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WELCOME TO OCEAN FAMILY FOUNDATION!

Our founding families are passionate about the world's oceans and feel an energised responsibility to contribute positively towards conserving our life supporting system. We fund an ever growing and diverse portfolio of marine conservation programmes around the world.

“ I feel it is our responsibility as a family to protect our ocean to the best of our ability as we have been enjoying her all our lives.”

Peter Dubens, Trustee of Ocean Family Foundation

“ Every time I slip into the Ocean, I am filled with admiration at the wonder and beauty of the nature that calls it home. It brings joy to the soul and I want all future generations to experience this. We must save our ocean, it's the only one we have.”

Matthew Riley, Founding member of Ocean Family Foundation

“ We are choosing to act now and, through exposure and connection, it's possible the next generation will choose carefully and be the behavioural shift nature is telling us it needs. Our children can truly be the protectors and solutionaries.”

Jessica Getty, Trustee of Ocean Family Foundation

Committed to Boat International's Ocean Talks since their beginning, we are delighted to sponsor this year's event which brings yacht owners, builders, suppliers and designers together with champions of marine conservation to present, exhibit and network.

Through Ocean Talks, Ocean Family Foundation is thrilled to inspire action and highlight the vital connection between us as humanity and our marine biome.

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NORTH SAILS GENEROUSLY SUPPORTS OCEAN FAMILY FOUNDATION AS PART OF THEIR OCEAN POSITIVE JOURNEY.

At North Sails, sustainability is woven into everything we do. In 2025, we made meaningful strides towards becoming Ocean Positive and championing responsible innovation:

SUSTAINABLE COLLECTIONS: Over half of the garments we sold contained at least 50% recycled, organic or low-impact natural materials. We developed upcycled designs, creatively repurposing materials to reduce waste, and explored durable, water-resistant alternatives to synthetic fabrics, such as STAYWAX® cotton by British Millerrain®.

GIVING A NEW LIFE TO OLD SAILS: In partnership with 727 Sailbags, we gave new life to 4,803m² of discarded sails, transforming them into stylish bags. Some of these featured in a capsule collection created to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rolex Fastnet Race, the renowned offshore regatta organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).

RENEWABLE ENERGY: We installed two new solar systems at our sailmaking facilities, generating over 1 million kWh of clean energy and cutting carbon emissions by 592 tonnes per year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: We joined International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) in the launch of the Whale Alert 4.0 app and signed Worldrise's Manifesto, promoting the creation of marine protected areas and the education of future generations.

VOLUNTEERING: Our employees actively participated in initiatives supporting both the community and the environment, such as a tree-planting event and educational sessions at a local school in Sri Lanka.

TOGETHER, WE SAIL TOWARDS A CLEANER OCEAN AND A BETTER TOMORROW.

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IN THEIR 10TH YEAR, A PLASTIC PLANET HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED ORGANISATIONS IN THE PLASTIC CRISIS.

A Plastic Planet's entrepreneurial background gives us a credible seat at the table when working collaboratively with industry and governments, with a strong solutions and innovations focus.

The PlasticFree solutions platform, hosted on PlasticFree.com, educates brands and creators on new materials and systems with thousands of case studies, proof points and a database of global innovators. This year the platform has been made open source, free for all forever. This importantly helps fast-track the knowledge and accuracy of LLMs, ensuring human verified information is available globally.

A significant highlight is the build of PlasticFreeLand at ChangeNOW Paris, creating a substantial installation in the centre of the Grand Palais for the 40,000 attendees to see and feel the materials of the future that are already scalable and viable today.

A Plastic Planet believe the plastic crisis is a gateway to the entire polycrisis - land and ocean pollution, biodiversity loss, climate, conflict, social justice and of course human health impact. Through 2025 and 2026, A Plastic Planet will continue to convene events for policymakers, industry and media to highlight the irrefutable scientific research on the conditions impacted by Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals used to make plastic. Partnering with The Plastic Detox documentary, launched globally on Netflix in March 2026, and A Plastic Planet scientific advisory, these events are catalysing faster change.

Watch this space for our biggest initiative to date - PlasticFree Babies, protecting the first 1,000 days of life. This global campaign brings in partners from NHS to HCA USA, the biggest parenting networks and hundreds of doctors specialising in caring for our most precious creations, our babies.

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SCOTTISH COASTAL CLEAN UP (SCCU) IS A PROJECT OF THE BALANCED HORIZON CHARITY.

