

# 2024 END OF YEAR REPORT



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A photograph of three Sea Shepherd crew members on the deck of a ship. They are wearing bright orange protective suits, black helmets with white reflective stripes, and large black goggles. The woman on the left is smiling and looking towards the camera. The woman in the center is also smiling and looking towards the camera. The man on the right is looking down at something in his hands. In the background, there is a grey metal structure of the ship, a life preserver, and some equipment.

# INTRODUCTION

**SEA SHEPHERD STAYED THE COURSE IN 2024, STEADFAST IN OUR MISSION TO DEFEND, CONSERVE, AND PROTECT THE OCEAN THROUGH DIRECT ACTION. THE THREATS ARE REAL—ILLEGAL FISHING, HABITAT DESTRUCTION, AND DWINDLING MARINE POPULATIONS—BUT OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS AND TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS KEEP OUR FLEET ON THE FRONTLINES.**

Working alongside governments and law enforcement worldwide, our crews remove destructive fishing gear, disrupt poachers, and help enforce critical marine protections. These hands-on operations deliver tangible results and bring global awareness to the urgency of safeguarding marine habitats, from the Mediterranean to Antarctica. Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to serving as the unwavering ocean conservation advocates, doing whatever it takes to ensure the survival of the ocean for generations to come.

**Sea Shepherd. For the Ocean.**



# A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As the year ends, once more we reflect on the accomplishments of our crews, supported by all of you around the world. We are grateful for every life saved and there were many in 2024. I'm always happy to see certain national campaigns that I am particularly fond of, grow into an international campaign.

An animal that deserves our special attention is the octopus. Octopus poaching is a real problem in the Mediterranean Sea and our campaign in Italy has certainly shown that we can stop this form of fishing. When our Greek director suggested we expand the campaign into Greece's waters, we decided to do a short campaign to test the results. Our ship the *Conrad* together with the *Emanuel Bronner* sailed up to Northern Greece to look for illegal octopus traps. What followed was record breaking. Every day I would be getting updates from Greece: hundreds of traps pulled and octopus saved. In a 16-day campaign we pulled a record of 6583 traps and saved 571 octopus. Those deadly traps were forever removed from Greek waters in cooperation with the Greek authorities.

We are preparing to return to this area in 2025 with our ship the *Sea Eagle* to sweep it clean of all the remaining traps.

We also returned to Antarctica to continue to increase the pressure on the krill fishing industry. With the amount of sea ice disappearing due to global warming, we are seeing smaller and smaller concentrations of krill. This is already making it harder for the whales to feed on krill, absolutely needed to build up their reserves. The krill fishing industry adds further pressure on the ecosystem for products the world doesn't need.

This is an industry we have to close down. We got rid of Japanese whalers, shut down poaching in Antarctica and we will not rest until we get rid of this destructive krill fishing industry.

Our consumer awareness campaign continues to evolve, highlighting how the demand for krill-based Omega 3 supplements depletes the whales' main food source in Antarctica.





Our campaigns against Illegal fishing in Africa have been incredibly successful, 99 arrests in the past eight years. Tens of millions of lives saved and ecosystems protected from destruction. Thanks to the success of these actions, we were able to bring this program to the Pacific where we did our first patrol in the island state of Tuvalu. And just recently we signed our second Pacific partnership with the Autonomous Government of Bougainville. Proud to assist them in the fight against poachers during their journey towards independence.

In the coming year we will have our ship the *Allankay* joining up with Tuvaluan and Bougainville authorities to protect their waters and save wildlife.

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE. OUR WORK IS UNIQUE, NO OTHER MARINE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION DELIVERS SUCH RESULTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO, WITH YOU BY OUR SIDE THERE IS NO STOPPING US.**

