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SEA SHEPHERD



LETTER FROM



THE HELM

We have abruptly entered into a new era. As the world begins to emerge from lock down, forever changed by the threat of COVID-19, the social and ecological challenges we all now face are enormous and serve as stark reminders that humans are not separate from the natural world - we are a part of it. We must work together to take care of our neighbors, our communities, and our planet.

Uncertainty can be disarming. With the normalcy of our daily routines disrupted, many of us are left feeling helpless. Yet the need for action, and the power of the individual to truly make a difference, has never been greater. For over four decades, Sea Shepherd has been on the front lines of ocean defense, fighting seemingly impossible battles - against illegal fishing, whaling, and organized crime. Through the passion, professionalism, and courage of our officers and volunteer crews, we have accomplished great things.

2019 saw some incredible victories for the oceans. No whaling occurred in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary or Icelandic waters. In Mexico, our crews removed over 1,000 pieces of illegal fishing gear from the Vaquita Refuge, preventing the extinction of the most endangered marine mammal in the world. The Canadian government issued a mandate to remove all fish farms from British Columbia's coastal waters by 2025. In Africa, our campaigns led to the arrests of 50 illegal fishing vessels. These are just a few of the achievements we celebrated in our 33 worldwide campaigns active throughout the year.

Our planet is sending us a strong message: it needs our help. Over the past four decades, we have consistently proven that a small group of committed individuals can truly make a difference. It is the nature of the warrior to act - and the **time to act is now.**



OPERATION MILAGRO

VAQUITA PORPOISE

For six years, Sea Shepherd has been in the Upper Gulf of California, working with Mexican authorities to protect the habitat of the most endangered marine mammal in the world: the vaquita porpoise. This rare cetacean is endemic to a small region in the Upper Gulf and faces imminent extinction due to rampant illegal gillnet fishing in the area.

Poachers set gillnets in the vaquita's habitat to catch totoaba, another critically endangered species whose swim bladders are in high demand on the Chinese black market. Vaquitas, which are approximately the same size as totoabas, fall victim to these deadly nets and are caught and killed as bycatch.

Scientists estimate that only 6-19 vaquitas remain alive today.

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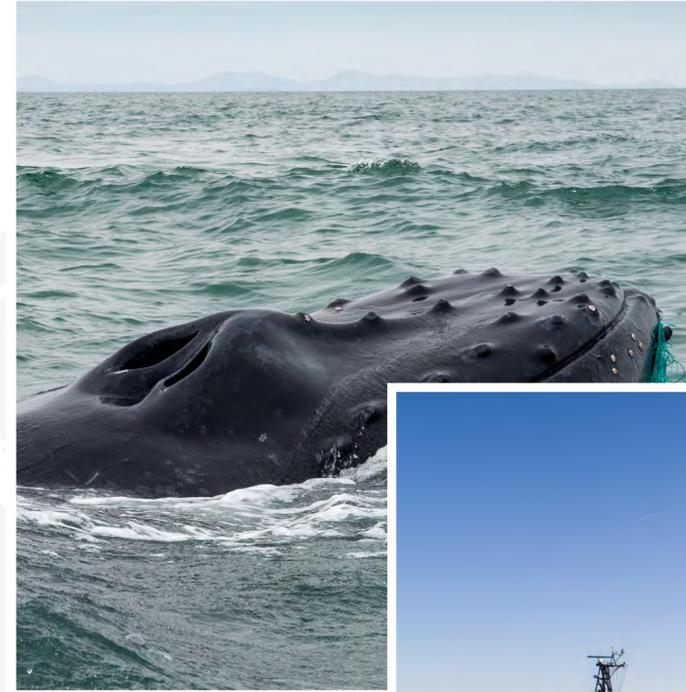
In 2005, Mexico established the Vaquita Refuge, a protected region where all gillnet fishing is banned. These protections have not prevented illegal totoaba fishing, and poachers continue to pillage the area with no regard for the ecological consequences of their actions or the species they are driving to extinction. Sea Shepherd maintains a steady presence in the Vaquita Refuge to deter these illegal activities and remove the gillnets responsible for the decline of the vaquita.