Scottish Coastal Clean Up tackles some of Scotland's most remote and litter-impacted coastlines. Exposed west coast shores and island beaches face the full force of storms, washing up large amounts of marine litter, including decades old debris breaking down into microplastics, making urgent removal critical.

With our landing craft boat, and recently donated quad bike and trailer, SCCU can now reach and clean locations that would otherwise remain inaccessible, removing an estimated 70 tonnes of marine litter and plastic pollution to date. These operations combine careful planning, specialist equipment, and responsible disposal, delivering real impact for Scotland's marine ecosystems.

Community engagement is central to our work. On the east coast, we run monthly beach cleans, deliver citizen science programmes to local primary schools, and share our experiences at public talks and events, helping communities understand the scale and impact of marine litter.

In 2025, Balanced Horizon expanded with new initiatives. One of these is the Forth Marine Hatchery, a restoration-focused facility rearing native oysters and European lobsters for reintroduction into the Firth of Forth and wider North Sea. Strategically located on the east coast, the hatchery addresses key challenges in oyster restoration, reduces reliance on risky west-coast translocations, supports lobster stock recovery, advances research, and provides hands on learning opportunities.

Together, SCCU's coastal clean-ups and the Forth Marine Hatchery's restoration work, show how practical action, scientific research, and community engagement can restore marine life and protect Scotland's coasts.

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Cittadini per l'Aria focuses on protecting air quality and the climate, working to ensure that human activities become increasingly sustainable and that harm to both human health and the environment from air pollution is progressively reduced.

A recent amendment to global regulations aimed at reducing sulfur emissions from shipping has, however, led to unintended consequences. Many shipowners have adopted an alternative compliance method known as exhaust gas cleaning systems (EGCS), or “scrubbers.” These systems remove sulfur from exhaust gases by washing them with water, which is then discharged into the sea.

While scrubbers allow shipowners to continue using heavy fuel oil (HFO), a cheaper but highly polluting fuel, they do so at the expense of marine ecosystems. Scientific studies have demonstrated that scrubber effluents can have significant adverse effects on marine organisms, even at very low concentrations. For example, sea urchin larvae have shown high sensitivity to these discharges. The toxic and corrosive substances released into the marine environment can also enter the human food chain.

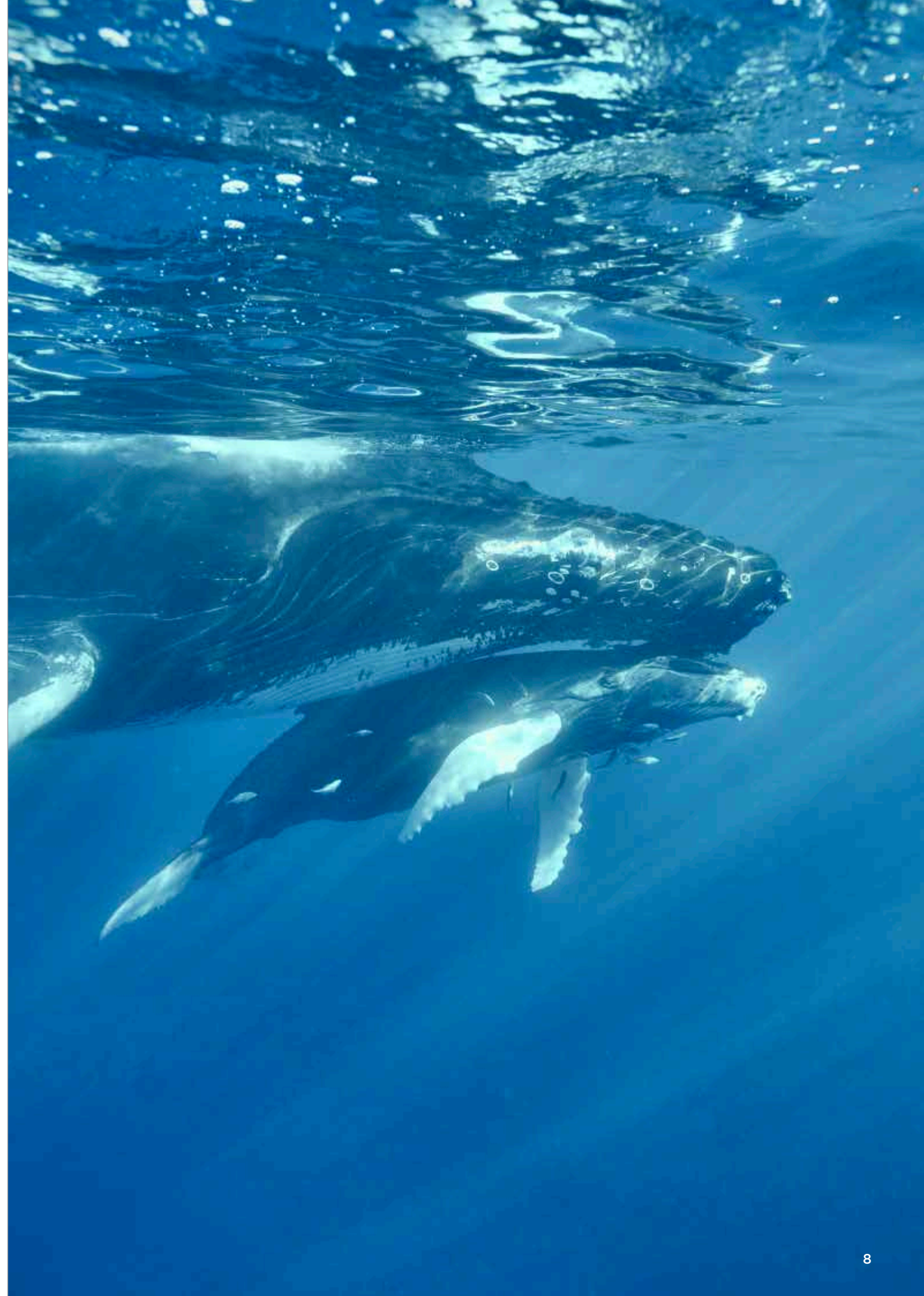
The use of scrubbers is not limited to the open ocean; it also occurs in coastal waters and ports, areas already heavily burdened by pollution. Strong economic incentives from both the shipping and oil industries continue to drive their use.