From all of us at Sea Shepherd, thank you.  
For the Ocean,

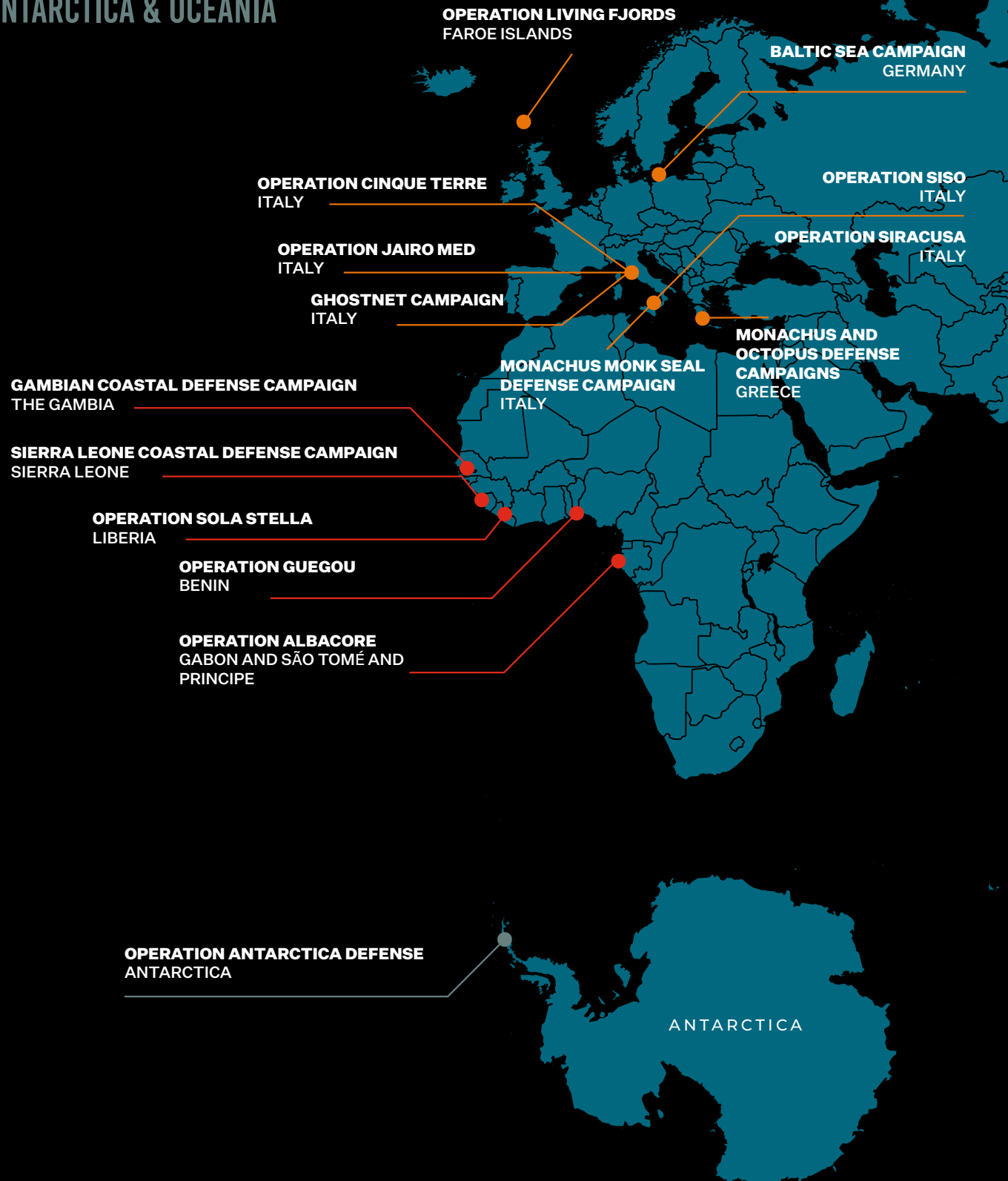


**Captain Alex Cornelissen**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Sea Shepherd Global



# OUR CAMPAIGNS

- EUROPE
- AFRICA
- ANTARCTICA & OCEANIA





**OPERATION TUVALU**  
PACIFIC OCEAN

**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 in waters off the African continent and in the South Pacific. Successful campaigns have been conducted in partnership with authorities in Gabon, São Tomé & Príncipe, Liberia, Benin, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, The Gambia and Tuvalu. To date, these unique partnerships have resulted in the arrest of 99 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 South Pacific 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 continually aims to strengthen relationships with partner nations while steadily building partnerships in additional African and Pacific island countries where IUU fishing is an ongoing problem. Due to the success of our campaigns in these regions, there is an opportunity for Sea Shepherd to expand its area of operations to protect more marine wildlife around the entire African continent and the South Pacific.