Sea Shepherd deployed three ships to Operation Milagro in 2019 - the M/V Farley Mowat, the M/V Sharpie, and Sea Shepherd's newest vessel, the M/V White Holly. As Operation Milagro continues to effectively disrupt the poaching activities that threaten the survival of the vaquita, violence has escalated. In January 2019, poachers attacked the M/V Farley Mowat, hurling rocks and Molotov cocktails at the ship, breaking its windows, and setting its hull on fire. In a separate attack in January 2019, poachers illegally boarded the M/V Farley Mowat.

Following these attacks, Sea Shepherd installed additional anti-piracy equipment on the vessels, including barbed wire and water cannons. Subsequent attempted attacks were unsuccessful in their efforts to damage the ships and force Sea Shepherd to leave the area.

Amid this escalating violence, the need to remain in the area and remove the illegal gillnets that threaten the vaquita is more urgent than ever. In March 2019, the crew of the M/V Farley Mowat encountered a dead vaquita entangled in an illegal totoaba gillnet. This discovery proved yet again that totoaba poaching is driving the vaquita toward extinction.

Poachers became increasingly brazen in 2019, adopting new methods and carrying out their illegal activities in broad daylight. In December 2019, Sea Shepherd captured drone footage of over 80 fishing boats illegally catching totoaba off the shores of San Felipe, Mexico. The poachers were working together, circling migrating schools of totoaba between their fishing boats and setting as many gillnets as possible in a seine, forming an enclosure from which there was no escape.



OPERATION MILAGRO



VAQUITA PORPOISE

Despite these challenges, 2019 was a successful year for Operation Milagro, and the campaign reached a significant milestone. Over 1,000 pieces of illegal fishing gear have now been removed from the Vaquita Refuge, directly saving the lives of more than 4,000 animals, including whales, turtles, rays, and sharks. This figure doesn't include the countless animals protected by the permanent removal of these nets from their habitat.

Sea Shepherd's Operation Milagro remains the single most effective strategy to prevent the extinction of the vaquita. As long as there are illegal gillnets in these waters, Sea Shepherd will be there to remove them.





OPERATION VIRUS HUNTER

SALMON FARMING

2 019 was declared the "Year of the Salmon" but had the lowest return of wild salmon on record.

In the coastal waters of British Columbia, Canada, open net-pen salmon farms are threatening the survival of wild salmon, placing all species that rely on a healthy wild salmon population at risk.

Often located in key wild salmon migratory pathways, these farms spill disease and parasites directly into the surrounding coastal ecosystems. Many of these farms are in unceded First Nations territories, making the conservation of wild salmon not only an ecological issue but a social justice issue.



OPERATION VIRUS HUNTER



SALMON FARMING

Operation Virus Hunter provides support to First Nations and scientists in their battle to remove fish farms from British Columbia's coastal waters.

In June 2019, members of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation obtained footage of juvenile wild salmon trapped inside the fish farms in Clayoquot Sound, a UNESCO World Heritage Biosphere Reserve. Wild herring were also present in the net-pens alongside emaciated, deformed, and parasite-riddled farmed fish, some of which appeared jaundiced. Jaundice is a condition directly related to Piscine Orthoreovirus (PRV), a virus that is potentially fatal for wild salmon.

In July 2019, a First Nations flotilla, which included the R/V Martin Sheen, conducted a peaceful demonstration demanding the protection of wild salmon through the removal of salmon farms in British Columbia. Led by Hereditary Chief George Quocksister Jr. from Laichwiltach First Nation and his family, the flotilla had many voices but one clear message: to save wild salmon, we must remove fish farms from our oceans.

Activist and Hollywood star, Pamela Anderson, and her mother were among the guests on board the R/V Martin Sheen during this demonstration. Other notable guests included Green Party MP Paul Manly, and Ma'amtagila matriarch, grandmother, and indigenous rights activist, Tsastliqualus Ambers.

In 2019, we celebrated a landmark victory for wild salmon. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued a mandate requiring that all open net-pen fish farms in British Columbia be phased out by 2025. By supporting scientists and First Nations in the battle to remove fish farms from these coastal waters, Operation Virus Hunter played a vital role in this achievement.

Sea Shepherd continues to work with researchers and First Nations in defense of wild salmon and will hold the Canadian government accountable to its promise to remove open net-pen fish farms from British Columbia's coastal waters by 2025.





OPERATION GOOD PIRATES

HURRICANE RELIEF

In September 2019, the Bahamas faced the worst natural disaster in the island nation's history. Hurricane Dorian, a Category 5 storm, left thousands homeless and without access to power, communication, clean drinking water, food, and basic supplies.

