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YOU'RE
**DEFENDING
NATURE**

- at sea
- in Aotearoa
- around the world

YOU CAN'T SINK A RAINBOW

Honouring 40 years
of defiance and hope



While the Rainbow Warrior was in Aotearoa waters in July, we marked 40 years since the original Rainbow Warrior was bombed, an attempt to silence Greenpeace and stop us protesting against French nuclear testing in the Pacific.

A ceremony at dawn on 10 July brought together Greenpeace staff and supporters to honour the legacy of the Rainbow Warrior, and to remember Fernando Pereira, photographer and father, who was killed in the bombing.

The ceremony highlighted how, in the 40 years since, Greenpeace has remained driven by the same courage and vision that inspired the original Rainbow Warrior crew.

Together with supporters like you, we are still sailing, still standing up to destructive industries, still fighting for climate justice, ocean protection, and a peaceful world. Thank you!

On the evening before the 40th anniversary of the bombing, Greenpeace crew and volunteers stood on the deck of the current Rainbow Warrior, lighting up the harbour with the iconic phrase: "You can't sink a rainbow."

40 years ago, out of the depths of mourning and shock, "You can't sink a rainbow" became the cry of defiance and purpose for Greenpeace activists, supporters and volunteers, along with friends and allies, across the world.

The stunning pictures and videos were seen across the world. It was a powerful reminder that thanks to your support, Greenpeace will always stand up for people and a greener planet.



COME ABOARD!

Experience the Rainbow Warrior with our special live stream tour of the ship! See the decks, meet the crew, and get a glimpse of ocean protection in action.

greenpeace.nz/RWTour



YOU'RE DEFENDING THE OCEAN

from destructive bottom trawling



Protecting the ocean has been a huge part of our work so far this year, including confronting the destructive bottom trawling industry.

In the waters around Aotearoa, industrial bottom trawlers have been operating with little oversight, putting fragile ocean ecosystems and marine life at risk. They are dragging heavy weighted nets across the sea floor, crushing coral, destroying seafloor habitats, and killing dolphins, sharks, seabirds, and countless other marine animals as "bycatch".

Thanks to you, Greenpeace has been taking bold steps to stop and expose this industry, as part of our campaign to get this destructive fishing method banned.

Confronting bottom trawlers at sea

In July, Greenpeace's iconic ship, the Rainbow Warrior, sailed the waters of Aotearoa to investigate bottom trawling operations. Teams documented industrial vessels dragging massive nets along the seafloor, witnessing firsthand the scale of the destruction.



The trawl net of Talley's bottom trawler *Amaltal Atlantis* being hauled in before Greenpeace activists painted the hull of the vessel with the words "OCEAN KILLER".

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Thanks to your support, our team was able to take bold action at sea: they confronted two bottom trawlers on the Chatham Rise, a known biodiversity hotspot, coming alongside Talley's *Amaltal Atlantis* and Sealord's *Ocean Dawn* and painting "OCEAN KILLER" on their hulls.

This forced the industry's hidden destruction into the public eye and highlighted the devastating impact of bottom trawling on ocean life. By documenting and exposing these operations, Greenpeace is holding industrial fleets accountable and showing decision-makers the urgent need for stronger protections.

Stopping trawlers in their tracks

In August, your support enabled activists to take the fight further and stop bottom trawlers in their tracks. Greenpeace activists occupied Talley's *Amaltal Columbia* in Nelson, preventing it from leaving port to carry out destructive trawling. An activist locked herself to the vessel displaying a banner reading "OCEAN KILLER".

This peaceful occupation highlighted the urgent

need to protect biodiverse seamounts and fragile habitats from industrial fishing. It sent a clear message that the destruction caused by bottom trawling will not go unnoticed, and that we will continue to stand up for ocean protection and expose ocean destroyers.

THANK YOU!



"Thanks to your support, we can shine a light on this destruction and demand change — protecting vital seafloor habitats and the marine life that depends on them."

