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TOGETHER WE DID IT!

The decision by the coalition Government to stop issuing new offshore oil and gas exploration permits was an historic victory for the climate and people power, both here and around the globe.

Reading the extensive media coverage from around the planet made me realise that we have given inspiration and hope to literally millions of people around the world who are hungry for leadership on climate.

It only happened because of the campaigning of you, me, and thousands of others just like us. The Government didn't just wake up and decide to do it; they did it because of the intense sustained pressure from all of us.

But of course the campaigning continues. The Government's oil and gas decision is not everything we wanted, because previously issued offshore exploration permits can still be exercised and new permits can be issued for onshore Taranaki.

Greenhouse emissions are still not under control, our rivers are still heavily polluted, and plastic pollution in the oceans is rampant. But we've shown once again how to lead and how to win. And with your support we'll do it again and again.

Kia kaha

Russel Norman
Executive Director of Greenpeace New Zealand.

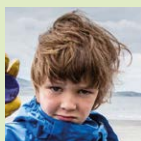
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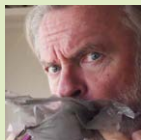
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A 2013 protest against Deep Sea Oil in Nelson. After 7 years of fighting to ban Deep Sea Oil, the efforts of thousands of people have finally been rewarded.

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Read all about how you're helping protect animals in the Antarctic Ocean, such as this playful Adélie penguin, starting on page 24. © Roie Galitz / Greenpeace

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STOPPING DEEP SEA OIL: SEVEN YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS

By Steve Abel

Steve Abel has worn many hats with Greenpeace over the years. He is currently our Senior Campaign and Political Advisor, but in previous years he's played a crucial role in our climate campaign against Deep Sea Oil drilling. In this piece, he reflects on the journey that has led us to the moment when PM Jacinda Ardern announced her Government would end all new offshore oil and gas exploration permits. This win for our climate only happened because of your support. Thank you for being a part of the journey!

A photograph popped up on my Facebook feed recently, saying - “seven years ago today”. It was a shot of the crew from the Oil Free Seas flotilla being welcomed onto Kauaetangohia Marae at the isolated tip of the East Cape, where the rising sun first strikes our islands through the pure sea air. The iwi of that place — Te Whānau-ā-Apanui — had utterly humbled us with a 500-strong haka on the beach as we came ashore.

In what would become one of many examples of people power in this campaign,

APR
JUN
2010



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The Deepwater Horizon disaster occurs in the Gulf of Mexico, becoming the largest marine oil spill in history. The NZ Government awards a 5 year drilling permit to Petrobras.

JUL
2010



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“Oil” covered swimmers protest the plans for new deep sea oil wells off New Zealand’s coast.

a small flotilla full of Greenpeace crew and supporters had responded to the call of Apanui to join them in their resistance against Petrobras. The Brazilian oil giant was about to begin seismic blasting in the the Raukumara basin - the iwi's customary waters - in search for oil. **Watch the flotilla pōwhiri here** 

Exactly 42 days later, the Petrobras seismic ship departed those waters. The flotilla had stayed the course and harried the oil search. The New Zealand Navy had been mobilised to board the protest ships and police had made arrests.



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**APR
2011**

Te Whānau-ā-Apanui call for support to defend their oceans against Petrobras' drilling. A flotilla of ships, including Greenpeace activists, engages in a landmark 42 day ocean protest.

**DEC
2012**



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Petrobras pulls out of NZ, departing without drilling and relinquishing their exploration permit.

Iwi leader Rikirangi Gage was on board fishing boat *San Pietro* alongside Apanui fisherman, Elvis Teddy, when Gage stoically informed the oncoming seismic ship by radio: “We will not be moving, we will be doing some fishing”.

A few days earlier, activist Kylie Matthews (Ngāpuhi), had jumped into the dark blue water in front of the blaster with a ‘Stop Deep Sea Oil’ banner, forcing it off course. These three are surely the first among many heroes who, over coming years, would join the campaign to defend New Zealand’s waters from the invasive dangers of oil exploration.

By the year following the first Oil Free Seas flotilla, Petrobras had relinquished their oil



The fishing boat, *San Pietro* with a Greenpeace RHIB in the foreground
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exploration permit and announced their exit. I distinctly remember Apanui lawyer, Dayle Takitimu - a lynchpin and stalwart of the struggle - calling to see if the reports were a ruse of some sort. In the depths of fears for a treasured home, it sometimes seemed impossible that we might succeed.

