

END OF YEAR REPORT 2023



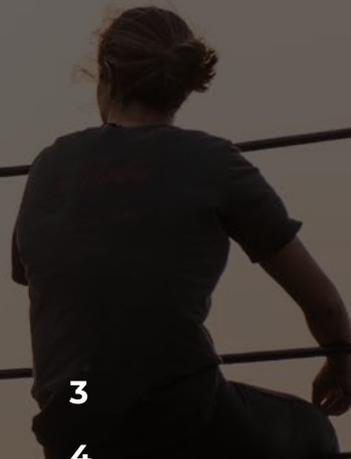
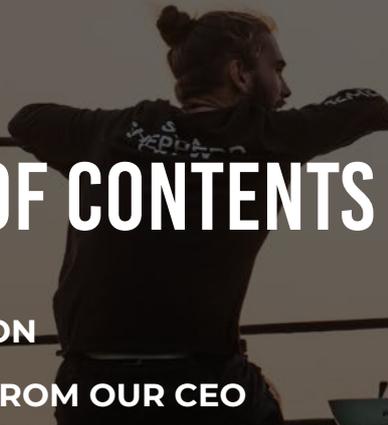


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INTRODUCTION

IN A YEAR MARKED BY STRATEGIC ADVANCEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT GLOBAL IMPACT, SEA SHEPHERD HAS CONTINUED TO LEAD THE CHARGE IN DIRECT-ACTION OCEAN CONSERVATION.

Our mission, rooted in the defense, conservation, and protection of the world's oceans, has never been more critical. Amidst a backdrop of escalating environmental challenges, including illegal fishing, habitat destruction, and the indiscriminate depletion of marine wildlife, Sea Shepherd stands fast on the frontlines against these threats.

Our approach goes beyond mere advocacy; with the largest independent navy dedicated to marine conservation, we actively engage in direct interventions to enforce conservation laws and protect ocean habitats. Our passionate volunteers embark on campaigns that truly make a difference - from confiscating illegal or abandoned fishing gear that decimates marine populations, to cracking down on poachers in collaborating with governments and law enforcement agencies worldwide. Our presence on the seas serves as a deterrent to illegal activities and a beacon of hope for the future of marine life.

Looking back on our accomplishments and setting our sights on the future, our dedication as the ocean's advocate and defender remains unshaken. We are more than an organization; we are a movement, galvanized by the collective efforts of our supporters, donors, and dedicated volunteers, who together make Sea Shepherd one of the most effective forces for ocean conservation.

Sea Shepherd. For the Ocean





A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

A new and most likely the biggest threat to the whales yet, made us return to Antarctica in January 2023. Krill fishing super trawlers are vacuuming up the very foundation of the Antarctic ecosystem, competing directly with whales for their primary food source. Our campaign put a spotlight on this industry that had been operating in the shadows, shying away from public exposure. We brought the Associated Press on our ship the *Allankay* and their story showed the struggle between the whales and the trawlers. This was crucial to put a stop to a further expansion of the krill quotas. But this fight is far from over, in 2024 we return once again to Antarctica to keep the pressure on the krill fishing fleet. The only acceptable outcome for Sea Shepherd and the whales is to get these ships out of the whale feeding grounds.

But we did so much more in 2023:

Our ships the *Age Of Union*, supported by Dax Dasilva, and the *Ocean Warrior*, supported by the Dutch Postcode Lottery, continued to be

active in Africa, working with our government partners to arrest illegal fishing vessels. We are seeing an effect; fish populations are increasing again in all our partner countries.

In Italy we now have seven campaigns addressing illegal fishing and the protection of species. From driftnets to turtle protection on the beaches, patrolling protected areas and recovering ghost nets with divers. Our cooperation with the Italian authorities continues to be stronger every year, working side by side to address illegal activity. We even succeeded in becoming officially authorized fishery inspectors thanks to the hard work of our Italian staff and volunteers. I was fortunate enough to board our ship the *Sea Eagle* in July and joined our crew in retrieving octopus traps from the Tuscan Reserve. Thanks to the generous and ongoing support of *Allianz*, the *Sea Eagle* continues to be a force to be reckoned with. Also, the *Conrad*, thanks to the support of Sebastiano Cossia Castiglioni, is essential in all our Italian campaigns.

In Greece our ship the *Emanuel Bronner*, supported by Dr. Bronner's, is working together with the Greek authorities to protect the biggest Marine Park in the Mediterranean, the Alonissos National Park, a crucial habitat for the endangered Mediterranean Monk Seal.