Responding to the crisis, Sea Shepherd's M/V John Paul DeJoria partnered with Global Medic and Global Empowerment Mission, bringing over 90,000 lbs. of aid to Grand Bahama Island and the Abacos Islands. The crew delivered water, emergency food kits, medical supplies, water purification kits, industrial tents, generators, fuel, and hygiene products to survivors in the areas most heavily affected by Dorian.



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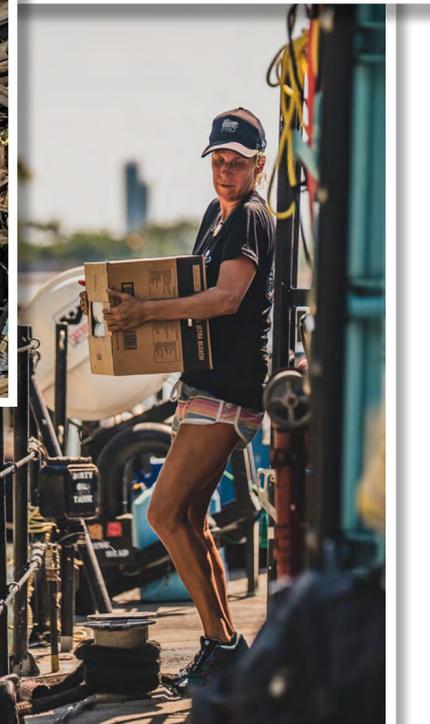
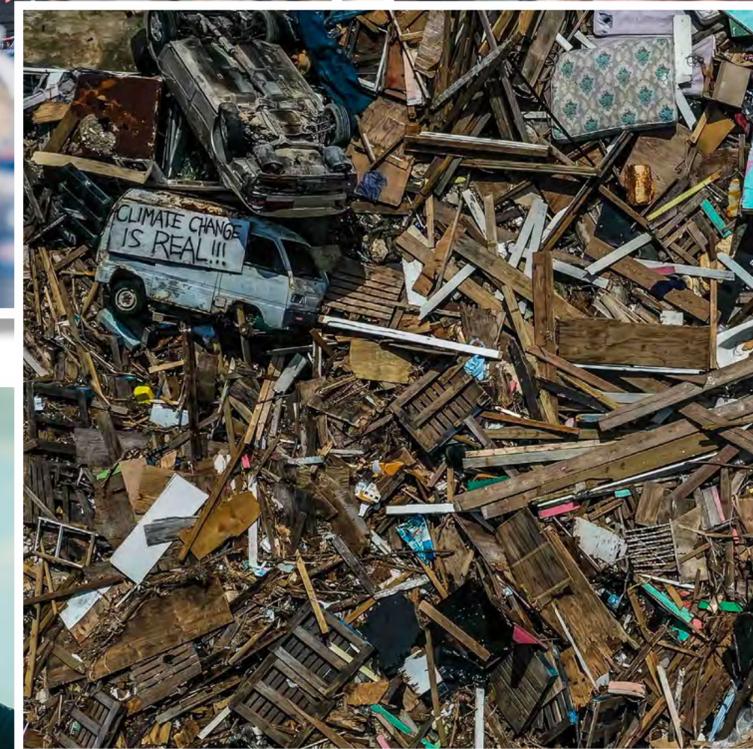
Upon the completion of the first leg of this mission, the M/V John Paul DeJoria returned to the United States with twelve very special guests on board. Ten dogs and two kittens, rescued from hurricane-affected areas, were brought to the United States to find their forever homes. Under the care of rescue organizations Humane Haven and Compassion Kind, the lucky twelve received medical attention, love, and a fresh start at life.

The M/V John Paul DeJoria embarked on the second leg of the mission in October 2019, returning to the Bahamas to provide additional aid to areas with the greatest need. Partnering with Global Medic and APS Bahamas, team members constructed a solar power generation station on Sweetings Cay, a small community heavily impacted by Dorian. The system is now providing 4 kilowatts of power daily. The team installed ventilation, lighting, cellular hardware, and two watermaker units capable of producing 10 gallons of fresh drinking water each day using ambient humidity.

Sea Shepherd and Global Medic also brought tools, food kits, air mattresses, tents, camping stoves, cookware, bedding, solar lights, and mosquito nets to the people of Sweetings Cay on the second leg of this campaign.

