

GOVERNING DOCUMENT FOR BLUE SEAS PROTECTION: SMALL CHARITY CONSTITUTION

The aims of this organisation are:

1. To rid the seas of lost and abandoned fishing nets.

These continue catching fish, shellfish, mammals and other marine life endlessly until they are full of dying fish, carcasses and skeletons. One net can kill thousands of animals. Multiple nets of up to 2.5km in length each are causing pain, death and suffering at Holocaust levels. We will Locate, Record, Remove and Destroy lost and abandoned fishing nets which are "Ghost Fishing" the seas. We will campaign for commercial nets to be fitted with trackable devices and/or be made of biodegradable materials

2. To challenge the practise of "Greed Fishing".

Currently the Quota System is flawed and largely unmonitored. Commercial fishing practises by their very nature allow for illegal bycatch (whale, dolphin, shark, seals, rays, seabirds etc) to be returned dead and dying to the sea to avoid fines. Over-quota stock, similarly, is dumped to avoid fines for overfishing. Certain species have been overfished to the brink of extinction to increase their commercial value on the market eg Bluefin Tuna. We will campaign for stricter monitoring of catch, humane treatment of animals accidentally caught, reduction of net size (currently allowed to be up to 2.5km in length), and more sustainable fishing practises.

3. To rid the seas of plastics and other pollutants.

The current figures show that 1 in 4 fish contain microplastics. As 27% of commercial fish caught are fed to cattle and other livestock this is getting into our food chains not only by eating fish but also by eating cattle, chicken and pigs. Plastic does not biodegrade. We are seeing giant whales washing up on our shores with colons and intestines jampacked and compacted with plastic bags which they eat because they think they are jellyfish wafting in the ocean. Run-off from agricultural production methods pollutes the rivers which run into the seas. We will campaign for clean fuels (wind, solar, hydro) to be used, as waste products from fossil fuels pollute the seas as well as the skies. CO₂ & CO emissions pollute the water and oxygen cycles; oilspills float on water suffocating and damaging marine life; nuclear radiation from Fukushima has killed much and is continuing to mutate and destroy the Pacific Ocean.

4. To campaign against inhumane practises such as shark and dolphin finning.

These animals are caught merely to harvest their fins and are then thrown back into the sea mutilated, unable to swim or defend themselves from prey.

Our Area of Operation will initially be at sea around the Isle of Wight and UK, also in rivers and waterways, eventually and ultimately we will act globally.

Our intention is to carry out these difficult operations by raising funds to purchase specialised equipment as required. We will be staffed by professional persons and volunteers.

Funding will be raised by various means including events, shows, public donations, internet appeals and celebrity endorsement.

Blue Seas Protection will be for the public benefit of this generation and the next generations to come, bringing awareness and endorsement for a better way of Life for all.