In Germany our new ship the *Triton*, for the first time, entered the campaign to protect the porpoises in the Baltic Sea, and our divers successfully removed 11 tons of ghost nets from shipwrecks. The ship is a real game changer, making 2023 the most successful year for the Baltic Sea Campaign.

Sea Shepherd Global and Sea Shepherd US collaborated to revamp our campaign against the slaughter of pilot whales and dolphins in the Faroe Islands. As part of the Stop the Grind Coalition, they spoke at the EU Parliament in November to influence global political action.

In Australia our Shark Defense Campaign succeeded in getting several species removed from the kill list of the pointless government shark control program. The Marine Debris team continued to remove trash to protect precious habitats and marine life. Our remote cleanup campaigns, working with Indigenous rangers cleaned up critical sea turtle nesting

sites, allowing turtles to once again come ashore and lay their eggs on a cleaned beach.

The krill campaign in Antarctica was the first deployment of our new ship the *Allankay*, a great addition that will serve us for many years to come. We used the rest of 2023 to continue the vessel's refit; the ship is now equipped with two new cranes and small boats which gives us the operating capacity needed for our various campaigns.

All around the world, our staff, crew and passionate volunteers continue to work tirelessly protecting our ocean and creating awareness. We are blessed to receive so much support from our supporters and it strengthens us to work harder every year.

The fight to protect all life in the sea intensifies, but the rewards are unprecedented. The victories we have booked are proof that dedication and passion can save the ocean.

We look forward to facing these challenges and celebrate these victories with all of you in the years to come.

For the Ocean,



Captain Alex Cornelissen
Chief Executive Officer
Sea Shepherd Global



DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL CAMPAIGNS OVERVIEW

After a decade and a half of relentlessly pursuing the Japanese whaling fleet around the frozen continent of Antarctica, we finally drove the whalers out of the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary. For the past five years, not a single whale has been harpooned in the Antarctic.

With whaling ended, we trained our sights on illegal fishing and shut down the six last remaining pirate fishing vessels still setting their nets in the southern polar realms. We accomplished this feat in less than two years.

There is now a new threat facing the Antarctic ecosystem.

Whales are dying even though the harpoon canons have gone quiet. But it's not whalers killing whales—it's fishermen.

Since the start of our campaigns partnering with governments around the African continent to shut down illegal fishing, the Sea Shepherd Global fleet of vessels has focused on the single greatest threat to whales and

dolphins: industrialized fishing.

The whaling countries of the world slaughter around 3,000 whales annually while over 300,000 whales and dolphins die every single year entangled in fishing gear.

Industrialized fishing—and illegal fishing in particular—kills one hundred times more cetaceans than all the whaling ships of the world combined.

When the *Age of Union* assisted The Gambia Navy to arrest five vessels for illegal fishing in August, those trawlers were operating in protected waters frequented by the Atlantic humpback dolphin.

As crew on the *Sea Eagle* spent another year pulling up illegal nets in the Mediterranean, they were inspired to take direct action after the death of a young sperm whale named Siso, who died after valiant attempts were made by the Italian Coast Guard to free Siso from a net.

Humpback whale populations that had been decimated by whaling factories in Walvis Bay and Swakopmund are finally returning to Namibian waters, where *Ocean Warrior* vigilantly patrols the Skeleton Coast together with Namibian authorities.

And when Sea Shepherd returned to the Southern Ocean onboard the *Allankay* at the beginning of this year, it was to expose the destructive activities of a fleet of 12 super trawlers targeting krill, a small crustacean that forms the foundation of the Antarctic food chain, and is the primary food source for baleen whales.

From West Africa to Antarctica, Sea Shepherd has taken on an ecosystem approach to saving whales, protecting the critical marine

habitats that sustain life in the oceans.

Few marine habitats are as critical as Antarctica, and no organization has a greater track record of delivering concrete wins for whales in the Southern Ocean than Sea Shepherd.

Those victories were only possible thanks to your generous support. *Thank you.*



Captain Peter Hammarstedt
Sea Shepherd Global Director
of Campaigns



OUR CAMPAIGNS



- EUROPE / MEDITERRANEAN
- AFRICA
- ANTARCTICA & OCEANIA



**MARINE DEBRIS CAMPAIGN
AUSTRALIA**

**SHARK DEFENCE CAMPAIGN
AUSTRALIA**

**OPERATION PAHU
NEW ZEALAND**



OUR PARTNERS

Since 2016, Sea Shepherd Global has been working with national authorities and regional partners to combat IUU fishing, and fisheries crime, in African waters. Successful campaigns have been conducted in partnership with authorities in Gabon, São Tomé & Príncipe, Liberia, Benin, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and The Gambia. To date, these unique partnerships have resulted in the arrest of over 80 vessels for illegal fishing and other fisheries crimes.