Sea Shepherd established Operation Good Pirates of the Caribbean in September 2017 to bring humanitarian relief supplies to Dominica, the British Virgin Islands, and Antigua and Barbuda after Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

As the effects of climate change intensify the destructive power of tropical storms, Sea Shepherd's Operation Good Pirates of the Caribbean will continue to respond to the call of duty when island nations require assistance.





OPERATION JAIRO

SEA TURTLES

2 019 marked the fifth season of Operation Jairo, Sea Shepherd's sea turtle defense campaign.

For the second year in a row, Operation Jairo has taken place in Nicaragua and has focused on the protection of Hawksbill and Olive Ridley turtles. In May 2019, the crew began nightly patrols along the beaches of Padre Ramos, protecting nesting sea turtles and their eggs from poachers. Over the next three months, Jairo volunteers safely recovered 413 eggs and transported them to a local hatchery.

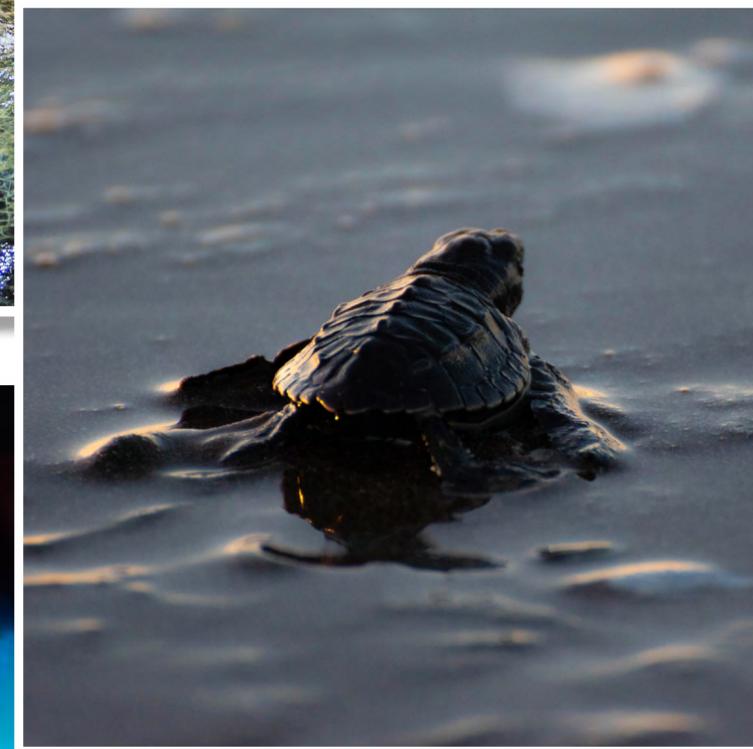


SEA TURTLES

This season also focused on outreach, education, and strengthening relationships with community members. The crew provided support to researchers studying sea turtle populations in the Pacific Ocean and conducted weekly beach clean-ups, giving the mother turtles, hatchlings, and all other marine species living in the area a better chance at survival.

Six out of the seven species of sea turtles that exist worldwide are listed as threatened, endangered, or critically endangered by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Ocean pollution, habitat loss, and poaching are among the primary threats faced by sea turtles. These species, which have roamed the Earth for over 100 million years, now face extinction due to human activity.

This campaign honors the life of Jairo Mora Sandoval, a Costa Rican turtle defender who was brutally murdered in May 2013 while protecting leatherback turtle nests. Our work continues in his legacy, defending sea turtles and their nests on beaches around the world.





SEA SHEPHERD SCIENCE

RESEARCH



Sea Shepherd's Science Department is committed to supporting conservation research, an essential tool in shaping policy and enhancing protections for marine ecosystems worldwide.

Vaquita Survey

In 2019, Sea Shepherd vessels the M/V Sharpie and the M/V Farley Mowat participated in two vaquita surveys in the Upper Gulf of California. These surveys aimed to capture photographic footage of live vaquitas to prove that this critically endangered species is not extinct and to study the size and distribution of the remaining population.



