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An aerial photograph of a protest on the water. A large pink banner is held up by several kayakers, reading "BAN BOTTOM TRAWLING" in bold black letters. The banner is surrounded by many colorful kayakers in various colors (yellow, red, blue, white). In the background, there are larger boats, including a white sailboat and a boat with an orange canopy. The water is a deep green color.

**BAN  
BOTTOM  
TRAWLING**

**TAKING ACTION  
FOR THE PLANET**

**and everything that calls it home!**



# YOU'RE FIGHTING NZ'S BIGGEST CLIMATE POLLUTER

*This year, the impacts of the climate crisis have arrived at our front door. From the Auckland floods and Cyclone Gabrielle in the North Island, to severe drought in the south, climate change has hit our communities hard.*

*The science is clear: climate change causes more frequent and severe weather events. In New Zealand, the dairy sector is the biggest source of climate-heating gasses. The combination of too many cows and the use of too much synthetic nitrogen fertiliser to sustain*

them is driving the climate crisis, polluting freshwater lakes and rivers and contaminating drinking water for rural people.

We need to see a dramatic reduction in emissions this decade to avert the worst-case scenarios of climate collapse. For communities on the frontlines of the climate crisis, action is absolutely critical.

That's why - thanks to supporters like you - we've been taking action. We've continued our water testing for nitrate contamination, visiting towns right in the heart of dairy country, helping rural New Zealanders get informed about potential risks in their drinking water. In addition to this, our mail-in water testing programme is still available. You can access it here: <https://greenpeace.nz/mail-in>

In March 2023, after the devastating climate storms across the North Island, your support took us to the HQ of industrial dairy giant, Fonterra. Fonterra is New Zealand's biggest climate polluter, producing almost a fifth of the country's total greenhouse gas emissions last year. Its actions - driving profit and intensification of the dairy industry at the expense of the environment - are worsening the climate crisis, and putting all that we know and love at risk. We took abandoned flood-damaged debris, some from our lead climate campaigner Christine Rose's own community in rural West Auckland, back to Fonterra, to remind the Government of the cost of inaction. These storms, driven by climate change, saw firefighters killed, and houses down hill-sides. We experienced three devastating floods in three weeks - floods that are being driven by polluters like Fonterra operating free of Government regulation.

In addition to this, thousands of us around Aotearoa, and around the world, marched for climate action and climate justice in March. The turnout in Tāmaki Makaurau was really inspiring, as was the passionate commitment of the young people organising and leading us.

*We are showing our elected representatives we can't wait any longer. Climate action is urgent and necessary - and it's possible. By working to mitigate now, there's less need for, and a better chance for successful adaptation in the future. So together, we'll keep fighting for real action on the climate crisis.*

**Sign our CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PETITION here:**  
<https://greenpeace.nz/action-for-climate>







# YOU'RE PROTECTING OCEAN LIFE

*Your generosity is giving the ocean a voice - and has led to a historic victory!*

*In March 2023, after years of international negotiations and persistent campaigning by Greenpeace and allies, countries agreed on a treaty that can secure a pathway for 30% ocean protection by 2030 with a UN Global Ocean Treaty.* This is a truly incredible, historic victory for conservation! Over the years, this work - all supported by generous people like you - shifted the New Zealand Government's position to actively support a strong treaty. This was crucial in ensuring the kind of agreement that can make a real difference for the ocean and everything that calls it home.

To really maximise our chance at success, we sent our Oceans Campaigner, Ellie Hooper, to the UN negotiations as part of the global Greenpeace team. It was down to the wire - with the team even sleeping in the halls of the last-minute meetings overnight - but at the last minute, international delegates pulled through to agree!

This campaign is a real example of the power of Greenpeace working locally and globally to protect the Earth. In the months leading up to this victory, Ellie met with Foreign Minister Nanaia Mahuta to deliver our petition calling on the New Zealand government to support a strong Global Ocean Treaty - this was signed by more than 60,000 supporters like you! If you were one of them, thank you. We also placed billboards and engaged in traditional and social media



Greenpeace Aotearoa Oceans Campaigner Ellie Hooper at negotiations in New York © Stephanie Keith / Greenpeace

campaigns to bring more people on board. This level of visible public backing was extremely important as the delegation went into negotiations at the UN. Congratulations on being a part of this victory!