OUR APPROACH

The key to stopping IUU fishing is monitoring, control and surveillance - especially the enforcement of existing laws and regulations protecting marine wildlife, people and the environment. However, many African coastal and island states do not currently have offshore patrol vessels that can cover the entirety of their waters. Sea Shepherd is the only organization providing civilian offshore patrol vessels so that authorities from partner countries can enforce fisheries and conservation laws in their sovereign waters.



LOOKING FORWARD

Sea Shepherd Global continually aims to strengthen relationships with partner nations while steadily building partnerships in additional African countries where IUU fishing is an ongoing problem. The success of our campaigns in the region have provided us an opportunity to expand its area of operations to protect more marine wildlife on both the west and east coast of the African continent.



ILLEGAL FISHING CAMPAIGNS

Sea Shepherd is on the front lines, working with local authorities and regional partners to combat one of the biggest threats to marine wildlife today: illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

WHY WE MUST END IUU FISHING?

IUU FISHING IS ESTIMATED TO BE THE SIXTH-LARGEST GLOBAL CRIME.

► 1 in 5 wild ocean fish on the market are believed to have been caught through IUU fishing.

► IUU fishing not only places immense pressure on the 93% of commercial fishing populations that are fully or over-exploited. It also threatens coastal communities that depend on these species.

► Marine wildlife for human consumption is the world's most valuable traded commodity. Though difficult to evaluate, it is believed that IUU fishing accounts for up to \$23.5 billion worth of sales each year.

► It is estimated that, over 300,000 whales and dolphins die from entanglement in fishing gear every year. These entanglements are the single largest cause of mortality for small cetaceans.

AFRICA



Operation Gambian Coastal Defense

The Gambia

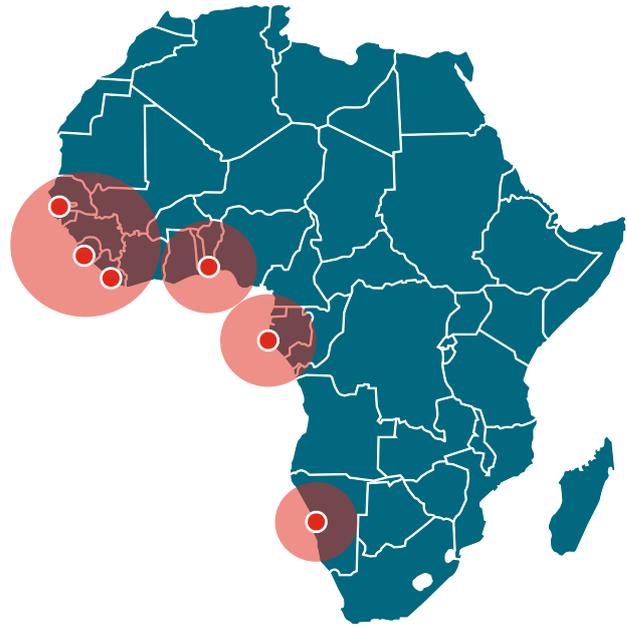
This renewed 5-year partnership between Sea Shepherd Global and the government of The Gambia led to the arrest of five industrial trawlers in Gambian waters in 2023. Law enforcement agents from The Gambian Navy stationed onboard of Sea Shepherd's *Age of Union* arrested three trawlers fishing illegally in protected waters, another one after a scuffle between small-scale fishers and the crew of a commercial fishing vessel, and finally a trawler named *Twenty*, which was using illegal fishing gear to catch octopus, cuttlefish and falsely labeled "sustainably caught shrimp" destined for the European market. To date, **26 vessels have been arrested** on this campaign since 2019.



Operation Sola Stella VIII

Liberia

Sea Shepherd is currently on our eighth season of patrolling Liberia's waters with our partners from the Liberian Coast Guard onboard the *Age of Union*. **Twenty-one arrests** have been made in this campaign since 2017.



Sierra Leone Coastal Defense Campaign III

Sierra Leone

In 2023 Sea Shepherd Global continued our coordination with the Sierra Leone Navy to conduct patrols at-sea on board of the *Age of Union* combating illegal fishing. This year, we assisted in the arrest of **two trawlers as they crossed into Sierra Leonean waters from neighboring Guinea-Conakry**. The arrests followed the apprehension of a 65-meter purse seiner illegally deploying fish aggregating devices (FADs) in Sierra Leonean waters. Eight vessels have been arrested since the beginning of the campaign in 2021. The patrols are generously funded by *Age of Union*, an environmental non-profit founded and led by philanthropist and tech entrepreneur Dax Dasilva.



