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IMPACT!

# YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR **STRONG** CLIMATE ACTION!

*In the lead up to New Zealand's 2023 election, supporters like you helped us push for strong climate commitments from all political parties.*



***You may have seen the activities you've enabled in the media, on television interviews, by email or on social media... we've been out there taking action, thanks to you!***

You may already know that intensive dairy is New Zealand's biggest climate polluter.



This is due to having too many cows crammed onto the land, enabled by the use of large amounts of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser and imported feed, like palm kernel expeller (PKE).

***People across the country have felt the impacts of the climate crisis this year***, from Cyclone Gabrielle in the north to severe drought in the south. Despite these devastating events, most politicians are still not showing the levels of ambition we need when it comes to climate action. The dairy industry – in fact, the entire agriculture sector – has been exempt from the Emissions Trading Scheme designed to drive emissions reductions. That means Big Dairy - New Zealand's worst climate polluter - faces the least controls on its emissions.

That's also why in June, Greenpeace Aotearoa - along with a number of other allies - launched Climate Shift. This is a call for urgent climate action from all political parties, with a 10-point plan for how this can be achieved. More than 16,000 people have signed on to support this call. If you are one of them, thank you so much!

The plan is guided by three themes: real emissions reductions, supporting frontline communities and restoring and rewilding nature. You can read more about it at: <https://greenpeace.nz/why-climate-shift>

Side by side with supporters like you, we can ensure we have thriving ecosystems, a safe and stable climate, AND a world where we can all put delicious, healthy, and affordable food on the table. We can have an agriculture sector that works with, instead of against the land. We can honour Te Tiriti and address the intersection between colonisation and climate injustice that is the basis for the way our

agriculture sector operates. With your support, we can transition away from intensive dairying, a model of farming that is harming both people and nature, and move towards more plant-based regenerative organic agriculture.

On August 31, we took this call directly to Parliament on its last sitting day before the election, in an action made possible by people like you. Activists dropped three banners from Parliament's public gallery to call for a climate election.

Now, with the formation of a new Government that has said it will reverse New Zealand's new offshore oil and gas ban, we've penned an open letter. Oil and gas exploration cannot recommence if we want a stable climate. This letter to the fossil fuel industry tells them that even if the law changes, they are not welcome here and we will oppose them every step of the way. If you would like to add your name to this letter, please do so below with the link and QR code.

***Together, we'll keep fighting for real action on the climate crisis.***

Disaster cows action in Auckland  
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***Sign our open letter to the oil industry: [greenpeace.nz/resist-oil](https://greenpeace.nz/resist-oil)***



# YOU'RE PROTECTING THE VAST AND LIFE-GIVING OCEAN

*You might remember in March 2023, when years of campaigning and vital support from people like you got a Global Ocean Treaty over the line.*

*Nations are now signing onto the Treaty. In a promising move, New Zealand signed on early with former Minister of Foreign Affairs Nanaia Mahuta putting pen to paper in New York in September.*

But this powerful tool, which can be used to create vast ocean sanctuaries where marine life can recover and thrive, will only come into force once at least 60 governments have ratified it - the next step in the legal process after signing. This needs to happen by the Conference of Parties in 2025.

*That's why Greenpeace recently released a new report, '30X30 from Global Ocean Treaty to Protection at Sea', which highlights areas in need of particularly urgent protection. Think ocean channels that act as pathways for migrating whales, seamounts that are home to everything from starfish to octopi, and coral reefs where incredible marine life like turtles live.*

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These areas include the Sargasso Sea in the Atlantic Ocean, the Emperor Seamounts in the Northwest Pacific Ocean, and the Lord Howe Rise/South Tasman Sea, which is close to home

*Governments agreed to a treaty with the power to create huge protected areas across our blue planet. If we protect the oceans, they can bounce back - but it needs to happen now! That's why with your support, we'll keep up the pressure locally and internationally to make sure it happens.*

*If you haven't already, you can sign the new Global Ocean Sanctuaries petition now at: [greenpeace.nz/ocean-sanctuaries](https://greenpeace.nz/ocean-sanctuaries)*





# YOU'RE FIGHTING BACK AGAINST BOTTOM TRAWLING AT HOME

*Over the last several months, supporters like you continued to boost our campaign to ban bottom trawling in the Hauraki Gulf.*

*After our “Show your heart for the Hauraki” event in April, many of you continued to send “ban bottom trawling” postcards to the Minister for Fisheries. Thank you for keeping the pressure on!*

In June, Members of the Hauraki Gulf Alliance, including Greenpeace Aotearoa, handed in a petition calling for a full ban on bottom trawling in the Hauraki Gulf, received by Green MP Eugenie Sage. In August, activists rebranded the Ministry for Primary Industries as the

“Ministry for Destructive Fishing” delivering a net of bycatch right to their door and calling for a ban on bottom trawling. This was in response to the release of the Hauraki Gulf Fisheries Plan. While offering some protection to this unique ecosystem, it still allows bottom trawling to continue in large areas of the marine park - but for marine life to recover, we know it needs to be totally free from human destruction. ***That’s why with you on our team, we’ll keep fighting for what’s right.***

