



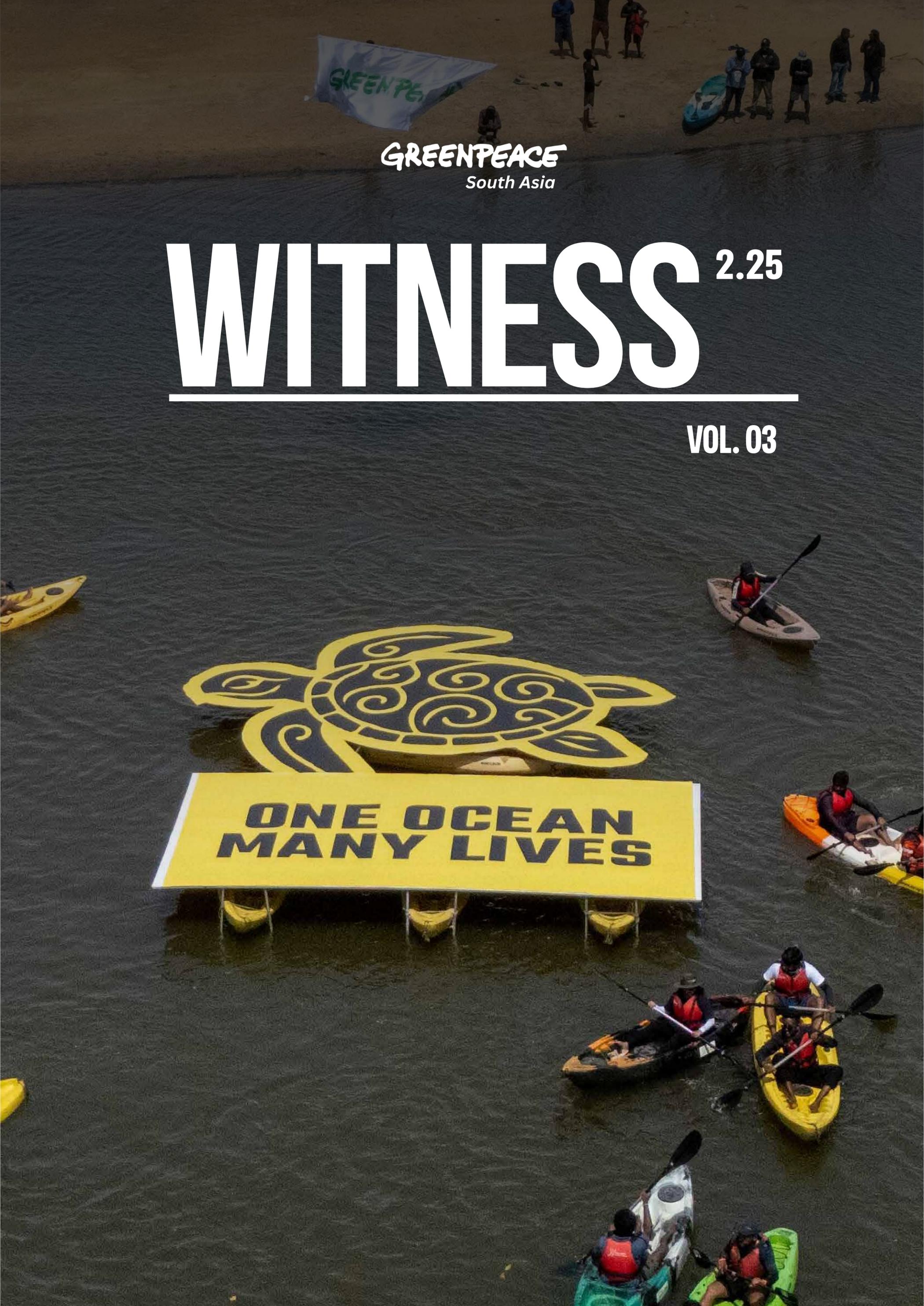
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**ONE OCEAN
MANY LIVES**





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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Across South Asia, this quarter has been a testament to what collective action can achieve. From the shores of Kerala and Colombo to the streets of Delhi, our region stood together for climate and ocean justice — demanding accountability, protection, and care for both people and planet.

World Ocean Day, 8th June, is not just a day for the public to raise their concern on ocean life but also to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems and to celebrate the knowledge and stewardship of the communities of small-scale fishworkers.

