshops (concurrent sessions including ESSPs)
Workshops and Next Steps	11:30	Lunch
09:00 – 16:00	12:30	Community Workshops (concurrent sessions including ESSPs)
05.00 - 10.00	15:00	Conference Summary and Next Steps
	16:00	Close of Meeting

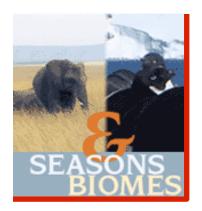




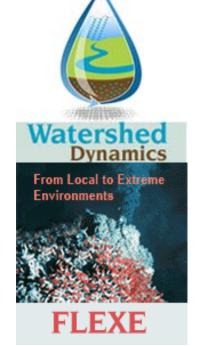












### **GLOBE Seasons and Biomes**

### Why Seasons and Biomes?

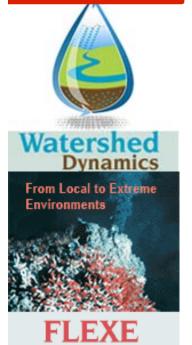
- Engage students in earth science studies by monitoring seasons in their biomes
- Contribute to climate studies worldwide
- Participate in the International Polar Year

### Understanding earth system science through

- New phenology and seasonality protocols combined with classic GLOBE protocols
- Inquiry learning activities
- PD model integrating GLOBE, earth system science, best teaching practices and student scientific investigation process
- Global learning communities







## The GLOBE Carbon Cycle Project

### Why the Global Carbon Cycle?

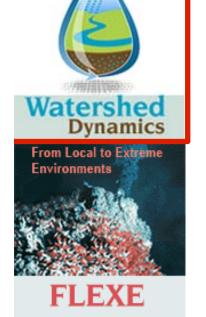
- Central part of the Earth's climate system
- Altered by humans at unprecedented rates
- Primary driver of climate change

### Learning Carbon Cycle Science Through:

- Field measurements of ecosystems
- Hands-on and computer models
- Classroom experiments with plants
- Mind-expanding activities designed to alter your view of the world!







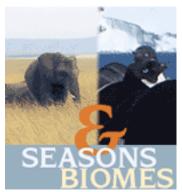
# **Watershed Dynamics**

### The Watershed is a natural unit of study

- Water is a limiting factor to sustaining life and the resources vary around the world
- Humans will impact the water cycle
- Watersheds provide natural boundaries for environmental investigations

### Using scientific datasets in GIS investigations

- Access to large-scale scientific datasets and professional technology
- Ability to draw conclusions about global issues by asking geospatial questions



# **FLEXE:** From Local to Extreme Environments

### Why Study Extreme Environments?

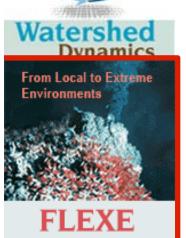
- Hot vents and cold seeps offer novel examples of integrated earth systems
- "Extremes" capture students' attention
- Comparison of local to extreme deepens students' understanding

### Learning earth system science through:

- Facilitated comparison of data/environments
- Links to the extreme environments (deep-sea datasets w/narrative, research cruise websites)
- Community of learners (student-student peer review, student-scientist forums)

















# **Thank You!**

Dr Andy Tasker
Director

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