However, this source of contamination can be regulated. There is substantial scientific evidence supporting a global ban on scrubber discharge. For this reason, we brought the issue to the 24th Conference of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, held in Cairo, to advocate for a ban on scrubbers in the Mediterranean and, ultimately, worldwide.

We will continue to raise awareness and advocate for action, as we cannot accept that a measure intended to reduce air pollution becomes a means of shifting environmental harm from the atmosphere to the sea.

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2025 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR FINAL STRAW FOUNDATION.

Final Straw Foundation has been making strides to protect, restore and educate about our precious Solent waters. Our ongoing mission to tackle marine pollution has seen us remove 20,000kg of waste from our local shores this year, with the help of over 1,000 dedicated volunteers.

In 2025, Final Straw Foundation branched out into restorative work, working with NGOs, local communities and marinas to bring 10,000 native oysters back to the Solent. Once abundant in these waters, native European flat oyster populations have been decimated in the last 200 years due to human and environmental pressures. Final Straw Foundation is working hard to bring these incredible ecosystem engineers back by creating broodstock nurseries in marinas. In addition, we are studying their effect on water quality, evidencing the benefits of using nature-based solutions for pressing environmental issues such as water pollution.

Water pollution has been on the minds of many coastal communities like ours. This is why 2025 saw us introduce our new '365 water quality' programme: local, daily water quality testing for 365 days. This project has helped Final Straw

Foundation paint a clearer picture of what is really going on in our waters, empowering people to make informed decisions on their health and wellbeing when using the water. Final Straw Foundation is excited to make the data we have collected open access, to be used as a tool to gain a deeper understanding of our seas and how we might be impacting them.

We have continued our successful educational outreach programme over the past year, engaging nearly 8,000 students in learning about plastic pollution, the wonders of their local shorelines, and how to become environmental stewards.

Our vital work would not be possible without our incredible volunteers, supporters and funders, including Ocean Family Foundation. We would like to offer oceans of thanks to everyone that makes what we do possible.

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A SMALL SHIFT IN SPEED. A GLOBAL IMPACT FOR WHALES.

Across the world's oceans, whales and marine life face increasing threats from growing ship traffic, with faster vessels and higher volumes driving collisions, underwater noise, and rising greenhouse gas emissions that disrupt fragile ecosystems. A simple and effective solution exists.

IFAW's Blue Speeds initiative introduces a speed ceiling at 75% of a ship's maximum design speed, requiring only a modest reduction of around 5-10% on average.

This small adjustment delivers significant impact. Slower speeds reduce the risk of vessel strikes, which can severely injure or kill whales, many of which go undetected, while also cutting underwater noise that interferes with essential behaviours such as communication, navigation, and feeding.