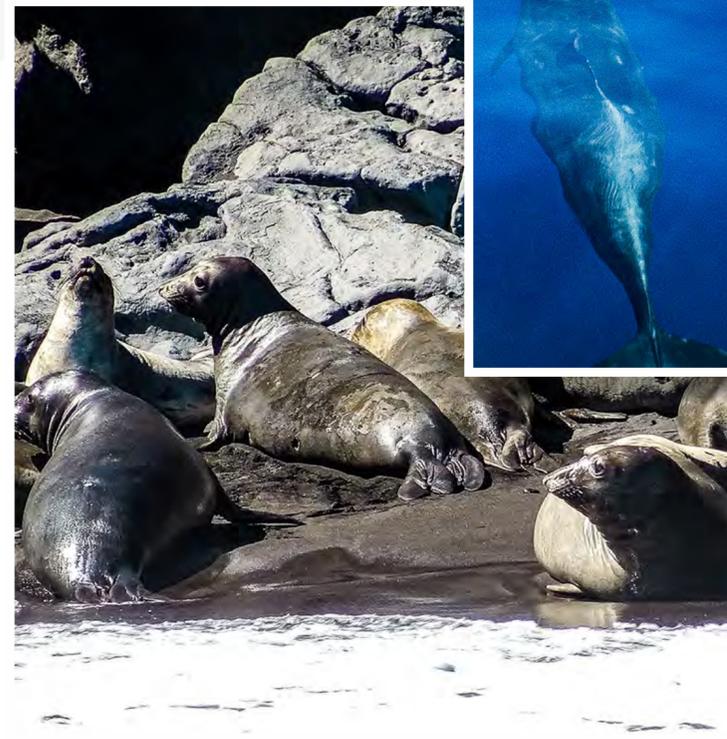
Led by Dr. Lorenzo Rojas-Bracho of CONANP (Mexico's Commission for Natural Protected Areas), the surveys brought together some of the world's leading scientific authorities in vaquita research with support from PROFEPA and the Mexican Navy.

Several live vaquita sightings took place during the expedition, including sightings of a mother and calf pair. These images drew international media attention and instilled a renewed sense of hope for the survival of the species. But the sightings also highlighted the gravity of the situation for the few remaining vaquitas. The photographs revealed that vaquitas are swimming in close proximity to illegal fishing boats. Gillnet fishing is the primary threat to the vaquita, and removing these nets is paramount to ensuring the survival of the species.

Operation Treasured Islands - Revillagigedo

The R/V Martin Sheen embarked on Operation Treasured Islands - Revillagigedo in March 2019. Working with notable cetacean researcher Dr. Hiram Rosales and his team from MMAPE (Megafauna Marina y Pesquerías) research group at the Autonomous University of Baja California Sur, this research campaign studied the health and movement patterns of humpback whale mother and calf pairs. The Revillagigedo Archipelago is the largest marine protected area in North America and one of the most important breeding grounds in Mexico for humpback whales. Every year, humpbacks migrate to this area to give birth and nurse their young.

This season, scientists recorded 120 sightings of marine mammals. The data collected in the Revillagigedo Archipelago, a pristine area with minimal human disturbance, will be compared to measurements taken off the shores of Cabo San Lucas, a high traffic, high disturbance environment. This research aims to understand the effects of human activity on the presence, health, and growth of humpback whales and may lead to enhanced legal protections for humpback whales and their calves.





Operation Divina Guadalupe

Operation Divina Guadalupe is Sea Shepherd's longest-running research campaign. Our crew returned to the Guadalupe Island Biosphere Reserve twice in 2019 to study the Cuvier's beaked whales that frequent this area. Cuvier's beaked whales exist in oceans throughout the world, but sightings are rare, making this species notoriously difficult to study. The high frequency of sightings in the waters of Guadalupe Island makes this area an important location for research into this elusive species.

Led by researcher Gustavo Cardenas of CONANP, the photo identification studies carried out on these expeditions captured images of both familiar and new whales in the waters of Guadalupe. The Cuvier's Beaked Whale Photo Identification Catalogue of Guadalupe Island contains information about over 90 distinct cetaceans sighted in the waters surrounding Guadalupe since 2006. It is one of the largest databases of Cuvier's beaked whales in the world, and Sea Shepherd's Operation Divina Guadalupe has contributed to the identification of 75% of all animals in this catalogue.



SEA SHEPHERD SCIENCE



SCIENCE RESEARCH

This past season, scientists from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, on board the M/V White Holly, successfully recovered a hydrophone (underwater microphone) that was deployed during Operation Divina Guadalupe IV in 2018. The sophisticated instrument, called a HARP (High-frequency Acoustic Recording Package), sits on the ocean floor and captures broadband acoustic recordings. The recovered HARP now contains a full year of acoustic data and provides new information about the presence and movement patterns of cetacean species in the area throughout the year.