Operation Albacore VIII

Gabon and São Tomé & Príncipe

No illegal activity was detected during our eight campaign patrolling Africa's largest marine protected area with Gabonese authorities. [The arrest of twelve vessels](#) for illegal fishing and other fisheries crime since 2016 has successfully deterred poaching.

Operation Vanguard

Namibia

In 2023, incidents of 'border hopping' by foreign industrial factory trawlers that fish illegally in the most remote areas of Namibia's sovereign waters have largely ceased due to at-sea patrols with Namibian fisheries inspectors and police officers working in collaboration with Sea Shepherd crew on board the *Ocean Warrior*.



Operation Guegou V

Benin

No illegal activity was detected on our fifth season partnering with local NGO Eco-Benin and law enforcement agents on the Sea Shepherd vessel *Age of Union*. [Seven arrests](#) have been made on this campaign since 2019.



Women At Sea Africa

This year, Sea Shepherd Global's new initiative [Women At Sea Africa was backed by Lloyd's Register Foundation](#) to support female maritime professionals in Africa. In a male-dominated marine industry, women of the African continent face substantial barriers to obtain sea time for professional qualifications. The Foundation's grant will cover flights, travel insurance and monthly stipends for four cadets to join our campaigns against illegal fishing in Africa. This way, they can complete their logbook to apply for their maritime qualifications. Sea Shepherd is committed to equipping underrepresented seafarers with professional seagoing experience, by upholding the highest industry standards in safety, crew welfare, and training onboard.

EUROPE/MEDITERRANEAN

Each year, Sea Shepherd's European campaigns grow stronger, expanding in scope and capabilities thanks to key partnerships with local authorities and conservation groups. From the Mediterranean to the Baltic Sea and the Faroe Islands, we remain on the frontlines, preserving diverse marine ecosystems across Europe.



Monachus Monk Seal Defense Campaign

Italy & Greece

Sea Shepherd Italy and Greece continued their efforts in 2023 to protect the Mediterranean Monk Seal, the most endangered marine mammal in the Mediterranean Sea whose populations suffer from habitat destruction, entanglement in fishing gear, and decline of their primary food source: octopus.

Sea Shepherd Greece has been patrolling the National Marine Park of Alonissos and North Sporades onboard the *M/Y Emanuel Bronner*, concentrating their efforts on Zone A, the most regulated and vital habitat for the Monk Seals. Throughout the summer, the team encountered a few cases of illegal spearfishing, which were immediately reported to the Coast Guard. These patrols have been successful in reducing the number of illegal boats in Zone A to only a third of 2022's count

The quieter environment in the marine park led to a threefold increase in sightings of dolphins, monk seals, turtles, sharks, and tuna. With the trawler season beginning in October, Sea Shepherd Greece reported minor trawler-related incidents to the Coast Guard, but overall their ongoing pres-



ence has been a deterrent. They'll be patrolling the park through the winter of 2024, continuing their vigilance and conservation efforts.

There have been promising signs of recovery for the Mediterranean monk seals in the Tuscan archipelago in 2023. Sea Shepherd Italy crew worked in collaboration with the *Guardia di Finanza* and the Tuscan Archipelago National Park Authority to confiscate 3479 octopus traps, freeing 267 octopuses. Their partnership has resulted in a decreased presence of illegal fishing vessels, a 50% reduction in octopus traps in protected areas, and zero illegal traps in the water during the reproduction season.



Operation Siso VI

Italy



In this sixth year of patrolling the Tyrrhenian Sea onboard the *M/Y Sea Eagle* and the *Conrad*, Sea Shepherd Italy crew covered 7072 nautical miles over 83 days at sea, dedicating nearly 38,000 hours to safeguarding the marine environment. Working in collaboration with Italian authorities like the Coast Guard and Guardia di Finanza, they retrieved over 60km of illegal fishing gear, including longlines and Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs).

In 2023, Sea Shepherd Italy volunteers became [the first-ever Sea Rangers](#), specifically trained to defend and protect marine wildlife and monitor compliance with national laws regulating fishing in Italy. Their continuous and prolonged patrols along the coasts of Calabria together with the Coast Guard and the Capitaneria di Porto, with jurisdiction over national public and private waters, have effectively reduced Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing by 70% in the waters between Calabria and Sicily.

Support from *Allianz* has been crucial in keeping our ship at sea for extended periods throughout Operation Siso. They have not only provided financial backing, but also donate their time as volunteers to crew on the *Sea Eagle*.