Blue Speeds lowers emissions and improves fuel efficiency, creating clear operational and financial benefits for the shipping industry. Analysis estimates that Blue Speeds could generate between €3.4 and €4.5 billion in annual socioeconomic benefits

across Europe alone. If applied globally, this approach could reduce underwater noise by up to 40%, cut collision risks with whales by half, and lower shipping emissions by approximately 13%. At a regional level, modest speed reductions can decrease fuel consumption, air pollution, and emissions by around 8%, proving that meaningful change does not require major disruption.

Blue Speeds is a scalable solution that can be implemented using existing fleets, aligning ocean protection with industry efficiency. By adopting smarter speeds we can create quieter oceans and safer conditions for marine life while building a more sustainable future for global shipping.

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IN 2025, OCEANA MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES ACROSS EUROPE BY ADVANCING MARINE PROTECTION, SUPPORTING SMALL SCALE FISHERS, AND PROMOTING TRANSPARENT AND SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD.

This work was grounded in Oceana's own research and backed by the voices of thousands of citizens.

Marine protection was a standout achievement. After years of scientific expeditions and advocacy, Spain designated five new marine protected areas covering 17,000km², safeguarding vulnerable ecosystems such as coral forests and sponge grounds. This brought the share of Spain's protected waters to 22.45%.

At the United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice, Oceana helped elevate the urgency of banning bottom trawling in marine protected areas. This harmful fishing practice is increasingly under scrutiny, with new restrictions announced by several European countries. Together with allies, Oceana also delivered a petition with more than 250,000 signatures.



Supporting small scale fishers remained central to Oceana's work. As an organisation we continued to campaign for fairer quota allocation that rewards low impact fishing and strengthens coastal communities by creating local jobs.

In 2025, Oceana's analysis showed that most bottom trawlers in the western Mediterranean are barely profitable due to chronic overfishing - further reinforcing the case for a transition to more sustainable fisheries. These campaign efforts are starting to bear fruit: fishing effort by bottom trawlers in the region has already fallen by at least 34% since 2019. Yet rebuilding fish populations remains urgent: an undercover investigation by Oceana found that most of the surveyed markets and vessels in Italy were illegally selling undersized hake.

Advancing transparent and sustainable seafood rounded out Oceana's impact. A DNA testing uncovered serious seafood traceability gaps, including squid products lacking basic consumer information and linked to distant, high risk fisheries. Oceana is calling for better EU labelling rules for seafood.

In parallel, Oceana exposed engine power fraud through an in-depth investigation in Spanish Mediterranean waters and a documentary produced with local fishers, bringing the issue to the attention of decision-makers.

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INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF OCEAN AMBASSADORS.

Thanks to the incredible support and generosity of Ocean Family Foundation, Ocean Pledge has had its most impactful year, deepening our reach across Cape Town’s marginalised communities and cementing our role as a leading voice in grassroots marine conservation education in South Africa.

At the heart of our work is the #VoiceOfTheOceans Ambassador Course: a nine-week transformative programme that blends practical leadership and communication skills training, with direct exposure to marine conservation thought leaders and immersive, adventure-based experiences in the ocean. To date, we are proud to have graduated 96 young Ocean Ambassadors each equipped with the knowledge, confidence, and conviction to advocate for our oceans within their communities.

This year marked an exciting new chapter with the formal launch of our Ambassadors-in-Action Network - a graduate programme that keeps our young leaders engaged, mentored, and mobilised long after their initial course ends. Following an incredibly successful 2025, our Ambassador network delivered over 12 community-based activations across the Cape Peninsula, from beach clean ups and school presentations to MPA awareness days and public events. These activations are designed, led, and executed by the Ambassadors themselves; where classroom learning becomes real-world impact.



A particular highlight in 2025 was the introduction of augmented reality goggles, made possible through Ocean Family Foundation’s generous funding. This technology has been genuinely transformative: bringing the breathtaking underwater world of the Great African Sea Forest and beyond, directly to young people who would otherwise never have the opportunity to encounter it. For many of our students, coming from landlocked or under-resourced communities, this immersive experience creates a profound emotional connection to the ocean for the very first time, and it is that connection which ultimately drives conservation behaviour.

Our three-pillar approach remains unchanged: Education & Awareness, Empowerment, and Emotional Connection - because we know that young people protect what they love, and love what they know.