Sea Shepherd continues to share the information gathered on our campaigns with the broader scientific community. In 2019, Sea Shepherd Science presented findings at various scientific conferences, including the World Marine Mammal Conference in Barcelona - the largest biennial event for marine researchers worldwide.





IUU FISHING CAMPAIGN

AFRICA

In 2019, Sea Shepherd expanded our campaigns to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and are now partnering with seven African coastal states. Through joint at-sea patrols, Sea Shepherd is working with national authorities and regional partners to defend some of the world's most vulnerable marine ecosystems.

These regions are rich with marine life and provide a habitat for many resident species. They also serve as an important migratory pathway for whales, sharks, and other large pelagic species. Due to this abundant biodiversity and the limited resources available to local governments to enforce existing conservation laws, these waters are some of the most exploited regions in the world. In West Africa, IUU fishing accounts for 40% of all fish caught.



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Sea Shepherd has been working with national authorities to combat IUU fishing in African coastal waters since 2016. Our efforts expanded in 2019, with great success.

In May 2019, Sea Shepherd launched its first campaign in Benin. Working alongside authorities from State Action on the Sea, the Navy of Benin, and the Ministry of Fisheries, Sea Shepherd vessels monitored the Gulf of Guinea to detect and deter illegal activity. This partnership resulted in the arrest of four trawlers caught fishing illegally in protected waters later in the year.

Sea Shepherd's partnership with The Gambia launched in September 2019 and marked the seventh African coastal state to join the growing effort to stop IUU fishing around the African continent. Gambian authorities partnered with Sea Shepherd for at-sea patrols, resulting in the arrests of 14 additional trawlers.

To date, our African IUU fishing campaigns have resulted in the arrest of 50 vessels. These ships will no longer pillage the world's oceans. Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing is one of the biggest threats facing the oceans worldwide, and Sea Shepherd remains committed to establishing partnerships and working with governments to put a stop to this illegal and unsustainable practice.





WHALING VICTORIES

In a significant win for the whales, the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary and Icelandic waters were both free of whaling during 2019.

In Iceland, notorious whaling company Hvalur hf was unable to obtain whaling permits due to numerous regulation violations. Sea Shepherd closely monitored this whaling company's activities in 2018 and documented the death of at least 146 whales, including two rare blue/fin hybrid whales and 21 pregnant whales. The M/V Brigitte Bardot arrived in Iceland in June 2019 to document and monitor the 2019 whale hunt, but no whaling occurred.

The Hvalur hf company is currently under investigation for animal welfare violations, sanitation violations, and deliberately falsifying whaling logs to Icelandic fishing authorities. The Government of Iceland will not issue whaling permits to Hvalur hf amid these outstanding legal issues, leaving the whales of Iceland safe to swim freely in Icelandic waters.

Sea Shepherd has actively opposed Icelandic whaling for over 30 years, and successfully shut down Hvalur's illegal whaling operations for 17 years in 1986.

2019 also marks the first year in which no whaling occurred in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary. Sea Shepherd has opposed Japanese whaling operations in the Southern Ocean since 2002 and, through direct action, has saved 6,000 whales from the harpoons of Japanese whalers.

Despite a global ban on commercial whaling, Japan has slaughtered whales in the Southern Ocean for decades under the pretext of scientific research. The International Court of Justice deemed that this "research" was non-scientific and illegal, and in 2019, Japan announced an end to their Antarctic whaling program. No whales were killed in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary in 2019.

The whale wars in the Southern Ocean are over, and the cetaceans living in these protected waters are now safe from illegal slaughter.





COSTA RICA DISMISSES ALL CHARGES AGAINST



CAPTAIN PAUL WATSON

In 2019, the Criminal Appeals Court of the Second Judicial Circuit of San José dismissed all charges against Captain Paul Watson, founder of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, giving closure to a 17-year legal dispute and a 13-year-old international arrest warrant.

The dispute began on April 20, 2002, when the vessel Ocean Warrior, under the command of Captain Watson, was heading to Costa Rica at the invitation of their government to sign an agreement for the protection of the world-renowned marine sanctuary, Cocos Island.

While in transit, the Ocean Warrior encountered the Costa Rican vessel Varadero 1, whose crew were illegally finning sharks in Guatemalan territorial waters. The Varadero 1 ignored requests to cease this activity, and Captain Watson received authorization from the Guatemalan naval authorities to escort the vessel to the nearest port for arrest.