Hauraki Alliance  
Bottom Trawling  
Petition Delivery  
in Wellington  
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# YOU'VE PUT THE BRAKES ON THE DEEP SEA MINING INDUSTRY

*Deep sea mining companies have been fighting hard to start destroying the sea floor with their giant machines.*

*But each step of the way, Greenpeace and allies have been stopping their reckless search for profit from starting.*

In July, International Seabed Authority (ISA) negotiations ended with deep sea mining companies failing to get an immediate green light to start plundering the oceans. Opposition to deep sea mining within the ISA is mounting, with more than 20 governments now calling for a pause.

The decisions adopted by the ISA Council on 21 July effectively mean that the ISA did not yield to pressure to fast-track rules for deep sea mining from the industry and supporting nations. Industry giant The Metals



PROTECT  
MY HOME,  
MINISTER JOLY

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*The deep sea mining industry was gearing up to set loose its mechanical mining robots on the ocean floor, but they have seriously underestimated the vitality of the movement to protect the oceans from this dangerous new industry.*

*The movement to protect the ocean from deep-sea mining has grown so strong now that even in the historically pro-mining stronghold of the ISA, it's becoming clear that business as usual is over.”*

- James Hita  
Greenpeace Aotearoa  
Deep Sea Mining Campaigner

Company saw its share price plummet as markets reacted to the news. However, the ISA still failed to close a legal loophole for companies to start mining next year, so there is still more to do to end this threat to the oceans.

The New Zealand government has backed a “conditional moratorium” on seabed mining in international waters. This is great progress - but we need them to take an even stronger position. More than 35,000 people have signed a petition calling on the New Zealand Government to support a global ban on deep sea mining.

*If you haven't signed it yet, you can here: [greenpeace.nz/ban-on-dsm](https://greenpeace.nz/ban-on-dsm)*



Protest against Deep Sea Mining Ship in Mexico © Ivan Castañeira / Greenpeace

## ACTION PACKED

***You've made things happen!*** In September, the latest of a series of non-violent direct actions against the deep sea mining industry took place. Greenpeace Mexico activists climbed to the top of a deep sea mining ship anchored in Manzanillo Bay to drop a banner reading “Ocean Destroyer”.

***The impacts of mining in deep waters include*** light and noise pollution, as well as sediment discharges that could increase turbidity in the water column and mobilise contaminants. All of this risks damaging the life of marine species and their habitats.

While we've made incredible progress against this industry, they're gathering to fight back with everything they've got. So thank you so much for everything you do to help keep on the pressure for a global ban! ***Together, we can protect the ocean and everything that calls it home.***

# YOU'RE HELPING TO END THE AGE OF PLASTIC

*Unnecessary single-use plastics are killing wildlife, poisoning the land and harming communities around the world.*

*Giant plastic producers like Coca Cola pump out billions of single-use bottles each year, all the while trying to claim they're sustainable.*

Together, we're taking action on a local and global level. Here in Aotearoa, we're fighting for a ban on single-use plastic bottles like the ones being pumped out by Coca Cola. Several years ago, committed people like you helped win a ban on single-use plastic bags - and now it's hard to remember why we ever used them! We can do the same with bottles. It might take some time, but you're such an important part of making this happen.

*On an international level, we need a Global Plastics Treaty.* It's a similar process to the Global Ocean Treaty, just in its early stages. Thanks to the success of the Global Ocean Treaty so far, we know it can happen!

The first draft document was released in September ahead of Treaty negotiations in Nairobi, Kenya from

November 13-19. It includes necessary provisions to reduce plastic production and use, but governments must go further. We are pushing for at least a 75% reduction in plastic production by 2040 to help global warming stay below 1.5° C for our climate and to protect our health, our rights, our communities, and our planet.

Greenpeace Aotearoa Plastics Campaigner Juressa Lee (Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāi te Rangi, Tupapa, Ngātangiia) is part of the Greenpeace delegation to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) that meets to negotiate the treaty.

*With you on board - we can end the age of plastics!*

*If you haven't yet signed the petition for a strong Global Plastic Treaty, you can do so here: [greenpeace.nz/plastics-treaty](https://greenpeace.nz/plastics-treaty)*





# GLOBAL VICTORIES

Greenpeace supporters like you make amazing things possible across the globe. Here are some of the highlights from the past few months.



## EUROPE

### ARBITRARILY DETAINED

In June, the European Court of Human Rights found Russian authorities arbitrarily detained 28 Greenpeace activists and two freelance journalists. The 'Arctic 30' were a group detained on "suspicion of piracy" after Russian commandos boarded and seized the Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise following a protest against Arctic oil production. The group spent two months in detention centres before being released.



At a time when authorities in many states are taking previously unheard of harsh action against climate activists, the European Court of Human Rights is sending a clear signal to European states that defending the environment is desirable and people's right to protest must be protected."