With Ocean Family Foundation’s steadfast support, we continue to grow a movement of young ocean leaders who carry not just knowledge, but courage, heart, and a genuine commitment to a more sustainable and equitable future for our oceans and communities alike.

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OCEANS WITHOUT BORDERS: RESTORING THE BALANCE IN THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN

Wild Impact's 'Oceans Without Borders' programme (OWB), is working to restore the balance between people and the ocean across two critical seascapes in the Western Indian Ocean: the Inhambane Seascape in Mozambique and the Mnemba Island Marine Conservation Area in Zanzibar.

In recent years, these ecosystems have experienced unprecedented climate stress. Back-to-back coral bleaching events in 2024 and 2025 resulted in the loss of over 80% of structurally complex corals in Mnemba and widespread degradation across the Bazaruto Archipelago. In response, OWB has scaled a science-driven, community-led model that integrates reef restoration, ecological monitoring, and local capacity development.

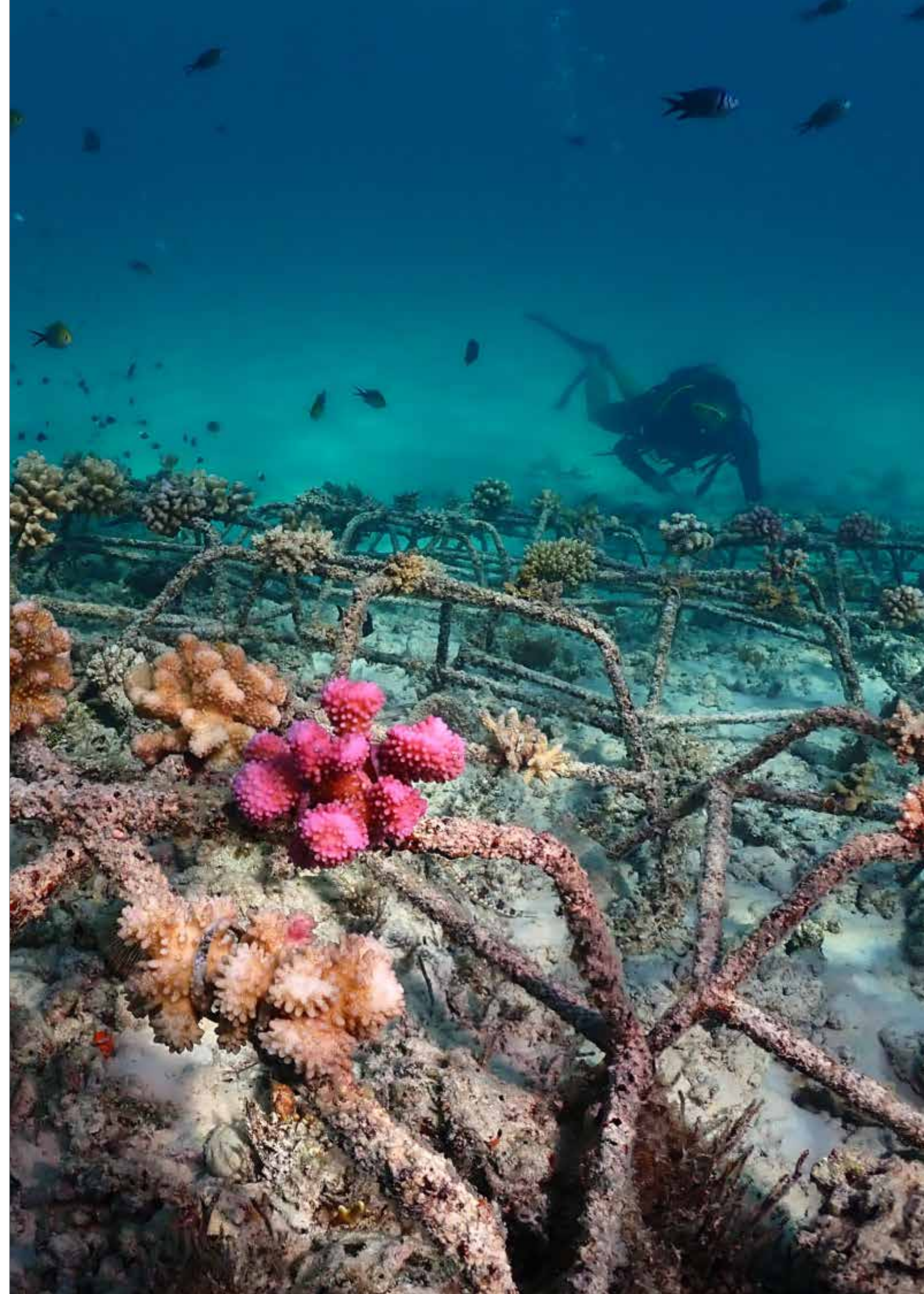
To date, OWB has deployed 18 artificial reef structures, installed over 100 MARRS reef stars, and transplanted more than 7,000 corals to stabilise rubble fields and accelerate reef recovery. These efforts are complemented by long-term monitoring programmes using photo-transects and Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVS), generating critical data to guide restoration and inform fisheries management.