FEB
2013



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Greenpeace launches two reports revealing how renewable energy could give the NZ economy a multi-million dollar boost and create tens of thousands of jobs.

APR
-NOV
2013

The then National government passes the controversial ‘Anadarko Amendment’, limiting protests against oil industry vessels at sea. A flotilla of boats protest an Anadarko drillship off the coast of Raglan. 5,000 people like you rally on West Coast beaches in support of the flotilla.

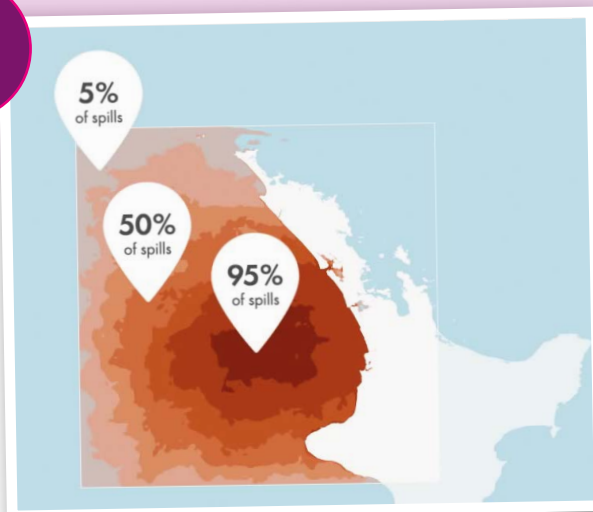
The next company to tarnish our horizon was Texan driller, Anadarko. Almost too bad to be true, they had a 25% interest in the worst oil disaster in history: the Deepwater Horizon blowout in the Gulf of Mexico, which spewed oil up from 1,500 metres below the surface for 87 days in 2011, choking the gulf and all the creatures that lived there in thick crude. It was a picture book apocalypse - oil on fire at sea - billowing columns of black into the sky.

Now Anadarko were coming to our seas with a 34,000 tonne drillship. They wanted to seismic blast the East Coast off Kaikoura, and to drill in the West Coast directly off Raglan. At, you guessed it - 1,500 meters. Anadarko's imminent arrival off Kaikoura

incurred the wrath of local iwi, the wider community and eco-tourism operators who, led by Sir Mark Solomon, rallied to defend their customary waters in an unprecedented show of united protest.

And then over Easter 2013, the Minister of Energy and Resources Simon Bridges (now leader of the opposition) snuck out an announcement of a new draconian anti-protest law designed specifically to stop groups like Greenpeace and its allies protesting against oil ships at sea. The legislation, dubbed the 'Anadarko Amendment', was condemned as anti-democratic by former Prime Minister Sir Geoffrey Palmer, and public figures including Dame Anne Salmond and Sir Ted Thomas.

**OCT
2013**



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**MAR
2014**

Thanks to our supporters, Greenpeace releases an independent report about possible dispersal patterns of an oil spill in NZ waters.

After an unsuccessful drilling campaign and continuous public resistance, Anadarko pulls out of New Zealand.

Not to be deterred, a new flotilla of six vessels lead by former *Rainbow Warrior* crew member Bunny McDiarmid, now the Greenpeace International Executive Director, and crewed by Niamh O'Flynn, of 350 Aotearoa and Jeanette Fitzsimons, set out to confront the massive Anadarko drillship and to make a point of breaking the Anadarko Amendment's 500-metre exclusion zone, thereby openly defying Bridges' new law.

This time, the profile of the protest meant the authorities didn't dare act. At the height of the flotilla, thousands of people painted banners and joined forces on beaches up and down the West Coast in solidarity. If you were one of them, I hope you'll look back on that moment, five years ago, with pride.

As the years went by, with the oil price low and no sign of respite from protest, Anadarko too gave up their interests in New Zealand.

Among many chapters in this campaign, another that stands out was the delegation to Norway of Te Parewhero kaumātua Te Wani Otene, and Greenpeace campaigners Hinekaa Mako and Mike Smith, seeking the support of the indigenous Saami people through their independent parliament and to make it abundantly clear that the Norwegian state driller Statoil was not welcome in New Zealand.