Ghostnet Campaign

Italy

This year the Ghostnet Campaign team successfully executed two important ghostnet recovery operations. The first took place near Genoa at Punta Manara, where the team retrieved nets endangering one of the rare Gold coral (*Savalia savaglia*) forests in the Mediterranean. [The second operation freed ghostnets from two WWII plane wrecks in Augusta](#), Sicily, with the authorization of the Italian Sea Authority. This not only protected the local marine environment but also facilitated the identification of the wrecks, piecing together the history of the crews involved, and bringing long-awaited closure for their families.

Additionally, this year saw the [Ghostnet Campaign collaborate with Abyss Cleanup](#), using ROVs to conduct comprehensive scientific surveys on the state of waste accumulation in the Strait of Messina at depths exceeding 600 meters. The findings will be showcased in a documentary set to premiere in cinemas in 2024, shedding light on these critical underwater ecosystems.



SEA RANGERS ON THE HUNTER
SMALL BOAT IN CALABRIA



Operation Siracusa

Italy

First launched in 2017, this campaign uses [on-shore coastal patrols](#) in collaboration with local authorities to stop poaching in the Plemmirio Marine Protected Area, a sanctuary for highly endangered species. By 2023, the population of Brown Grouper, which in 2014 was in danger of extinction despite being a breeding site, has grown by 500%. An exceptional effect defined by marine biologists as “*the Sea Shepherd effect*”. Without the campaign it would have been difficult to reach these numbers in such a short time.



Operation Jairo Med

Italy

[Jairo Med](#) is Sea Shepherd Italy's longstanding commitment to the defense, protection, and conservation of loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) in the Mediterranean. The volunteers are specially trained to rescue turtles injured by fishing gear entanglement or the ingestion of plastic, and transporting them to appropriate care centers. During the nesting season, they meticulously patrol the beaches at dawn to spot turtle tracks and monitor nests daily in close collaboration with Caretta Calabria Conservation. With only one in a thousand hatchlings estimated to reach reproductive age, each life saved is a victory against the depletion of ocean life.

Baltic Sea Campaigns

Germany



Sea Shepherd Germany successfully carried out three campaigns in 2023 to better protect the Baltic Sea and its inhabitants. During January and February, undercover patrols for the Mission Covert Traps campaign documented illegal fishing and bycatches of protected sea ducks in Wollin National Park, where important wildlife habitats overlap with gillnet fishing grounds. From May to October, the Baltic Sea Campaign deployed Sea Shepherd Germany's new vessel *Triton*, instrumental in the recovery of over 11 tonnes of ghost nets, removal of an illegal gillnet, and documentation of numerous conservation law violations (charges have been filed). Another 2023 highlight was the inaugural test of Marine Meadows, a campaign to restore seagrass meadows. In August, 2,500 seagrass plants were transplanted in collaboration with the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel, marking a promising start for this ecological restoration effort.



Stop The Grind

Faroe Islands

In August, Sea Shepherd Global and Sea Shepherd US teamed up to reorganize the campaign to end the slaughter of pilot whales and dolphins migrating through Faroese waters, joined by campaign lead Valentina Crast, who continues to manage actions on the ground from May through October. This includes the honest and reliable documentation of each slaughter, as well as networking with and supporting local anti-whaling voices within the Faroe Islands. As coordinating members of the [Stop the Grind Coalition](#), Sea Shepherd remains committed to helping to unite and amplify the efforts of international organizations, elected officials and other public figures to influence change on a global political sphere. In November, the coalition hosted an event at the EU Parliament in Brussels, the first in a series of multi-stakeholder discussions on the Grind that will continue through 2024.



Ghost Network Project

Europe

Sea Shepherd's campaigns against IUU fishing also involve the removal of abandoned, lost, and discarded fishing gear (ALDFG) -- aka ghost nets -- encountered on our patrols. To further our commitment to ocean conservation, in 2023 we introduced the [Ghost Network project](#) -- an innovative B2B solution aimed at partnering with businesses to repurpose or recycle recovered fishing gear, in accordance with five core commandments: 100% Repurposing, No Exclusion of Materials, Traceable through Blockchain, Part Proceeds to Sea Shepherd, and Mandatory Sustainable PLM (Product Lifecycle Management). In its first year, the Ghost Network has conducted a pilot project in partnership with #tide to collect and recycle nets in Croatian ports. In January 2024 Sea Shepherd Portugal will launch Ghost Network Portugal in four Portuguese ports.