Central to OWB's approach is the empowerment of Community & Conservation Rangers - locally recruited ocean stewards who lead field implementation, monitoring, and community engagement. Their work underpins the establishment of Fishery Replenishment Zones (FRZs) in Zanzibar, designed to rebuild fish stocks, restore ecological function, and support food security and sustainable livelihoods.

Looking ahead, OWB is advancing innovative solutions to build resilience in the face of climate change. This includes the development of a community-based, land-based coral nursery in Zanzibar to safeguard climate-resilient coral species, as well as the expansion of restoration and monitoring efforts into under-studied reef systems in Mozambique.

Through support from Ocean Family Foundation and strong partnerships with government, communities, and the private sector, OWB is demonstrating that effective marine conservation is not only possible, but scalable, when rooted in local leadership and guided by robust science.

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SAVE THE MED FOUNDATION (STM) BREATHES LIFE INTO THE BALEARIC SEA BY COMBINING MARINE SCIENCE, COMMUNITY ACTION, AND POLICY ADVOCACY.

Through our Area Under Regeneration (AUR) framework, Save The Med supports local communities in becoming the proud stewards of their natural heritage. In 2025, this approach achieved landmark victories: in Andratx, a new Highly Protected Zone, vessel speed regulations were secured within the local MPA, while in Pollença, the community forum Talaia Nord obtained official recognition. Meanwhile, a new AUR emerged in Sóller with surging public support for participatory governance and the creation of a new marine protected area.

All STM's work is rooted in rigorous research and deep collaboration. Recently, the team recorded the first-ever footage of a Bluntnose Sixgill shark in Balearic waters and successfully tagged four endangered Spinetail Devil Rays, securing 120 days of satellite data to identify critical migration routes. Furthermore, the collaborative project Acció Stellaris has released over 300 Nursehound sharks to date, to restore local populations within protected areas.

The impact of these regional successes was amplified by the Community Vessel, a six-week pilot that hosted 90 participants from 35 organisations. This platform functioned as a floating laboratory where NGOs, officials, and community members shared ownership of onboard activities. By removing the constraints of formal agendas, the vessel sparked "unplanned magic" - the spontaneous exchange of scientific and traditional knowledge between researchers, fishers, students, and decision-makers that office environments cannot replicate. The platform supported the work of distinct research groups and connected marine stewardship coordinators from across the Mediterranean.

From the implementation of groundbreaking research methods to underwater ghost net removals and land-sea restoration activities, the mission proved that a shared bioregional platform is a viable, purposeful model. The synergies established on deck continue to drive active collaborations today, providing a proven framework for regeneration as the Foundation moves into 2026.

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THE TARA OCEAN FOUNDATION IS FRANCE'S FIRST RECOGNISED PUBLIC INTEREST FOUNDATION DEDICATED TO THE OCEAN.

For more than 20 years, we have been striving to bring about a revolution to preserve ocean life, convinced that the ocean is essential to the balance of our planet.

Exploring the ocean and sharing scientific discoveries to raise collective awareness is at the heart of the Foundation's mission. We conduct scientific expeditions, in partnership with leading international research laboratories, to study marine biodiversity and understand the impacts of climate change and pollution. The Tara Ocean Foundation raises awareness among citizens, from the younger generations to political decision-makers. Thanks to our status as a Special Observer at the UN, the Foundation actively participates in international ocean governance.

Ten years after the launch of Tara Pacific, and in a context of increasing coral bleaching, the scientific schooner Tara has left its home port of Lorient for its next expedition: Tara Coral. For 18 months, Tara will navigate through the Coral Triangle; the true Amazon of the Ocean, to understand why and how certain corals withstand global warming, and to help guide future coral conservation strategies.

One of the unique features of the Tara Coral expedition is its comprehensive scientific approach, which brings together a range of scientific expertise involving 67 scientists including 11 from the Coral Triangle.