# 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**.

**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.**

**1 IN 5 WILD OCEAN FISH ON THE MARKET ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN **CAUGHT THROUGH IUU FISHING**.**

**NINETY-THREE PERCENT OF COMMERCIAL FISH POPULATIONS THAT ARE NOW **FULLY OR OVEREXPLOITED****


face immense pressure from IUU fishing, which also poses a significant threat to coastal communities that rely on these species for their livelihoods.

**IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OVER 300,000 WHALES AND DOLPHINS **DIE FROM ENTANGLEMENT** IN FISHING GEAR EACH YEAR.**

These entanglements are the single largest cause of mortality for small cetaceans, and prohibited fishing gear poses the most significant threat.

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



A person wearing a red vest with "toliq 201" on it and a black jacket is holding a large sea turtle. The turtle is being held over a large pile of fish caught in a black net. The person is wearing red gloves and black pants. The background is dark and out of focus.

**“IF WE CAN ELIMINATE ILLEGAL FISHING, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE OUT OF FIVE FISH CAUGHT, SIMPLY BY ENFORCING LAWS THAT ALREADY EXIST, THEN WE CAN MAKE A HUGE DENT IN THE OVERFISHING PROBLEM BY REDUCING GLOBAL FISHING PRESSURES BY 20%.”**

- Captain Peter Hammarstedt,  
Sea Shepherd Global's Director of Campaigns



# AFRICA

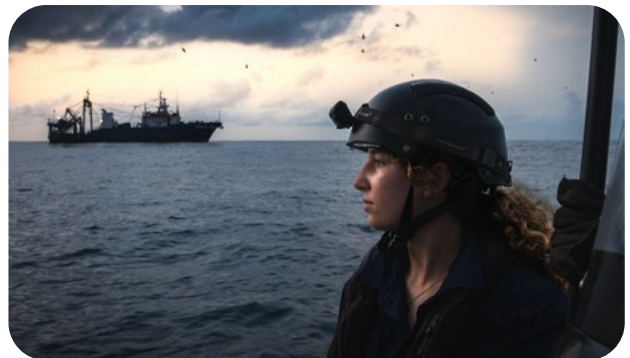


## Operation Gambian Coastal Defense

### The Gambia

In 2024, Sea Shepherd continued its commitment to protecting Gambian waters in partnership with The Gambia Navy. Operating from our vessel *Age of Union*, we assisted with the arrest of [eight industrial trawlers](#) for serious fisheries infractions such as fishing within protected areas, fishing without valid licenses, and using illegal gear. These arrests build on a

successful five-year collaboration that began in 2019, resulting in a total of [34 vessels detained to date](#). By helping enforce Gambian fishing regulations, we are safeguarding the livelihoods of more than 300,000 Gambians who depend on healthy fish populations and protecting a region teeming with marine biodiversity. Our joint efforts will continue to deter illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and preserve one of West Africa's most vital coastal ecosystems.



## Operation Sola Stella

### Liberia

Sea Shepherd is currently on our ninth 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. Our ongoing presence in Liberia helped defeat a proposal to shrink the inshore exclusion zone (IEZ) that protects local fishermen and biodiversity from six nautical miles to three, as well as plans to license six Chinese supertrawlers and launch an experimental shrimp fishery in that same IEZ.

## Sierra Leone Coastal Defense Campaign

### Sierra Leone

In 2024 Sea Shepherd Global continued coordination with the Sierra Leone Navy to conduct patrols at-sea on board of the *Age of Union* combating illegal fishing, resulting in the arrest of another two trawlers. Eleven vessels have been arrested since [the beginning of the campaign in 2021](#).



## Operation Albacore

### Gabon and São Tomé & Príncipe

No illegal activity was detected during our ninth 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. Over that same period, Gabon not only established the continent's most extensive network of MPAs, but also prohibited the deliberate setting of tuna nets on whales and whale sharks, and banned the finning of sharks, skates, and rays—direct responses to documentation obtained during *Operation Albacore*.



## Operation Guegou

### 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. The first of those seven arrests sparked political reform that resulted in the maximum penalty for illegal fishing being increased from \$50,000 to \$1,500,000, regulations that have since been implemented, significantly deterring illegal fishing.