OCEANIA & ANTARCTICA



Operation Antarctica Defense

Antarctica

In the beginning of 2023 our newest vessel the *Allankay* journeyed into Antarctica for [Operation Antarctica Defense](#) to unveil the horrific reality of industrial krill fisheries. [During an encounter off the South Orkney Islands](#) the crew – and Associated Press journalists embedded with our media team – captured footage of several super trawlers plowing through a megapod of over two hundred fin whales who were feeding on krill. This documentation of industrial vessels competing with

wildlife for food was shared across the world, causing international outrage and calls for this legal industry to be shut down.

The AP's subsequent in-depth investigative report into the destructive activities of the krill fishing fleet was released just before the October meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) – the international regulatory body responsible for protecting Antarctica's precious ecosystem – which finally decided not to increase the krill catch quota. Although this is a win, Sea Shepherd still believes a catch quota of zero is the only way to preserve Antarctica's biodiversity.



Sea Shepherd Global has also teamed up with the Australian [Bob Brown Foundation](#), which is [investigating the krill fishing companies](#) and how krill ends up on the shelves of Australian supermarkets and pharmacies. We will be returning to Antarctica in early 2024 to continue the campaign to protect this critical marine environment, and the whales, penguins, seals, krill, and other wildlife that depend on it.



Marine Debris Campaign

Australia

The Marine Debris team has conducted over 100 community beach clean-ups around Australia in 2023. More than 2000 community members joined them to remove a staggering 4.5 tonnes of trash from Australia's coastline. A huge milestone was achieved on their remote campaigns, surpassing over 100 tonnes of trash removed from remote beaches, including Mapoon and the Tiwi Islands. They've formed new partnerships with CSIRO and UNSW Smart Center to help lead the way in the fight against plastic pollution, looking for long-term impacts and solutions for the ocean. Sea Shepherd Australia was also awarded a federal government grant under the Ghost Nets Innovative Solutions Grant Project for remote cleanup campaigns in the Gulf of Carpentaria into 2024.



Shark Defence Campaign

Australia

Sea Shepherd Australia's Shark Defence Campaign to be a leading voice for shark conservation, resulting in many wins in 2023, including the removal of 12 shark species from the Queensland kill list, and a commitment from the NSW Labor government to phase out shark nets. In working with other groups, political and community stakeholders, they have also seen rapid progress in New South Wales (NSW), resulting in several mayors and MPs actively calling for the removal of shark nets in their areas. Sea Shepherd Australia was also part of the University of Sydney and the Sydney Environment Institutes Shark Safety Panel, facilitating the largest localized public sentiment survey on sharks, showing that the community wants action now on protecting people and sharks.

Operation Pahu

New Zealand

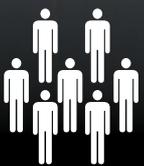


Twelve months on from Sea Shepherd's historic win for the Māui dolphin and the US ban is still in place for set-net and trawl fisheries operating in Māui habitat. Recent news from the United States fisheries agency (NMFS) that they are extending countries time to be compliant effectively means the ban on NZ seafood could stay in place for another two years.

This year, Sea Shepherd New Zealand launched a [new small patrol boat](#) for Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland, the *Fox Fraher*, which will be used to monitor and protect Māui along with a number of other marine conservation projects. The legendary patrol boat Loki, which has seen action in the Faroe Islands, has now been redeployed from Southland to Otago / Christchurch. "Look out for more great news from Aotearoa in the New Year!" says Sea Shepherd New Zealand Managing Director, Michael Lawry.



SEA SHEPHERD GLOBAL 2023 CREW



**TOTAL UNIQUE
CREW: 300**

196 Male, 104 Female



**TOTAL NATIONS
REPRESENTED: 39**

Age of Union

Unique Crew: 104
Nations Represented: 26

Allankay

Unique Crew: 99
Nations Represented: 28

Ocean Warrior

Unique Crew: 39
Nations Represented: 18

Sea Eagle

Unique Crew: 112
Nations Represented: 26

SEA SHEPHERD GLOBAL FLEET

Since 1977, a number of vessels have served in the Sea Shepherd fleet to protect the world's marine wildlife. Today, Sea Shepherd vessels continue to patrol the world's oceans performing research and carrying out direct action tactics in order to uphold international conservation law and defend, conserve, protect the remaining biodiversity in our oceans.