Conservation issues will be given high priority by working alongside governments and local stakeholders to identify and protect those reefs that are most resistant to global warming. The Tara Ocean Foundation will organise several science-to-policy workshops during Tara Coral's stopovers and will actively participate in international summits working to conserve coral reefs.

In the longer term, the aim is to strengthen reef protection and restoration capabilities in key biodiversity areas by identifying naturally resistant coral populations and analysing the mechanisms, characteristics, and environmental conditions that underlie their robustness.

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TRASH HERO IS A GLOBAL VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT OFFERING ACTION-BASED LEARNING ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF PLASTIC POLLUTION AND PROMOTING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO END OUR THROWAWAY CULTURE.

The plastics crisis knows no borders. Production rises, pollution spreads, and communities are left to deal with the consequences. A UN plastics treaty is being negotiated, and whilst we participate, we know we cannot wait for the perfect policy. Instead, we continue to demonstrate why better systems are needed - and how they can work.

Trash Hero cleanups are the starting point: not as an end in themselves, but as a way to engage people, build awareness, and open the door to deeper change. In 2025, we mobilised 37,104 volunteers at 2,074 cleanups in 14 countries, collecting 115.2 metric tonnes of trash.



From there, the work of Trash Hero moves upstream. We train our volunteers in community advocacy, enabling them to join panel discussions at film screenings, give input at local government meetings, hold composting workshops, engage with festival goers, students, new mothers and business owners, and conduct citizen science projects. In total, Trash Hero took part in 296 such events in 2025, reaching 21,281 people, including 6,856 children.

We also provide alternatives to single-use plastic. In 2025, our water refill network brought together 584 local businesses, helping to avoid 1.8 million plastic bottles and 98 tonnes of CO2. Local projects, like the reusable tableware bank in Chumphon, Thailand, also helped prevent waste, while proving that zero waste events are possible and practical.

We are grateful for the continued support of Ocean Family Foundation: together, community by community, we are building momentum and the practical foundations of a zero-waste future.

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Two Oceans Aquarium FOUNDATION

WE HAVE HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN THE NAME OF TURTLE CONSERVATION AND ARE GRATEFUL TO OCEAN FAMILY FOUNDATION FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR CAUSE.

The past year for the Two Oceans Aquarium Foundation's Turtle Conservation Centre has been centred around consolidation for our team and work. While we have continued the daily, rewarding work of caring for the turtles and each other, we have become more deliberate in other focus areas, and gained confidence in our leadership role, furthering connections with like-minded people and organisations.

A standout achievement of 2025 was our post-hatchling satellite tagging work; a sponsored initiative and a first in Africa. We are generating extraordinary data that is directly shaping our decisions on where we release turtles and what physiological markers qualify a turtle for release. Two Oceans Foundation is privileged to have gained a full-time turtle veterinarian, resulting in managing more complex cases and doing so with greater precision, taking an impressive step forward with our medical and rehabilitation work.

In 2025, we leaned more intentionally into collaboration. We have spearheaded the creation of a national rehabilitation handbook and in the process strengthened relationships across Africa through training and knowledge exchange; we are thrilled by the momentum and enthusiasm shown across the board. Two Oceans Foundation are ultimately building the relationships that will form the basis of an African turtle network, one that exists to connect turtle rehabilitation facilities across the continent to share knowledge, support, and resources.

In the first quarter of 2026, we embarked on our ninth Turtle Rescue Road Trip, aimed at sharing knowledge, demonstrating rescue equipment and encouraging individuals to lend their time to rescue turtles. Over 8 days we travelled from Plettenberg Bay to Betty's Bay, hosting 17 presentations across 10 towns. Overall, we engaged face-to-face with 450 people, hosted representation from 73 organisations and gained 161 new people in our rescue network.

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AT UKSA, WE BELIEVE THE OCEAN HAS THE POWER TO TRANSFORM LIVES WHILE INSPIRING LONG-TERM CARE FOR THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

In 2025, demand for our programmes continued to rise, and we have focused on maximising every place while strengthening the environmental impact of our work.

In a challenging funding climate, the UKSA priority remains protecting access for young people who need it most. By refining delivery and embedding sustainability across programmes, we continue to ensure disadvantaged young people can benefit from life changing experiences on the water, while developing a deeper understanding of the ocean on which their futures depend. An example of this is the introduction of an ecology study along the River Medina for our programme for all Year 6 children on the Isle of Wight.