- Sergey Golubok

Legal counsel for the Arctic 30



## SWITZERLAND

### CLIMATE PROTECTION Law

On June 18, Swiss voters said yes to the #Climate ProtectionAct. This enshrines the target of net zero emissions by 2050 (at the latest) into the Swiss constitution, a huge win for all those who have worked so hard on the campaign for many years - and a huge win for the climate.



## NETHERLANDS

### Schiphol Airport BANS PRIVATE JETS

Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport plans to ban private jets starting 2025-2026. This decision comes hot on the heels of activists from Greenpeace Netherlands and Extinction Rebellion stopping private jets from taking off there in November 2022. Activists cycled around the area where private jets are parked and blocked the aircraft to raise their concerns about the climate crisis and local residents whose lives are affected by the noise from Schiphol Airport.

In addition to the private jet ban, there will also be no aircraft taking off or landing between midnight and 5am, and plans for a new runway have been scrapped. The airport states this is to create a quieter, cleaner and better system.

# 5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD LEAVE GREENPEACE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

*You've put your heart and soul into protecting the planet. But you know the job's not finished yet. With a gift in your Will, you can keep protecting our planet long into the future.*

*Here are five reasons why YOU should consider leaving a gift to Greenpeace Aotearoa in your Will.*

## 01 Leaving a gift to Greenpeace in your Will is a way to take action for the planet, long after your lifetime

*Leaving a gift in your Will enables some part of ourselves to live long into the future.* Many of the battles we have fought and victories we have won, such as the nuclear campaign of the 70s and 80s, and the ban on new offshore oil and gas exploration permits here in the waters of Aotearoa, have taken years of campaigning against huge multinational companies, governments and powerful industries. A planned gift enables us to continue to fight and achieve these vital wins for our planet together.

*Having an up-to-date Will* is, of course, vital to protecting your family's future. But once you've provided for your loved ones and friends, a gift to Greenpeace will help protect the Earth for future generations.

## 02 You define Your Legacy

*Leaving a gift in your Will is YOUR opportunity to define your lasting legacy.* Whichever ways you most enjoy our natural world, from swimming in the oceans to tramping in the bush, leaving a gift in your Will ensures a part of you can live on by protecting these treasures. Leaving a legacy gift is about your life, your experiences, and your special moments. It is the story you leave behind about who you were and what you cared about. Your values and passions will live on in your gift.



Confronting a deep sea mining research vessel  
© Martin Katz / Greenpeace



Jaguar in Brazil © Leandro Cagiano / Greenpeace

## 03 Change the world with two sentences

*Greenpeace celebrates a long history of victories for this planet and for Aotearoa New Zealand.* Together, we've defied the nuclear arms race. We've stood between whales and harpoons. We've protected Antarctica. We've saved rainforests from the chainsaw and stopped toxic waste dumping in the oceans.

When it comes to making amendments to your Will or making a Will for the first time, many people envisage a long, expensive and complicated process – so put it off for a rainy day. Today, this simply doesn't need to be the case.

After years of looking after the legacies of passionate, incredible people, Greenpeace Aotearoa has put together a booklet with some of the practical details of leaving a gift in your Will, including different types of gifts supporters choose to leave and some legal wording. By including just two sentences in your Will, you will be part of all future victories for this planet.

**What are these two vital sentences? Visit [greenpeace.org/wills](http://greenpeace.org/wills) to find out.**



Bottom trawling protest in Mission Bay  
© Simon Murtagh / Greenpeace

## 04 You'll be a vital part of a group of visionaries

*From Greenpeace's beginnings as a small group of activists in 1971, protesting against nuclear testing off the coast of Alaska, Greenpeace has grown into a global movement for change.* Today, we are thousands of people like you; supporters, scientists, sailors, researchers, lobbyists, lawyers

and activists in 55 countries around the world, peacefully doing whatever it takes to protect our planet for future generations.

**By leaving a gift in your Will, you'll be joining a group of visionaries.** With generous forethought, we know that our future gift can make a lasting difference to the world our children and grandchildren will inherit.

## 05 No one will work harder for your legacy

*We recognise the trust that you place in Greenpeace when you choose to leave us a gift in your Will. In return, we promise:*

- **To take responsibility** to ensure your gift is used to make the maximum difference and has the most impact.
- **To be open, transparent and accountable.**
- **We will update your loved ones** on the impact of your gift so they feel a part of your Greenpeace legacy, should they wish.
- **We will keep you up-to-date** on the environmental work your future gift will make possible and will respect your choice about how we stay in touch.
- **To acknowledge that the decision** to leave a gift in your Will **is yours alone.** We respect that you may change your mind at any time in the future.

Projection on German nuclear power plant © Lars Berg / Greenpeace



**How do you want to leave your mark on the world?**

**Find out more by visiting [greenpeace.nz/wills](http://greenpeace.nz/wills), send an email to [danny.dyson@greenpeace.org](mailto:danny.dyson@greenpeace.org) or call 0800 22 33 44.**

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