Following this incident, the crewmembers of the Varadero 1 filed several unfounded accusations against Captain Watson, creating a legal battle that gained international attention and notoriety.

With the baseless legal dispute now in the past, Sea Shepherd looks forward to working with the government and people of Costa Rica to protect Cocos Island from the threats of shark finning and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.



OPERATION CLEAN WAVES

COSTA RICA

Operation Clean Waves is Sea Shepherd's marine debris recovery campaign. In March 2019, the M/V White Holly arrived in the waters of Cocos Island to undertake an enormous clean-up effort at the invitation of the Costa Rican Ministry of the Environment (MINA).

Working alongside Costa Rican park rangers, MINA representatives, and local volunteers, Sea Shepherd crew recovered and removed 34 tons of marine debris from the world-renowned national park.

Illegal shark finning longlines, buoys, hooks, and other confiscated fishing gear were among the items retrieved from this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Working with eco-friendly textile manufacturer Aquafil, over 1,700 miles of the fishing line recovered during this operation will be repurposed for use in other items, including clothing and fabric. The recycling of this confiscated illegal fishing gear ensures that it will never make its way back into the waters of Cocos Island or harm another shark.



CREW MEMBER



SPOTLIGHT

Jacqueline (Jackie) Le Duc is a captain with Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. She first joined the organization as a volunteer three years ago and has since participated in multiple campaigns, including Operation Milagro IV, V, and VI, and Operation Good Pirates of the Caribbean. Her motivation is the ocean and activism is in her blood.

The sea has always inspired Jackie, but it wasn't until she lived in Maui for four years that she truly fell in love with the ocean. Days on and off were spent exploring the reefs and soaking up the sun. While working on snorkel catamarans, she encountered coral bleaching events and massive plumes of micro-plastics floating around the pristine Hawaiian waters. Witnessing the deterioration of the oceans prompted Jackie to switch directions from ocean tourism to ocean conservation.

During Operation Good Pirates of the Caribbean, Jackie witnessed the devastating effects of climate change first-hand after Hurricane Dorian tore through the Bahamas. As Campaign Leader, she organized the donation and construction of a solar-powered community center in Sweetings Cay, a small island heavily impacted by the storm. She also coordinated the rescues of 12 animals left homeless following the hurricane.

While not onboard, Jackie loves to volunteer with other conservation organizations on Long Island, removing single-use plastics from the local waterways. Conservation is ingrained in every part of her being. Her passion is contagious and inspires others to be conscious and to become part of the solution.



ON-SHORE VOLUNTEER



FEATURE CHAPTER

Established in 2013, the Tampa Chapter has 17 active volunteers and represents Sea Shepherd across South and Central Florida. From Orlando to Miami, the Tampa chapter coordinates outreach activities throughout the year, raising funds, interacting with supporters, and generating awareness about local and global marine conservation issues. In October 2019, the Tampa Chapter hosted ship tours of the M/V John Paul DeJoria and the M/V Brigitte Bardot in Hollywood, Florida.

Sea Shepherd's on-shore chapters play a vital role in supporting our worldwide campaigns. Through chapter outreach, education, community engagement, and fundraising, Sea Shepherd's chapters do an outstanding job supporting and representing Sea Shepherd across North America. We would not be able to defend the world's oceans and protect marine life without the tireless efforts of every chapter coordinator and on-shore volunteer. Sea Shepherd is incredibly proud of the accomplishments of all of our chapters throughout 2019.

GET INVOLVED



HOW TO HELP

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Set up an automatic monthly donation as part of our **Direct Action Crew**.

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Donate online with a **debit card, credit card, or PayPal** - no gift is too small.

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Remember Sea Shepherd in your will via the **Shepherds Forever Society**.

Visit seashepherd.org/support-us to discover other ways you can help.

VOLUNTEER

Onshore volunteers are always needed - see how you can help.

Volunteer to serve as a member of our **ground crews** or at sea as a member of our **ship crews**.

Join one of our **chapters** throughout North America.

Learn more about volunteering with Sea Shepherd.

SUPPORT

Shop in the Sea Shepherd **online store** for ethical merchandise.

Follow us and support us on Social Media - **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube**.

Search online using **GoodSearch** and shop using **GoodShop**.