Ocean Warrior

Type Patrol vessel
Launched 2016
Weight 454GT
Length 54m
Speed 25+ knots
Max Crew 16



On January 26, 2015, at the annual Goed Geld Gala (Good Money Gala) hosted by the Dutch Postcode Lottery in Amsterdam, Sea Shepherd Global was awarded €8.3 million for a "Dream Project" vessel built to "Stop Illegal Fishing in the Southern Ocean". It was constructed by Dutch shipbuilder Damen in the port of An-

talya, Turkey, and christened *Ocean Warrior* in September 2016. Its maiden voyage was Operation Nemesis, Sea Shepherd's 11th Antarctic Whale Defense Campaign, in 2016/2017. Interesting Fact: The *Ocean Warrior* is Sea Shepherd's first custom-built ship, and the fastest in its fleet, reaching speeds up to 30 knots.

Allankay

Type Former Longliner
Launched 1998
Weight 1089GT
Length 55m
Speed 12+ knots
Max Crew 28



The *Allankay* is a former Patagonian toothfish longliner transformed into a marine conservation vessel. Originally built in Norway in 1998, and lengthened by 10 meters in 2012, it became part of the Sea Shepherd fleet in 2022 thanks to a generous donation by an Australian couple,

Allan and Kay. The *Allankay* is an ice-strengthened vessel, well-suited to working in polar climates. [Operation Antarctica Defense](#), its inaugural campaign in February 2023, follows a long history of Sea Shepherd successes protecting the Antarctic.

Age of Union

Type Research/survey vessel
 Launched 1993
 Weight 720GT
 Length 56m
 Speed 10+ knots
 Max Crew 30



The *Age of Union* was named after our partners at the Age of Union Alliance following a very significant pledge of support at the very beginning of 2022, which also helped fund a complete overhaul of the ship. The vessel first joined the Sea Shepherd fleet under the name Sam Simon, after the Hollywood produc-

er and animal rights advocate who served on Sea Shepherd's Board of Advisors until his passing in 2015. His generous donation made it possible to purchase the former Japanese vessel in 2012, when it joined its first Antarctic Whale Defense Campaign that December, Operation Zero Tolerance.

Sea Eagle

Type pilot ship
 Launched 1986
 Weight 318GT
 Length 35m
 Max Crew 19



Acquired by Sea Shepherd in 2021 through funding from Allianz SE, Allianz Technology, and Allianz Italy as part of Sea Shepherd's partnership with Allianz to address the issue of plastic marine debris polluting the

ocean in the Mediterranean Sea. Also used to combat illegal fishing, the *Sea Eagle* is used to track down and confiscate illegal long lines, driftnets, fish aggregating devices, and octopus traps.

SMALL CRAFTS

Sea Shepherd's small craft allow close to shore direct action campaigns to be conducted, greatly increasing the organization's ability to protect marine wildlife.

Emanuel Bronner

Type Patrol Vessel
Launched 1970
Weight 11GT
Length 11.65 m
Max Crew 4



Generously donated by the famous organic soap company Dr. Bronner's, originally used by Sea Shepherd Germany for the Baltic Sea Campaign, transferred to Sea Shepherd Greece for the Monachus Monk Seal Campaign in the Alonissos National Marine Park of Greece.

Conrad

Type Patrol Vessel
Launched 2006
Weight 30GT
Length 17 m
Speed 12+ knots
Max Crew 4 bunks



Used by Sea Shepherd Italy for their direct-action campaigns in the Mediterranean Sea's Italian waters, including Operation Siso and the Monachus Defense Campaign.

Triton

Type Patrol Vessel
Launched 2013
Weight 97GT
Length 23m
Max Crew 12
(7 sleeping berths)



Acquired by Sea Shepherd Germany in 2022 from the Royal Police of Gibraltar, the *Triton* will be used for the Baltic Sea campaign. It has a purpose-built room for the diving team, seven sleeping berths, a crane and a small boat, the Sea Lion.

Jairo Mora Sandoval

Type Patrol Vessel
Launched 2000
Weight 24GT
Length 13 m
Max Crew 6



Status: Granted to the Cabo Verde-based conservation organization, Biosfera

SEA SHEPHERD NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE





Sea Shepherd

Austria



Sea Shepherd Austria celebrated its 10th anniversary this year and welcomed both Captain Alex Cornelissen and Captain Peter Hammarstedt at three events in Graz, Salzburg and Vienna in late November. Volunteers conducted around 15 river cleanups, one in cooperation with the Donau-Auen National Park, retrieving a total of around 1,000 kg of trash from Austrian rivers. Apart from that, volunteers participated in several Sea Shepherd campaigns internationally, including several campaigns in Italy and the Faroe Islands. In addition to events such as the Veganmania, the largest vegan street food festival in Europe, they were also represented on panels at various Austrian universities.