A key innovation in the last year has been the development of our Oyster Regeneration Project, delivered in partnership with the Blue Marine Foundation and Cowes Harbour Commission. Based on our Cowes campus, the project supports the restoration of native oysters in the Solent, helping to improve water quality

and marine biodiversity. Importantly, this work is now embedded into UKSA education and training programmes, giving young people hands on experience of marine conservation, ecosystem monitoring and sustainable practice as part of their learning.

Through our residential programmes, young people, especially those facing financial hardship, gain confidence, resilience and essential life skills through hands on learning at sea. For many, this is their first meaningful connection with the ocean, often sparking new ambition and a respect for the marine environment. Our programmes offer clear pathways from first experiences through to qualifications and employment. Alongside superyacht training, we have placed renewed emphasis on opportunities within the workboat sector, supporting more accessible and sustainable maritime careers linked to offshore renewables, marine services and coastal protection.

With the support of partners such as Ocean Family Foundation, we are not only transforming individual lives but helping to build a more inclusive maritime workforce while contributing to healthier seas.

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THE MEDITERRANEAN IS NOT ONLY A SEA: IT IS OUR SHARED IDENTITY, A LIVING ECONOMY, AND OUR FUTURE. PROTECTING IT TODAY MEANS RESHAPING HOW WE THINK AND ACT.

The global 30x30 target sets out a clear direction: at least 30% of the ocean must be effectively protected by 2030. In Italy, Worldrise works to turn this goal into practice, connecting people, culture, and institutions around ocean protection.

This work moves across classrooms, coastlines, cities, and cultural spaces, where awareness becomes participation and action. In 2025 alone, Worldrise directly engaged almost 10,000 people through educational programmes, outreach activities in local marine conservation areas, such as SEATY, and large-scale public events, like Festivalmar, the festival dedicated to the sea.

The campaign “Into the Deep”, was launched to bring the ocean back to the centre of our collective focus. It brought together around 2,000 citizens, companies and institutions, who signed a Public Manifesto. The campaign is still ongoing, with new

initiatives designed to “go deeper” and grow the community supporting the Manifesto.

The 30x30 Italy Alliance, founded by Worldrise in 2020, has become a national platform of more than 80 organisations working in alignment, sharing tools, knowledge, and responsibility for marine protection across Italy.

Additional conservation and engagement efforts have delivered tangible impact: 450kg of ghost nets have been removed from the seabed, more than 300m² of murals have been created in urban and natural environments in Italy and South Africa, 36 scholarships have been supported for effective Marine Protected Areas management, and our online community has grown to nearly 50,000 people.

Ocean conservation philanthropy plays a fundamental enabling role in this ecosystem, making it possible to connect and scale these actions into a long-term strategy for impact, transforming individual projects into coordinated systems of change that ensure effective and lasting ocean protection.

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YACHTS FOR SCIENCE (YFS) IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT PLATFORM CONNECTING PRIVATE VESSELS WITH MARINE SCIENTISTS FOR OCEAN RESEARCH.

Yachts for Science was founded by BOAT International, EYOS Expeditions, Nekton and Ocean Family Foundation. We unite passionate researchers with ocean-conscious yacht owners and crew, transforming crossings, cruises and time between charters into moments of discovery and vital contributions to a sustainable ocean future.

Yachts for Science was endorsed as a UN Ocean Decade Action in March 2026.

Through the Yachts for Science initiative, 2026 has seen a historic breakthrough for marine conservation - a world-record of 644 humpback whale sightings were achieved by scientists and crew aboard the 57m Feadship M/Y Solace at Navidad Bank, Dominican Republic.

Dr Paige Maroni’s ongoing Polar Blast Research Initiative spent two weeks onboard Pondants Le Commandant Charcot, in the remote inlets of the Arctic circle, where they collected data from her two ROVs. Dr Paige Maroni continued her Polar Blast surveys across the Antarctica seafloor, with three weeks aboard the Heritage Expeditions Subantarctic Islands into the Ross Sea conducting visual and video captured surveys.

Scientists onboard the 196m private residential vessel, The World, have completed breakthrough Antarctic research with 74 hours of dedicated survey time covering 1,672km, which enabled 191 sightings of cetaceans across 10 species. To complement visual whale observations, the team utilised environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling to capture a genetic census of the Ross Sea’s hidden biodiversity and deployed 10 Argo floats in the Ross Sea. These autonomous profiling robots act as the ocean’s internal health monitors, utilising a variable buoyancy system to record vertical slices of the water column from 2,000m to the surface.

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