The delegation had a powerful impact, inspiring the Saami President to reciprocate by making a journey to New Zealand and

MAR
2015



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Thousands of people march on the Oil Conference, sending a strong message that Kiwis don't want deep sea oil.

MAR
2016



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Over 200 people join forces to blockade the Oil Conference in a mass display of civil disobedience.

the Far North to meet with local iwi. On the day of her arrival, Statoil announced that they were surrendering their permit in the sacred waters of the Te Reinga basin in the Far North.

A vital aspect to the success of the seven-year oil campaign has been the alliance between Greenpeace, Māori, and the wider community.

Last year, East Coast iwi Ngāti Kahungunu mobilised its traditional bluewater Waka Hourua, *Te Matau a Māui*, to challenge the world's biggest seismic blasting ship the *Amazon Warrior*, AKA 'The Beast', as it searched for oil on behalf of Statoil, Chevron and Austrian driller OMV off the Wairarapa Coast.

A few days later, Greenpeace also travelled the 60 nautical miles out to sea out to meet The Beast in our crowd-funded boat, *Taitu*.

Our executive director Russel Norman, alongside volunteer Sara Howell, entered the water in front of the 125 metre long ship, forcing it to make a full turn and stop its search for oil that day. The activists were charged by the oil division of the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE), under Bridge's 'Anadarko Amendment'. They are now fighting for discharge without conviction.

Following the *Amazon Warrior's* return to New Zealand this year, over 80 coastal hapū declared their unanimous rejection

NOV
2016

Auckland and Christchurch Councils join Kaikoura, Dunedin and Gisborne Councils in opposing Deep Sea Oil drilling.

JAN
-MAR
2017



© Jason Blair / Greenpeace

Greenpeace declares a 'Summer of Action' as the *Amazon Warrior*, aka The Beast, starts seismic blasting off the Wairarapa Coast. In March, Greenpeace takes the crowd-funded people's boat, *Taitu*, to confront The Beast.

of oil exploration, culminating in a historic agreement by the National Iwi Chairpersons Forum last December to oppose all seismic testing and oil exploration in the waters of New Zealand.

Over this time, your support has sustained us as staff and volunteers have come and gone from the Greenpeace office, and all have played a part in ending offshore oil exploration. Notably, Greenpeace campaigner Simon Boxer, who first devised the strategy of resisting oil drilling at sea. I also want to remember four friends we've lost: dedicated volunteer, Emily Drinkwater; our passionate sailor and lawyer comrade Sir Peter Williams; Dr Ranginui Walker, who didn't hesitate in making a statement in

defiance of the Anadarko Amendment; and the inimitable Rata Pue from Parihaka, who drove to the gates of Taranaki Port with a boot load of food for Lucy Lawless and the seven activists atop the the Shell drillship in 2012, and when they were released from lockup personally placed exquisite pounamu "medals" around each of their necks. Rest in peace friends - you played your part.

These struggles are always intergenerational. Over the last couple of years, a new bloom of campaigners, communicators, and mobilisers have taken up the oil campaign batten, none of whom were here when this work began in 2011. New supporters have joined those who have been around since the start of the campaign and worked



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**JAN
2018**

When The Beast returned to search for more oil in 2018, activists boarded and locked themselves to its support vessel, the *Mermaid Searcher*.

**MAR
2018**

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern accepts the 45,000 signature strong Greenpeace petition to End Oil, stating she is 'actively considering' the issue.

together to help ensure this important work continues. Local Oil Free groups throughout the country have successfully lobbied councils to oppose offshore exploration and hundreds have marched and blockaded the annual oil industry conference for the last few years.

A few weeks ago the Greenpeace crew drafted a heartfelt open letter to our new Prime Minister calling for an end to oil and gas exploration. Dozens of respected New Zealanders were quick to sign. It powerfully complimented the Greenpeace petition to the new coalition Government, signed by more than 45,000 people in just a few short months.

APR
2018



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The end of offshore oil! Jacinda Ardern gives a powerful speech at Victoria University announcing the end of all new offshore oil exploration permits in New Zealand.