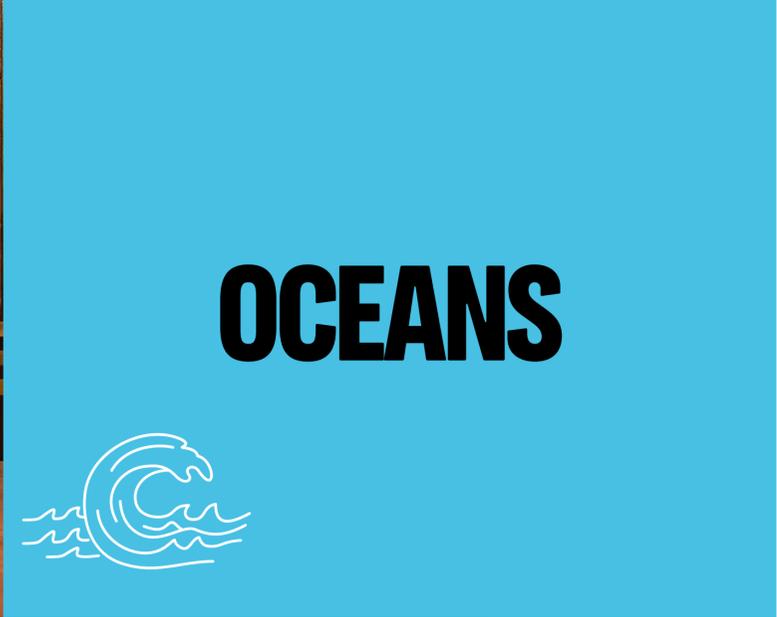
At Greenpeace, we delivered a joint message of hope together with our partners across the region. We demand our leaders quickly ratify the global High Seas Treaty to protect 30% of our oceans, as well as listen to the voice of small-scale fishers and the wisdom of coastal communities for the sustainable management of coastal resources and bottom-up profits to the local economies.

As the fourth anniversary of the X-Press Pearl disaster reminded us of the long shadow left by corporate negligence, communities refused silence. Civil society groups, fishers, and activists joined hands to hold the world's biggest shipping giant, MSC, accountable for its mess, calling for clean-up, compensation, and transparency. At the same time, campaigns for the ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty gained strength, with postcards, field visits, and renewed public commitment across Bangladesh, India, and Sri Lanka.

On land, workers and climate defenders marched side by side. The Saree for Solidarity movement brought together voices from across the region, affirming that labour justice and climate justice are deeply linked. The launch of the Workers' Collective for Climate Justice - South Asia further strengthened this alliance, ensuring that workers' voices remain central to the climate movement.

Each story this quarter speaks to one truth: South Asia's strength lies in its solidarity. Together, we are charting a course toward accountability, resilience, and hope.





FROM ONE SHIPWRECK TO THE NEXT: REFUSING TO NORMALISE DISASTER

Four years after the X-Press Pearl disaster, Sri Lanka's fisher communities are still living with debt, loss, and unanswered questions. Justice never came. Before the region could recover, it happened again. The sinking of the MSC ELSA-3 off Kerala's coast exposed a familiar pattern: corporate negligence treated as acceptable risk, and communities left to carry the damage.

Within days, coastal communities, volunteers, and Greenpeace teams mobilised to document harm, demand transparency, and challenge MSC's refusal to take responsibility. The message was unmistakable. South Asia will not absorb another disaster quietly. The cycle must end.

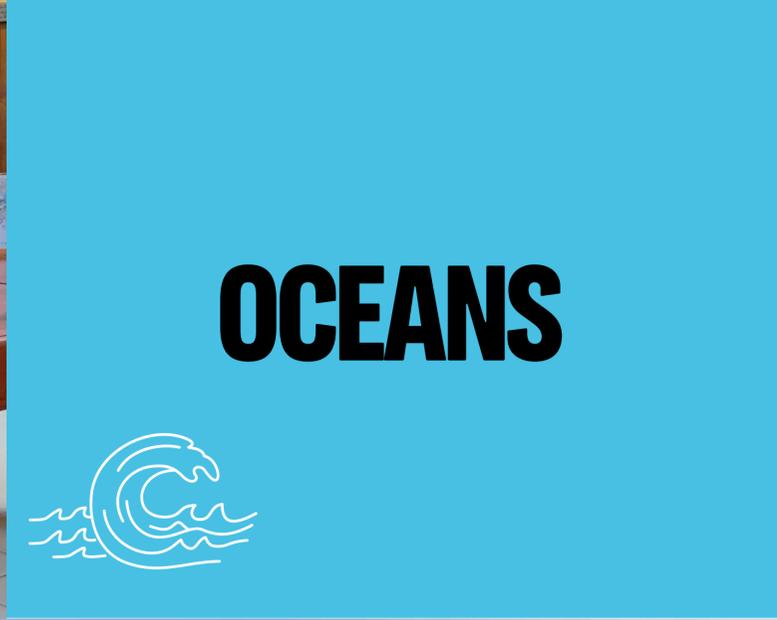
Polluters must pay.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION KNOWS NO BORDERS: PRESS CONFERENCE