Of course, there's always more to do. Our campaign to restrict bottom trawling - the most destructive fishing method there is - is in full swing, with the particular focus on protecting the Hauraki Gulf. In April 2023, your support helped us host a "Show your heart for the Hauraki" event with Forest and Bird at Mission Bay in Auckland. Hundreds of people and a flotilla of crafts surrounded a massive 'ban bottom trawling' banner in a

show of mass opposition to bottom trawling in the Hauraki Gulf marine park.

What New Zealanders have demonstrated very clearly is that they want bottom trawling removed from the places it does the most damage. That means getting it out of the Hauraki Gulf marine park, and banned on seamounts - biodiversity hotspots of the ocean where fragile deep sea corals grow. We want a thriving, vibrant Hauraki Gulf, free from the threat of destructive bottom trawling, which is devastating this unique ecosystem. The public mandate for change is clear - more than 84% of people surveyed want trawling gone from

the Gulf. It's time the Government listens and bans bottom trawling so the Gulf can recover. Your support is making public calls to action like this possible - thank you for being a part of it.

**Together, we can care for the ocean - and the future of our planet - by fighting for strong protection.**

**You can sign the PETITION TO BAN BOTTOM TRAWLING IN THE HAURAKI GULF here: <https://greenpeace.nz/bt-hauraki>**



Bottom trawling protest in Auckland © Bryce Groves / Greenpeace



# YOU'RE TAKING ACTION AGAINST DEEP SEA MINING

*The emerging deep sea mining industry is doing its best to start mining the precious sea floor - and with your help, we've been there to bear witness and show them we won't let them plunder these pristine ocean depths.*

*Scientists warn deep sea mining would cause severe and potentially irreversible damage to the ocean - not to mention all the wonderful creatures (many we haven't even discovered yet) that call it home.*

In November 2022, Deep Sea Mining Campaigner James Hita (Ngati Whātua o Oruawharo/Te Uri o Hau) joined an action against the deep sea mining ship, The Hidden Gem, in México. Greenpeace México activists met the ship in kayaks holding 'Stop Deep Sea Mining' banners while James delivered a message to the captain

via radio explaining why deep sea mining should not go ahead. James also told the industry they would meet our opposition at every step - something you're helping us follow through on!

Then, on March 23, 2023, while critical negotiations at the controversial International Seabed Authority (ISA) meeting in Jamaica were taking place, activists confronted a deep sea mining vessel named after one of the most notorious colonisers of the Pacific: The RRS (Royal Research Ship) James Cook! The Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise intercepted the vessel as it was returning from a 7-week expedition in areas of the Pacific Ocean targeted for deep sea mining. Data and findings from this expedition are not going to be released publicly - instead, they are being used to push the industry agenda.

With a banner reading 'Don't mine the moana', and flying a Tino Rangatiratanga flag, James Hita and Northland activist Quack Pirihi (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Wai, Ngati Porou, Ngāti Whatua o Kaipara whakapapa) swam in front of the deep sea mining research vessel as it sped toward them off the coast of Costa Rica. A third Greenpeace activist also scaled the side of the moving vessel to unfurl a banner reading "Say No to Deep Sea Mining".

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*For too long, Pacific peoples have been excluded from decisions that impact our territories and waters. If governments don't stop this industry from starting, a new cycle of colonial exploitation will begin. We reject a future with deep sea mining.*

*Indigenous Māori activists flying the Tino Rangatiratanga flag and challenging a ship named after a coloniser with a heartfelt message of 'Don't mine the moana' is a significant moment. We are calling out neo-colonialism in the context of deep sea mining. We are standing for the ocean, for Pacific peoples and for indigenous peoples, and the message is clear: Deep sea mining must not begin."*

- Greenpeace Aotearoa campaigner James Hita

Quack Pirihi said the opportunity to participate in these forums, and the decisions made there, will have a profound impact for generations to come.