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern personally accepts the 45,000 signature strong petition calling for the end of oil exploration in New Zealand. © Marty Melville / Greenpeace

On a sunny day outside Parliament in March, already etched in my memory, is the moment Jacinda Ardern came down in person to receive that petition. It was a poignant turn. It seemed that the winds of change were at our back, that we were close to what could be a big breakthrough for the climate movement.

A few weeks later, on April 12th, 2018, Jacinda stood before a young crowd at Victoria University. She stood in front of the leaders of the next generation and declared an end to new offshore oil and gas exploration, in what is already being hailed as an historic moment for New Zealand.

There is still work to be done. We need to end all oil and gas exploration permanently in New Zealand. As it stands, the Government's announcement allows for both existing licences to continue, and for onshore exploration in Taranaki. Taranaki is where New Zealand's first oil well was dug in 1865, on territory stolen from Māori. The community there still has to deal with the nightmare of ongoing fracking and exploration.

But the offshore ban is an undeniable breakthrough. It means the world's fourth largest Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) has closed the door on future exploitation of the reserves of oil and gas that we must leave beneath in the seafloor if we are to avoid catastrophic climate change. By doing so we open the door to the clean energy industries that will themselves help provide a just transition for workers. It puts New Zealand back where we belong, the little country that leads globally on the issues of our era that matter most - as we did when we banned nuclear ships and gave women the vote. In her speech announcing the offshore oil permit ban, Ardern said: "We can be a world leader in becoming carbon neutral. We owe this to future generations."

My son was born seven years ago, in May. His middle name is Raukumara, named with Apanui's blessing, after that first major struggle in modern history against the oil drillers in the Raukumara basin. One day he might ask to know the story of how we succeeded in our resistance. I will be proud to tell him of just a few of the many thousands of good and determined people who made it happen.



Steve Abel with his son. © Ellen Richardson Photography

 **WATCH:** Making oil history

**WE
DID
IT**

SUPPORTER PROFILE

By Abi Smith

Nick Hanafin is a supporter based in Christchurch. He recently locked himself to the *Mermaid Searcher*, the supply ship for the *Amazon Warrior*, in order to disrupt the seismic blasting off the coast of Taranaki. I had a chat with Nick about how we can all make a difference to protect our climate.



© Nick Hanafin

Why did you feel it was so important to lock on to the *Mermaid Searcher*?

The *Mermaid Searcher* and its parent vessel the *Amazon Warrior* were working together to conduct seismic blasting to find more oil. To avoid cooking the planet, we can't burn the fossil fuel reserves we have already discovered, yet the oil industry wants to go looking for even more. This is a renegade industry defying the laws of nature, so when I was lucky enough to get an opportunity to disrupt and highlight their unpopular work programme, I was very excited to get that chance.

There are a lot of people that are keen to get more involved in issues they are passionate about but they feel that they don't have the time, or the know-how. What would you say to those people?

I would say pick an issue you think is important, find a local event, invite your friends and go see what it is about. Getting involved might seem overwhelming and out of reach but there are actually lots of opportunities to get involved in the way that feels right for you. That being said, don't be scared to challenge yourself. It's worth it.

You spent quite a bit of time on board by yourself on the *Mermaid Searcher*. What kept you motivated and inspired, when you were up there on your own?

Even though I was physically the only one up there, I wasn't alone. There was a big group of people in New Plymouth supporting me, people radioing in, Greenpeace supporters facebooking and tweeting from all over the country and locals even came to visit. There was a huge group of people behind me and it was awesome to have your support. That's the great thing about Greenpeace and the movement we're part of!

STUFF YOU CAN DO

By Abi Smith

Every year, over 8 million tonnes of plastic ends up in the ocean. That causes huge damage to marine life and our coastal communities.

All over the world, we are joining together for A Million Acts of Blue, thousands of collective actions to ditch single use plastics and help protect our oceans.

We know that when we stand together, we win. Last year, after some truly dedicated campaigning over the course of a decade from passionate individuals and groups all over the country, New World and Countdown both agreed to end plastic bags by the end of this year!

Our petition, signed by over 65,000 of us, meant that the movement had a seat at the table in Parliament presenting our ban the bag argument to select committee.