– Juan Parada, Oceans Campaigner

Your support gives Greenpeace the tools, resources and courage to confront destructive fishing operations head-on. Together, we're defending the oceans and the amazing life that calls it home.

Watch a thank you message from Juan from onboard the Rainbow Warrior:

greenpeace.nz/thanks

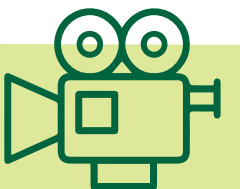


With your support, Greenpeace led a scientific expedition to survey seamounts and surrounding habitats earlier this year, building a compelling evidence-based case for their protection from bottom trawling.

In September, the team presented a paper to the Scientific Committee of SPRFMO (South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation) in Wellington outlining the initial analysis from the expedition.

While on the mission we also created a documentary which is now available for you to watch! Grab some popcorn and take a look here:

greenpeace.nz/seamounts



YOU'RE TAKING ACTION ON BIG DAIRY POLLUTION

Intensive dairying is New Zealand's biggest climate polluter; Aotearoa's rivers and lakes are in a dire state; and even our drinking water is at risk.

Yet the Government is removing freshwater protections to make it easier for intensive dairying to expand. But with your support, we are fighting back.

In July, after residents were issued a do-not-drink notice due to nitrate levels in the town supply over the legal limit, Greenpeace re-branded Gore's iconic brown trout statue. We did this to spotlight the town's drinking water crisis and the role of dairy pollution in poisoning it. Southland and Canterbury are hotspots for the freshwater crisis. Environment Canterbury has greenlit more than 16,000 extra dairy cattle onto the Canterbury plains in just the last eight months.

The team has been in the region to launch our new documentary, 'Something in the Water',



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telling the story of communities who are on the frontlines of the freshwater crisis. And we have been campaigning for freshwater protection ahead of this year's local elections. We held a rally outside Environment Canterbury on the council's final sitting day before elections, bringing nitrate-contaminated drinking water directly to the regional council, the people responsible for enabling that contamination.

Together, we're building a rising wave of resistance to protect lakes, rivers, and drinking water across the Canterbury region.

ADD YOUR VOICE!

Sign the petition to tell the government to keep their hands off the current freshwater protections, to ensure safe drinking water and swimmable rivers for all.

greenpeace.nz/protectwater



YOU'RE CHALLENGING BIG PLASTIC POLLUTERS

Recently, world leaders came together in Geneva for what was supposed to be the final round of Global Plastics Treaty negotiations. After 10 long days, the talks ended without an agreement.

Big Oil knows that a strong plastics treaty means less plastic production, which cuts directly into their profits — because 99% of plastic is made from oil and gas. That's why they sent a record number of 234 lobbyists to the talks to slow things down!

But, your support made sure those tactics didn't go unchallenged. Before negotiations started, activists in Scotland abseiled from a bridge to block a tanker carrying gas to a plastics plant, where it could produce enough plastic to make nearly 60 million plastic bottles in a single day.

At the talks in Geneva, Greenpeace activists created a symbolic trail of black "oil" to show the world what fossil fuel lobbyists were really

bringing into the talks, sending a powerful message: we won't accept a treaty that fails people and the planet.

The negotiations may not have delivered what the world needs, but thanks to you, Greenpeace will keep pushing, keep organising, and keep fighting. Just like plastic itself, we're stubbornly persistent.