More than 700 scientists from 44 countries have already opposed the deep sea mining industry by signing an open letter calling for a pause. **Together, we'll continue to confront this reckless, destructive new threat. The ocean - and all the wonderful life it contains - deserves our protection.**

**You can sign our petition for a GLOBAL BAN ON DEEP SEA MINING here: <https://greenpeace.nz/ban-dsm>**







# YOU'RE PART OF A PLASTIC-FREE FUTURE



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**It's time to turn off the plastic tap and bring unnecessary single-use plastics to an end.**

**Your support is helping to create a world where reusable and refillable systems are the norm, where truckloads of plastic waste aren't finding their way into the ocean every minute, where communities aren't harmed by the toxic plastic waste trade.**

While big plastic polluters like Coca Cola try to green-wash their practices and fool consumers into thinking they are "sustainable" - they continue to pump out billions of single-use plastic bottles per year. Luckily, with you on the team, we're there to call them out!

That's what we did in December last year, mobilising supporters to get out and about "brand jamming" the Coke shelves at supermarkets. The idea was that when people went to buy their Coke, they'd read a slip about Coca Cola being the world's number one plastic polluter - and be inspired to join us in demanding better from such a large corporation.

In addition to this, we've mobilised supporters to demand the Government brings back its Container

Return Scheme that it recently canned. People have begun mailing single-use plastic bottles to the Beehive to demand the Government deals with the issue.

Greenpeace Aotearoa Plastics Campaigner Juressa Lee (Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāi te Rangi, Tupapa, Ngatangiia) was also on the Greenpeace delegation to the first Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) in Uruguay last November to discuss a Global Plastic Treaty that will end runaway plastic production and use. They are on the delegation once again for INC2 at UNESCO in Paris. Our calls continue on the Government to support the strongest and most ambitious treaty and the petition has been signed by over 31,000 people.

**With you on board - we can make this happen!**

**If you haven't yet signed the PETITION FOR A STRONG GLOBAL PLASTIC TREATY, you can do so here: <https://greenpeace.nz/support-gpt>**



# GLOBAL VICTORIES

*Greenpeace supporters like you make amazing things possible around the world. Here are a few of the highlights from the past few months.*



## GERMANY

### Nuclear PHASE-OUT

**As of Sunday, April 16, Germany has ceased producing any electricity from nuclear power plants.** Millions of people worked towards this day for years, protesting against reprocessing plants, nuclear waste transport, unsafe nuclear waste storage facilities and the construction of new nuclear power plants. Those decades of resistance have culminated in this incredible outcome for the safety of people and the planet.



## BRAZIL

### Illegal Mining STOP

**After a Greenpeace report, Hyundai Construction Equipment commits to help stopping illegal mining in the Amazon region.**

This is a huge victory for the indigenous people of the Amazon who have been struggling to keep miners out of their territories for decades and only saw their lands being more and more devastated. It shows that public pressure works. This couldn't have happened without the support of people around the world pressuring Hyundai to clean up their act - one of the many pieces needed to protect the Amazon forests and communities.

Jaguar in Brazil © Leandro Cagiano / Greenpeace



## GLOBAL

### GROUNDBREAKING Climate Campaign

**A groundbreaking climate campaign sets sail for International Court of Justice.**

Governments will now be forced to consider the human rights impacts of their climate policies and be compelled to take more ambitious action under existing international agreements, thanks to a Vanuatu-led resolution passed with unanimous support from members of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). This is the latest, and arguably most powerful demonstration of global climate leadership from those most impacted by the climate crisis.

Projection for Final Shutdown at Emsland NPP © Lars Berg / Greenpeace

Manicoré River, Amazonas © Nilmar Lage / Greenpeace





# INSPIRING SUPPORTERS



Nature, our environment and all living things are some of the things that matter most to me. As a long-time supporter of Greenpeace, it feels right to leave a gift in my Will that can support the work you do for future generations. I admire the activists and others who work tirelessly for the environment, and encourage others to consider making a gift, large or small, to this cause. Our life-span is limited, but nature with its abundance must live on.

- Ingrid

To find out more about how to leave a gift in your Will, contact Danny Dyson: ph 09-200-4138 ext 62 e [ddyson@greenpeace.org](mailto:ddyson@greenpeace.org)

# THANK YOU

for making action like the recent Hauraki Gulf "Ban Bottom Trawling" Protest possible!



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It was amazing to see so many supporters join us to protest bottom trawling in the Hauraki Gulf.




Check out our website and social media links on the next page to stay up-to-date on how you can get involved.





Preserved Forest Area in the Realidade District © Nilmar Lage / Greenpeace

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