Now we need to keep the pressure on to lock in a ban, but bags are also just the tip of the iceberg. We need to take the campaign to the next step. **Imagine thousands of us lobbying our MPs, writing to editors and campaigning for our local bars and cafes to ditch single use plastics.**

Together, we could effect change right across New Zealand.

Every time we band together to get local businesses to eliminate single-use plastics or get our local MPs to support the campaign, we are a bit closer to a plastic free future. Together, we have the power to make that happen.

Download your toolkit here 

Share your stories on social media with the hashtag #BreakFreeFromPlastic.

And if you have any questions or need any support just give us a bell at toko.nz@greenpeace.org!



MASSIVE WIN ON IRRIGATION!

In April, the Government announced that it will scrap the \$480 million Crown Irrigation fund. That effectively ends state funding for Big Irrigation, except for three contracts already underway. This is a huge stop sign for the expansion of intensive dairying and a lifeline to countless rivers like the Ruamāhanga, the Waitaki, and the Hurunui.

It's a major victory for our waterways, our freshwater allies, and everyone who has worked so hard to secure protection for our rivers. Whether you donated, signed

petitions, voted, attended rallies, or locked yourself to a bulldozer, thank you. You've made this win possible!

From the outset this campaign was a narrative nightmare. Not least because of the positive associations generated by what we were going up against.

As you know, big irrigation schemes were turning good water into bad. Taking pure water from upstream, using it to expand intensive dairying, then feeding it back into





A child decorates a cow-shaped sign reading "#TooManyCows" outside Ecan building. © Nigel Marple / Greenpeace

the river downstream complete with all the added nasties, nitrogen, phosphorus, and *E. coli* which go with industrial dairying.

We launched our petition against our slippery opponents two years ago in April 2016. Thank you so much if you were one of the thousands that signed it. You made a huge impact!

The irrigation industry fought back. It has always viewed water as a personal windfall. If we don't use it, they say it'll just flow out to sea and be wasted. But nature doesn't do waste. As we explained again and again, this process of water flow is vital to a healthy freshwater ecosystem. And there are serious

consequences if we mess with it for the benefit of a few.

Our petition demanded that the then National Government scrap state funding for large scale irrigation projects. They had a plan to boost low value milk powder exports, using big irrigation to drive more intensive dairying, push New Zealand's rivers to the brink.

So much has changed since then, including the Government. Partly as a result of the electorate's intense reaction to pollution in our rivers.



Greenpeace activist with tent and banner that reads "Save Our Rivers" occupying the site of the Central Plains Water Dam. © Jeremy Gould / Greenpeace

This wave of public pressure didn't happen on its own. It followed years of campaigning by our allies and Greenpeace with your generous support.

Together we shifted a dam site office; helped mobilise the Hawke's Bay community to shut down the Ruataniwha dam; locked ourselves onto machinery and in pipes; wrote reports and op-eds; made a television ad; fought to stop it being banned (and won!); held the 'people's ECan'; and made a short film showcasing best practice by regenerative farmers, which got picked up by the United Nations!

In November last year the petition was delivered to Parliament. Thanks to your help it was 68,000 signatures strong.

During the election, the new Government pledged that it would wind down the Crown Irrigation Fund. And now it has happened! Hurrah!

A victory for yourselves, a victory for the rivers. Take a bow. Take a swim. Take a moment, because environmental wins like this need to be savoured.

Greenpeace and local water activists stage a democratic occupation at ECan in Christchurch demanding better protection for rivers. © Greenpeace/ Nigel Marple



▶ **WATCH:** What's next for the clean rivers campaign?



**SAVE
THE MACKENZIE**

GLOBAL UPDATES & WINS

Climate Movement Shows Promising International Progress

New Zealand has joined the handful of countries leading the world in action on climate change. In the past few months three governments have enacted some sort of permanent ban on new oil and gas exploration, with New Zealand now joining them. All thanks to people like you demanding an end to oil exploration. You can read more about the New Zealand campaign in Steve's article on page 5.

At the end of last year France made history as the first country to implement immediate bans on all new oil and gas exploration licences. Early this year, Denmark also ended oil and gas exploration on land and inland waters, and Belize issued an indefinite ban on all offshore oil drilling.

Ireland has a bill under consideration to ban all fossil fuel exploration off the Irish coast which has passed the first stage of Parliament, bringing the country one step closer to joining us in becoming fossil fuel free.