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DEFENDING NATURE AROUND THE WORLD

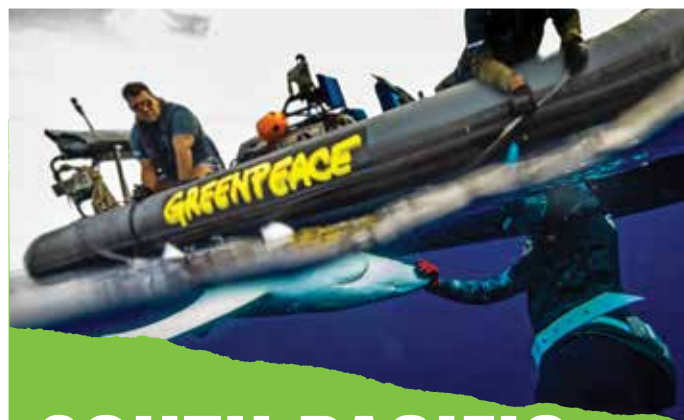
When you donate to Greenpeace, you are defending nature in Aotearoa and all around the planet. Thank you for standing with us to build a more green and peaceful future. Here are just a few global highlights from recent months:



AEGEAN SEA

END GAS EXPLORATION

Greenpeace activists in Greece occupied an LNG terminal to expose the devastating climate impacts of fossil gas.



SOUTH PACIFIC

PROTECTING SHARKS

Greenpeace Australia Pacific intercepted an industrial longline operation in the South Pacific, seizing over 20 kilometers of fishing gear and freeing nine sharks — including an endangered mako — near Australia and New Zealand.



MALAYSIA

BAN DEEP SEA MINING

Greenpeace activists in Malaysia confronted the deep sea mining industry in front of the *Hidden Gem*, the flagship vessel of The Metals Company (TMC). TMC confirmed in late April that they have submitted the first-ever commercial mining application to the US government, with the company stating they are “ready to go” — but Greenpeace is taking action to secure a ban on deep sea mining, so that companies like TMC cannot exploit the ocean for profit.



NETHERLANDS

COURT OF JUSTICE RULING

Greenpeace helped bring frontline communities' voices to the International Court of Justice in the Netherlands, which ruled that governments must prevent climate harm, regulate polluters, and protect the right to a healthy environment for all.



GHANA

PUTTING PRESSURE ON GLOBAL FASHION BRANDS

Greenpeace investigations revealed clothing giants are dumping clothes in Ghana's protected wetlands, polluting communities and harming wildlife. We are exposing their actions and forcing fast fashion brands to admit they must do better.



NORTH SEA

FACING OIL & GAS GIANTS

As extreme weather rages across the world, Greenpeace activists installed a new Anish Kapoor artwork, titled 'Butchered', onto the side of a Shell gas platform in the North Sea.

After securing a 12-metre x 8-metre canvas to the structure, the activists hoisted a high-pressure hose 16 metres above sea level. They then pumped 1,000 litres of blood-red liquid that seeped into the fabric, creating a vast crimson stain.

This action makes visible the damage that oil giants like Shell are fuelling, right at the place where the harm starts.

GLOBAL

OCEAN TREATY

After years of relentless campaigning, 60 countries have now signed the Global Ocean Treaty into law. That means it will finally enter into force! The Treaty is a powerful tool that governments can use to create a network of ocean sanctuaries: areas off-limits to destructive human activities that have devastated marine ecosystems for decades. Thank you for being one of the million supporters across the world who called for stronger ocean protection and helped deliver this historic win.





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INSPIRING SUPPORTERS

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I first joined Greenpeace in 1989 after watching a documentary about rampant whaling in the Antarctic region. I have been mainly engaged in fund-raising events and becoming a donor though more recently I have enlisted as a Greenpeace Volunteer turning up to the GP warehouse to paint banners and design posters for various street marches. I included Greenpeace in my Will because I am extremely concerned about the future of earth, its inhabitants and the environment. The onset of climate change and intransigence of those in power make climate action all the more imperative.”

- Geoffrey Hinds

Geoffrey is one of our group of incredible supporters who have left a gift to Greenpeace in their Will.

JOIN US!

Join the Greenpeace volunteer crew across Aotearoa and take action to help build a green and peaceful future.

Across Aotearoa, passionate people like you are defending nature. Whatever way you want to get involved, your actions as a Greenpeace volunteer will give Earth a voice.



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