The spread of plastic nurdles across South Asia's waters is a stark reminder that environmental destruction knows no borders. Following the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck, Greenpeace South Asia and civil society partners held a press conference in Colombo calling for urgent clean-up and corporate accountability. The event highlighted the growing transboundary impact of plastic pellet pollution and demanded coordinated regional action to prevent future maritime disasters.

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CLIMATE JUSTICE

This summer, something remarkable emerged — not from the halls of power — but from Delhi's hottest streets. In neighbourhoods scorched by a 49°C heat index, people organised, not waiting for a promise of tomorrow, but building resilience today: locals became hydration heroes, street vendors became climate messengers, students made water available to birds and strays by mapping danger zones, shade was carried across state borders, and artists gave the crisis a voice.

This was climate action born of experience, urgency, and solidarity. More than a campaign, this was a citizens' movement to urge the Indian government to notify heatwaves as a national disaster.



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A MAY DAY TO REMEMBER

On May Day, a movement of resilience took shape across India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. Workers wrote messages of justice and dignity on a saree, and 6 labour unions, representing more than 2.2 lakh workers signed the Make Polluters Pay pact, and formally launched the Workers' Collective for Climate Justice – South Asia to unite informal-sector voices in the fight for fair and inclusive climate action.

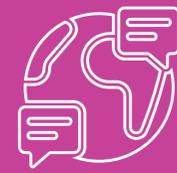
As part of Delhi Rising, our office in India launched the report 'Labouring Through the Climate Crisis,' A qualitative study which examines the lived experiences of informal sector workers in Delhi. Across South Asia, the people who contribute least to global emissions are facing its harshest impacts. And we are here to do something about it.



SEE THE ACTION



A WORD FROM ACROSS THE WORLD



WHAT GOOD CAN COME FROM TAXING OIL AND GAS CORPORATIONS FOR CLIMATE DAMAGES?

A powerful new story explores the global case for taxing oil and gas giants to pay for climate-related losses. The message is clear: those most responsible for the crisis must help repair the harm and finance a just transition for all.

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DEEP-SEA MINING THREAT TO WHALES

Scientists have identified endangered whale species in regions targeted by The Metals Company for deep-sea mining, raising serious alarm about irreversible damage to marine ecosystems. Greenpeace is calling for a global moratorium to protect ocean life from destructive industrial expansion.

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EVERYONE HATES AN ELON OR BEZOS

A WORD FROM ACROSS THE WORLD



In Venice, Greenpeace Italy and allies disrupted billionaire excess with a clear demand: pay up. As Jeff Bezos prepared a multi-million-dollar wedding in a city already sinking under climate pressure, activists unfurled a giant banner in Piazza San Marco calling out a broken system that lets the super-rich dodge responsibility. The message was simple and global: climate justice requires tax justice, and the transition to a fair, green future must be funded by those who can most afford it.

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**IF YOU CAN
RENT VENICE
FOR YOUR
WEDDING
YOU CAN PAY
MORE TAX**

For context:

If your salary were

INR 100,000 per annum,

with no tax or spending, it would take you **10 years**

to become a millionaire, but

10,000 years to become a billionaire!

YOU CAN'T SINK A RAINBOW

On July 10, 1985, the Greenpeace flag ship Rainbow Warrior was bombed and sunk in Auckland Harbour by French secret service agents, killing photographer Fernando Pereira. The attack, meant to silence Greenpeace's anti nuclear campaign, instead strengthened the movement. You Can't Sink a Rainbow became a rallying cry that still defines Greenpeace's spirit of resistance and hope.

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WHAT IS A SLAPP SUIT?

SLAPPs (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) are legal tools used by corporations to intimidate activists and stifle dissent. Learn how global solidarity and new legal frameworks are challenging these threats to free expression.