New Zealand inspired the world when we stood up to the world's superpowers and went nuclear-free. Now we've done it again by banning all new offshore oil exploration. Both times it was thanks to you, the people. This is how we win. Together.

Appealing for Environmental Justice in the Arctic

You may recall that over a year ago, Greenpeace and Norwegian group Nature and Youth filed a historic lawsuit against the Norwegian government for continuing to issue new Arctic oil drilling licenses.

In the hearing held earlier this year, we won a partial victory when the Oslo District Court recognised that citizens and future generations have a constitutional right to a healthy environment. However, the Court failed to rule that Arctic oil licenses were in breach of these rights. This ruling is unacceptable and disregards the fact that if we want to avoid the dangerous effects of climate change, we cannot afford to burn the world's existing oil reserves, let alone drill for new ones.

That is why, thanks to Greenpeace supporters like you, we are appealing the judgement and taking the Norwegian

government to the Supreme Court. We will not give up the fight for an oil free future and for protection for the Arctic.



Greenpeace activists mark the start of the People vs Arctic Oil trial by protesting against Arctic oil drilling in front of the Norwegian Embassy in Berlin. © Gordon Welters / Greenpeace

▶ **WATCH:** This court case in Norway will have worldwide implications.



THE TIME TO PROTECT THE ANTARCTIC IS NOW

By Emily Hunter



Emily Hunter is our new Oceans Campaigner who has joined us from Greenpeace Canada, previously having worked for other environmental organisations like Sea Shepherd. Her father, Robert Hunter, co-founded Greenpeace in 1971.

Our Earth really is a blue planet, covered by vast oceans that exist outside of the boundaries of flags, languages and nations. Larger than every continent combined, they belong to us all. **That also means we have a collective responsibility to protect them.**

Already your generous support has allowed us to campaign for the creation of a huge Antarctic sanctuary in the Ross Sea. But our work isn't done. This year, we have the opportunity to protect even more of the magnificent Antarctic by creating the largest protected area on Earth: a 1.8 million square kilometre Antarctic Ocean Sanctuary encompassing the deep Weddell Sea.

As an oceans campaigner, it's my role to champion this cause. Just like my father, who led the world's first anti-whaling campaign at sea in the 1970s, I have

Fantastic Beasts star Alison Sudol and Stranger Things star David Harbour aboard the Arctic Sunrise in the Antarctic.
© Daniel Beltrá/Greenpeace



spent years on the frontline fighting for our oceans and all the creatures that call them home.

Today at Greenpeace, we still care for the protection of whales—but our mission has grown. **We need to do more than protect a single species. With your support, we campaign to protect entire ecosystems that keep our planet healthy and provide our wildlife with safe habitats and an abundant food supply.**

Ocean sanctuaries help do just that. And to create them, we need your support.

This year, the Antarctic Ocean Commission, which includes New Zealand, will meet to discuss the proposed Antarctic Ocean Sanctuary. Together, we can ensure that our government backs the proposal by using good old-fashioned people power. Because if this sanctuary is successful, a huge swathe of Antarctic waters—and all the penguins, whales and seals that live there—will be protected from industrial fishing and other dangers. Your support will make all the difference. **So, are you ready to make history?**

The importance of krill

Nearly a decade ago I set sail to the Antarctic Ocean focussed on saving whales with Sea Shepherd. What I expected to see was a desolate, frigid and isolated ocean. But what I found instead was a region of the world that was teeming with life.

It's a place where Emperor penguins trek 100km to mate, and colossal squid with eyes the size of basketballs hunt in the depths. It's a place where the largest animals on the planet—blue whales—sweep through the icy waters to feed on the small creatures, krill, before continuing their journeys.



Adélie Penguins in the Antarctic. © Christian Åslund/Greenpeace

Practically every animal in the Antarctic food chain relies on krill – a tiny, shrimp-like creature. But the growing multi-million dollar krill fishing industry is scooping these creatures from the oceans to make Omega-3 health supplements and for use as feed in fish farms. **It is vital that we halt the krill industry's plans for expansion, making sure animals like whales and penguins aren't forced to compete with them for food.** That is why a new Antarctic marine sanctuary is so gravely needed—to put these waters off-limits to industrial fishing vessels sucking up krill.

As a Greenpeace supporter, I know you care about our oceans as much as I do. **While they deserve protecting for their own sake, the benefits of protecting Antarctic waters are far-reaching. Healthy oceans sustain our planet.** They play a crucial role in soaking up carbon dioxide, protecting us from the worst effects of climate change. They provide billions of people with their livelihoods and with food. Our fate and the fate of our oceans are intimately connected. Giving our oceans space to recover helps us all.

On board the *Arctic Sunrise*

In January, thanks to your generous support, we were able to send our ship the *Arctic Sunrise* to gather evidence supporting the case for why this Antarctic sanctuary must be created.

The Antarctic is a stunning part of the world that takes your breath away; imagine natural ice sculptures carved by the wind, towering snowy mountains, endless oceans punctuated by icebergs and penguins. Millions of penguins make the Antarctic their home, alongside seals, sea birds and whales.

Scientists, photographers, celebrities, journalists and the Greenpeace crew set sail on a three-month round trip to the Antarctic to study previously unexplored parts of the seabed. **It soon became clear how vulnerable marine ecosystems are being affected by climate change, and how industrial krill fishing could further exacerbate these pressures.**

In our first weeks at sea, we discovered an underwater world teeming with life and rare ecosystems.



Submarine image of the seabed in the Antarctic. © Greenpeace

Submarine pilot John Hocevar explained: “There were sponges, corals, sea squirts, a lot of different kinds of sea stars and their relatives: basket stars and feather stars.

It was just incredible how the whole bottom was carpeted with life.”

What happens next?

We need our Government to not only support an Antarctic Ocean Sanctuary, but to make it a reality by advocating for it internationally. We need them to go further; it's not just about the Antarctic Ocean. To avoid the worst effects of climate change and to safeguard the wonderful creatures that live in our oceans, we need to protect at least 30% of our total oceans, starting with the Antarctic Ocean.

In the 1980s, it took a global movement to stop oil and mining companies from plundering the natural deposits beneath Antarctica.

Now, it's time for all of us to make sure the seas of the Antarctic, and all their brilliant wildlife, are also protected.

If you've already signed the petition to Protect the Antarctic, thank you. If you haven't, please take a moment to **sign on and share it with your friends here**



Activist protest against krill fishing within the proposed marine protected area. © Paul Hilton/Greenpeace



A survival pod containing two people is attached to the anchor chain of one of the krill fishing ships. © Paul Hilton/Greenpeace



▶ **WATCH:** Why we are campaigning for Antarctic protection.



Protecting areas like this is really important

BEHIND THE SCENES

SAM NEILL AND THE PLASTICS CAMPAIGN

By Phil Vine

At Greenpeace, we can only campaign on important environmental issues because of you. Your support enabled us to make a video starring Sam Neill, supporting our Ban the Bag petition, which eventually went viral, reaching 1.3 million people! This helped us to grow support on our petition by thousands, having a huge impact when we went to deliver the petition to parliament. We hope you'll enjoy this behind the scenes piece on how the making of the video came together.

They say that fortune favours the prepared. Apparently it also smiles on the not so sorted. Thank goodness. To say that we were even slightly ready for our filming date with Kiwi actor Sam Neill would be a lie. But in true Greenpeace NZ fashion we nimbly changed horses at the last minute and came up with a bit of a winner.

Originally you see, we were actually going down to Wellington to hand in our Ban the Bag petition along with New Zealand's

most recognisable actor, Sam Neill (Jurassic Park, Peaky Blinders, Hunt for the Wilderpeople etc.).

Due to unforeseen circumstances the petition delivery had to be postponed. We still had about an hour and a half of Sam Neill's time, which we didn't want to squander. We asked if Sam might be up for a little supportive video instead. Yes he might. Can he see the script? Well no actually, we haven't written it yet. True story.

That night we came up with something. Well quite a few things. One of the original lines started "Hi I'm Sam Neill. You might remember me from films such as Jurassic Park. Don't be a dinosaur, stop using single-use plastic." Knuckle biter. Very glad we didn't show him that draft.

The final version took for its inspiration the edgy "Casual Racism" videos which Sam's long-time collaborator Taika Waititi had made for the Human Rights Commission. In them Taika asks New Zealanders support a very important cause— "Racism needs your help to survive."