A man in a grey t-shirt and black helmet is pulling a fishing net on a boat. The net is tangled with debris and is being hoisted by a green mechanical device. Another person is visible in the background, also working with the net. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# EUROPE

**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 & Octopus Defense Campaigns

### Greece

In 2024, Sea Shepherd Greece continued protecting the Mediterranean Monk Seal in the National Marine Park of Alonissos and Northern Sporades, combating illegal fishing to preserve vital food sources for all marine mammals in the area. After reporting a trawler illegally fishing in the Park's portion of international waters, the Port Police won a pivotal court case—resulting in significantly fewer trawler incursions this winter. **Thanks to ongoing conservation efforts, the Mediterranean Monk Seal's status shifted from Endangered to Vulnerable**, and the Park celebrated a record 14 newborn pups—its highest in 30 years.

In September 2024, Sea Shepherd Greece and Sea Shepherd Italy joined forces in Thrace Pelagos — the northern Aegean Sea off the coast of Thrace in northeastern Greece — removing over **6,500 illegal octopus traps** and **rescuing more than 500 octopuses** near Porto Lagos, under the command of the Port Police Department and in cooperation with the Fisheries Department of Xanthi and the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace. Sea Shepherd was honored with an award from the Hellenic Coast Guard and the Region of East Macedonia and Thrace for its outstanding work. At the 2024 Our Ocean Conference in Athens, Sea Shepherd Global renewed its partnership with Greece's Natural Environment & Climate Change Agency to patrol the Alonissos Northern Sporades Marine Park with the *M/Y Emanuel Bronner*; during the

same event, Greece announced new legislation to ban bottom trawling in national parks by 2026 and extend this prohibition to all Marine Protected Areas by 2030.

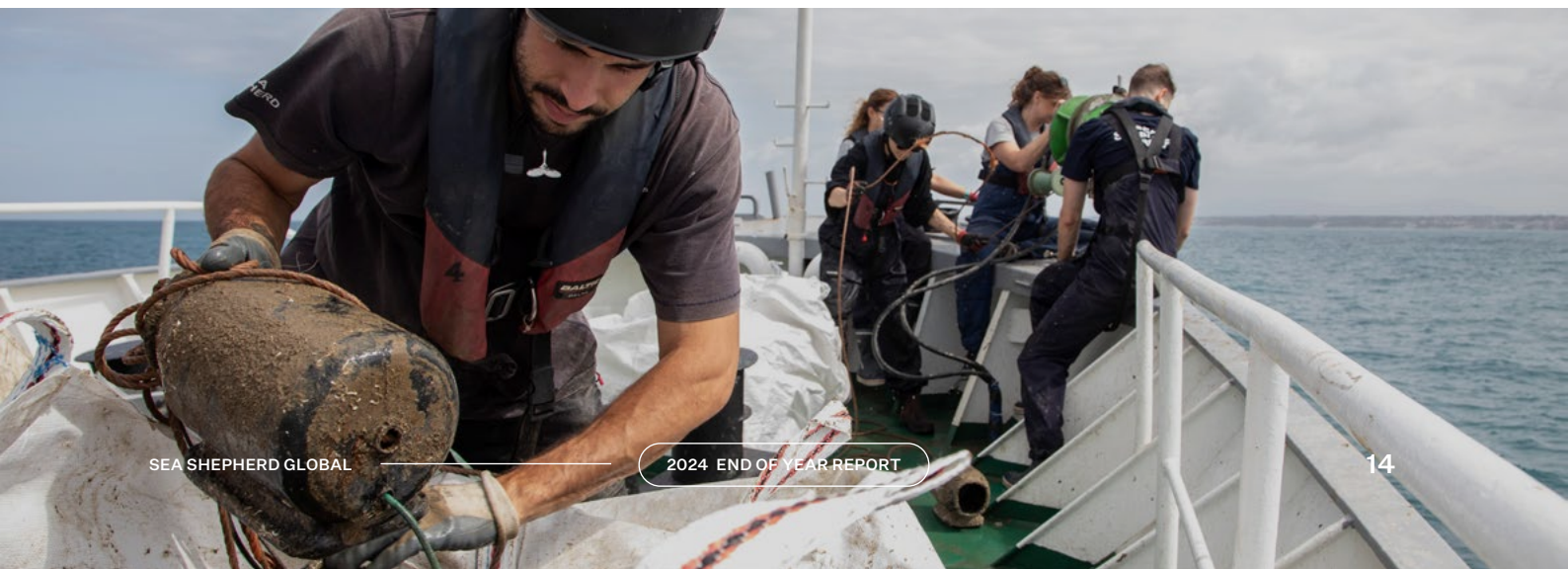


## Monachus Monk Seal Defense Campaign

### