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World's Oceans

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Oceana, founded in 2001, is the largest international advocacy organisation focused solely on ocean conservation. Our offices around the world work together to win strategic campaigns that achieve measurable outcomes that will help make our oceans more biodiverse and abundant.

What makes Oceana different?

Oceana's approach to marine conservation is one of a kind. We aim to protect the oceans by winning policy victories in the countries that govern much of the world's marine life.

- **Based on science:** Every year we conduct at-sea expeditions that explore areas where key data are lacking. Oceana is a pioneer non-profit organisation in researching the deep sea and we have even discovered species that are new to science!
- **Proposing change:** We analyse our own findings, together with other sources such as fish stock assessments, maritime traffic data, and trade statistics, in order to develop policy papers and expose illicit activities.
- **Results-oriented:** Our campaigners advocate for Oceana's proposals in their work with key decision-makers and stakeholders in relevant international and EU fora.

Our Victories

June
2016

Three areas with spawning and nursery grounds of hake and deep-water rose shrimp are protected in the Strait of Sicily

November
2016

Approval of a recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish, whose population had shrunk by two-thirds since the 1980s due to overfishing

June
2017

EU regulation is reformed so that the EU fleet fishing in third countries and the high seas becomes the most transparent, accountable, and sustainable worldwide

October
2017

A joint Oceana and United Nations initiative sees over 20 global groups commit to not insuring vessels that are blacklisted for their involvement in pirate fishing

December
2017

Four deep-sea coral species are protected in the Mediterranean, including Critically Endangered bamboo coral

June
2018

Malta announces eight marine protected areas based on the results of two Oceana expeditions that researched sandbanks, reefs, and marine caves

November
2018

Denmark stops issuing sand dredging permits in the Sound, a strait it shares with Sweden, and which is considered a biodiversity hotspot

February
2019

Spain expands Cabrera National Park ninefold, thereby making it the second largest marine national park in the Mediterranean