MAKING SURE OUR OCEANS ARE HEALTHY
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM



DEFEND THE OCEANS

As a member of the Direct Action Crew, your monthly contribution allows Sea Shepherd to engage in direct-action tactics, plan and budget campaigns more effectively, and be the first to respond to an untimely disaster or emergency. With your ongoing support, Sea Shepherd can maintain the strength necessary to protect the oceans and all the animals who call the sea their home.

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OUR MISSION



& APPROACH

At Sea Shepherd, we are bold because we must be. With innumerable marine wildlife species on the brink of extinction, the stakes are much too high to be timid. We are always on the front lines. We go where others cannot or will not, operating within the boundaries of practicality and adhering to the guidelines defined by international and domestic law.

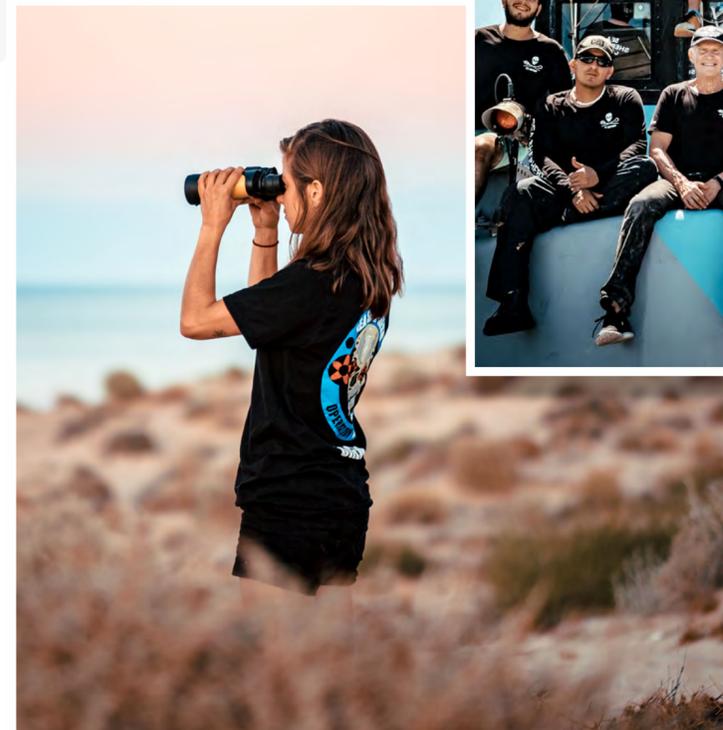
From our inception in 1977, as a small organization with one boat, Sea Shepherd has grown to become a global movement of thousands of passionate and courageous volunteers working on the decks of ten ships – and soon to be more – operating all around the planet. Our message over these last four decades has been consistent and transparent: we expose, intercept, and oppose illegal operations that damage and destroy marine wildlife and habitats.

Sea Shepherd has pioneered a unique and effective approach to ocean conservation. Supported by our dedicated crews, we provide ships, equipment, technical advice, and consultation to multiple partners, including local communities and government agencies around the world.

Our range is vast. We have successfully stopped poachers and habitat destruction in Benin, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Italy, Liberia, Mexico, Namibia, and multiple other countries. Our efforts are unrelenting. We have facilitated hundreds of arrests, the seizure of dozens of poaching vessels, and the confiscation of thousands of illegal nets. Our successes are widely heralded. We have received multiple awards, including the Amazon Peace Prize from Ecuador and the Distinguished Service Medal from Liberia, among others.

Members of Sea Shepherd are known to be incorruptible, passionate, persistent, professional, cooperative, and effective. Together we fearlessly defend life and diversity in the oceans. Together we ensure that existing laws designed to protect the oceans are upheld. Together we strive to build political will and capacity to ensure that the rest of the world follows our lead.

Your support is what drives our enforcement and conservation efforts, strengthens our resolve, and allows us to continue to protect marine life worldwide.



AN OCEAN



OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all of the Ocean Ambassadors listed below for their exceptional dedication to protecting the oceans. In 2019, they generously provided much-needed resources in support of our campaigns around the world. They opened their homes to us for screenings and fundraisers. They introduced Sea Shepherd to their families and friends, spreading awareness about our ocean conservation efforts. And they gave a voice to the voiceless, using their reach and celebrity to speak for our clients - the turtles, dolphins, sharks, and other marine species that we strive to protect. Thank you, from all of us at Sea Shepherd.

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