Greenpeace campaigners and supporters delivering the Ban the Bag petition to Parliament. © Ellie Hooper/Greenpeace

Taking an uber serious subject and, rather than being finger wavy, he accentuated the ridiculous nature of human failings to enormous effect. How would it be then, if acting icon and environmentalist Sam Neill was actually praising plastic bags?

The first test was the next morning when our team went to meet Sam at his hotel. Cue several nail-biting minutes, as Sam crossed out lines on the script. Thankfully there were still a good clutch left by the time he was done and he'd even added a few touches of his own.

Second hurdle, the weather. Yes it was Wellington, and yes it was windy. Surprise. With sensitive broadcast microphones even the smallest breeze can really mess up your audio. Because it was a story about ocean plastic, naturally we wanted to do it on the beach. In the time before Sam was due beachside we tested half a dozen spots in and around the Wellington coastline. We found one place that might work for some exteriors but there was no way we could get away with filming the whole thing outside.

In the end we flung ourselves at the gnarly feet of the Lyall Bay Surf Club, bless their cotton socks. Fortune smiled. The friendly administrator checked her computer. "You're lucky it's the only day the club room isn't booked right up until Christmas."

Enter Sam Neill. Everyone was a bit overawed. Dan our marine biologist, the other talent in the video, said that Sam seemed to just glide into the surf club.



Actor Sam Neill eats a plastic bag in the Greenpeace video campaigning for a Governmental plastic bag ban.
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Camilla from the Greenpeace team awkwardly enquired after his pet pigs she'd seen in photos on Twitter. My attempt at small talk was also a fizzer. I brought up the Peaky Blinders TV series, and said how much I enjoyed his character, Inspector Campbell. He told me I must still be watching the early series. I hadn't realised they'd killed him off. Awkward.

It was all a bit tense until the camera went on, and Sam flipped his performance switch. The magic came. He provided just the right measure of dialled down sarcasm describing the "humble plastic bag as lightweight, portable, useful...and stupid."

The golden moment of the shoot came when Sam was standing at the window, still in performance mode. I cheekily asked

him to stuff his prop, a used plastic bag from under the sink, into his mouth in its entirety—just like a turtle might. He did it and at that moment we knew we had something.

Seven Sharp premiered the video on prime time. It featured on every major news site, inspired thousands more signatures on the petition, and drove terrific coverage of the petition hand in. Some commentators wondered whether Sam Neill "was okay". Then realised he was pulling their leg. At the time of writing, the video has had 1.3 million views on Facebook alone. If you haven't seen it yet, see the following video.

▶ **WATCH:** Sam Neill plastics campaign video.



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Dear Anthony,

I read in the paper that the Charities Board said Greenpeace can't be a charity. Does that mean I can't claim my tax refund? And what does this mean for Greenpeace?

Stephen

Kia ora Stephen,

Thanks for your question, I know this is a confusing issue. First of all, don't worry: this won't stop us from doing the work that we do. And all donations to Greenpeace are tax deductible because we have what's called "donee status". This means that our financial supporters are able to claim a refund from the IRD of up to one third of their donations to Greenpeace at the end of the tax year.

By now, you should have received all your receipts for the year. If you haven't, please get in touch with my team and we'll get you sorted.

Some years ago, we applied to be registered as a charity. We were turned down in 2010 because our promotion of peace and disarmament was seen as too political and we did too much advocacy! We've been fighting for that decision to be overturned for seven years, and although the Supreme Court ruled in our favour in 2014, this past March the Charities Board decided that we still could not be a charity.

We think the decision was wrong; we're considering our options and taking legal advice about what to do next. We'll be sure to keep you updated. In the words of our Executive Director, Russel Norman: "Greenpeace may not be viewed as a charity, but it is a necessity.... We're going to get on with doing the work that is a vital part of any democratic society: Advocating for our environment, and all of the people and creatures that call this planet home." Rest assured, this decision won't keep us down.

We've already started on some exciting new work this year, such as the Antarctic campaign, which you can read about on page 24. I hope you'll consider donating your tax refund back to Greenpeace so that together we can keep fighting for this beautiful world that we all love.

If you do decide to donate your refund, we'll receive it anonymously, so please email us to let us know and we'll give you a proper thank you.

Anthony

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