Sea Shepherd

Belgium



In December Sea Shepherd Belgium launched the Lobster Campaign to raise public awareness about the suffering caused by the transport and sale of live lobsters (Belgium is the fifth-largest consumer of lobster in the world). They sold merchandise at Sea Shepherd stands at a number of fairs and festivals throughout 2023, and have reinforced their team by recruiting a number of new coordinators. They are also looking forward to supporting Sea Shepherd Global's Antarctic Defense Campaign together with other chapters going into 2024.





Sea Shepherd 
Czech Republic

In 2023, Sea Shepherd Czech Republic hosted three charity concerts, and collaborated with Italian singer Corally at a major event in Prague. They conducted presentations at public events highlighting the importance of thinking globally and acting locally to protect the ocean. Sea Shepherd Czech Republic volunteers actively participated in Mediterranean campaigns against illegal fishing, including Operations Siso and Siracusa, and helped raise funds for the Monachus Seal Defence Campaign in Greece and Italy. Their presence at major summer music festivals including Fluff Fest, Basinfirefest, Obscene Extreme, Mighty Sounds, and Brutal Assault significantly boosted their outreach and fundraising efforts.



Sea Shepherd 
Netherlands

In 2023, Sea Shepherd Netherlands once again contributed to the multiple direct action campaigns worldwide. In particular, they have helped make good progress in the protection of sharks in collaboration with various parties in Gabon, a project that was made financially possible by a generous contribution from long-term Sea Shepherd partner, the Nationale Postcode Loterij. In 2024 they will present a new approach: SEA SHEPHERD T+E+A+M, as Tattoo, Education, Art and Music continue to play an important role in the raising of awareness as well as funds for Sea Shepherd's actions worldwide.

Sea Shepherd 
Ireland



In 2023, Sea Shepherd Ireland doubled their team of volunteers to 30, and collected over 600kg of waste from the beach all around Ireland on their Marine Debris campaign. They have partnered with GreenTech HQ to start a school-based Sustainability Course with a large focus on helping students understand their impact on the environment and the ocean. Introducing the wider Irish public to their chapter has been a top goal of Sea Shepherd Ireland and this year they presented at the Dublin Vegan Festival, some corporate events and to a sold out crowd in a popular store in Dublin City Center.



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Sea Shepherd Norway



Sea Shepherd Norway is a new group created in 2023 with the hopes of making a difference along the coast of Norway. *“We are one of few nations still allowing whaling, we have a huge farmed-salmon-industry where millions of individuals suffer and die horrendous deaths, our coastline is riddled with ghostnets, we still hunt for seals, and we are one of the largest fisheries in the world targeting krill,”* says Director Samuel Rostøl. They have also joined with OneWhale.org in order to protect the now famous beluga whale, Hvaldimir.



Sea Shepherd Portugal



The year began with Sea Shepherd Portugal's presence at the Economist Ocean Summit, highlighted by a live interview from the Antarctic featuring Captain Peter Hammarstedt. They were present at the Formula-e event in London, as well as the Wild Salmon Summit in Iceland bringing together salmon conservation organizations from across the North Atlantic. Alex Cornelissen was featured as the main guest at the Lisbon Talks in Portugal, and the merch stand at Dona Ajuda, managed by Lasse, reported strong sales. A shortage of volunteer leaders has put their shark awareness campaign on pause, but the beach cleaning team, led by Ljuba, achieved a new milestone by collecting 2,500kg of debris. Sea Shepherd Portugal also initiated the Ghost Network campaign to collect discarded fishing nets in local ports.

Sea Shepherd Spain



Despite a challenging year, Sea Shepherd Spain has been active in the community, participating in events at dive centers, and giving talks in schools and universities. They once again partnered with the Ocean Film Tour for events, which has helped build Sea Shepherd's visibility in Spain. Donations continue to come in from individual supporters, as well as a significant donation from a Spanish TV program. Sea Shepherd Spain Director Richard Barreno is working in parallel with different associations and entities to plan actions for 2024.



Sea Shepherd
Scandinavia



In 2023, volunteers in Sweden and Denmark represented Sea Shepherd at the Swedish Dive show and the Coldplay concert in the fall, and participated in several beach and underwater clean-ups. In Denmark volunteer numbers have been rising, and as every year, they have been heavily involved in the Faroe Islands campaign.



Sea Shepherd
Switzerland



From Natalie Maspoli Taylor, Director Sea Shepherd Switzerland: *"Thanks to the amazing support of our supporters and the hard, passionate work of our volunteers, Sea Shepherd Switzerland was able to contribute more than ever to Sea Shepherd Global campaigns. Next year we are going to celebrate our 10th anniversary, so stay tuned as we have many events happening!"*

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