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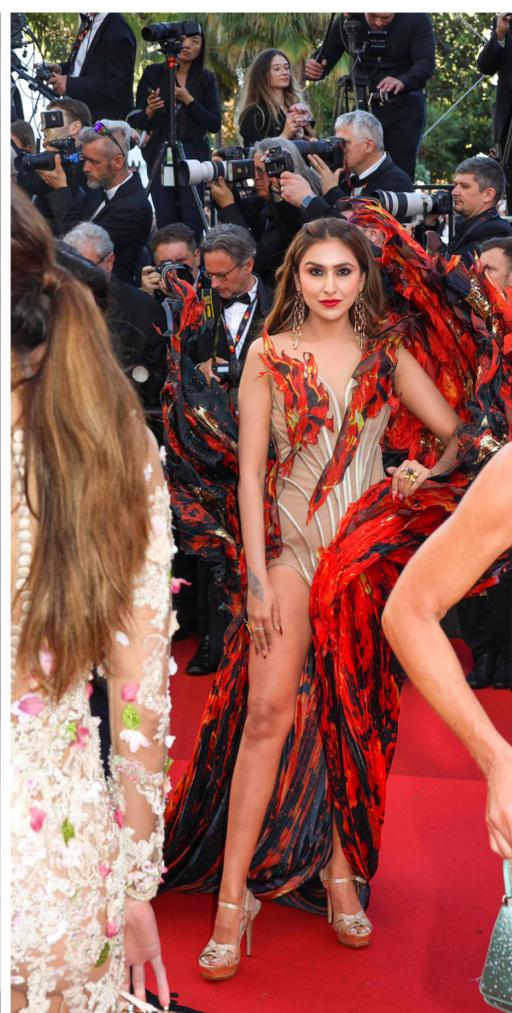
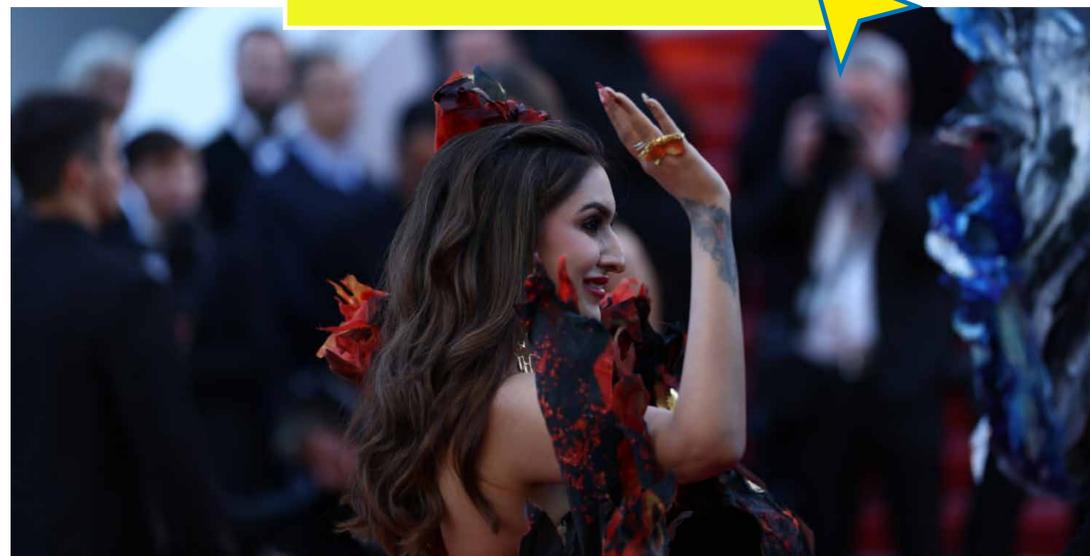
**OUR FUTURE ACTIVISM
DEPENDS ON IT.**

CANNES FOR A CAUSE: TURNING THE SPOTLIGHT ON CLIMATE JUSTICE

ACTION BOX

At the 2025 Cannes Film Festival, Greenpeace South Asia turned the red carpet into a site of climate action. In collaboration with Juhi Vyas and Mohini Sharma, two statement dresses carried urgent demands: justice for communities facing extreme heat, and protection for oceans through a strong Global Oceans Treaty. The intervention cut through spectacle to force attention on accountability, exposing how privilege shields some while others bear the crisis.

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ONE OCEAN, MANY LIVES: A REGIONAL CALL FOR OCEAN PROTECTION

ACTION BOX

On World Ocean Day, June 8, 2025, Greenpeace South Asia amplified a regional call to ratify the **Global Ocean Treaty** through the One Ocean, Many Lives campaign.

From Bangladesh to Sri Lanka, communities, youth groups, and volunteers united to demand stronger ocean protection and accountability from governments. Over recent months, campaigners have led postcard drives, met with MPs and local authorities, and organised awareness events to highlight the treaty's urgency. These efforts culminated in coordinated public actions across three countries, where strong creative intervention reaffirmed a shared truth: the ocean sustains our lives, and it is time we sustain the ocean.



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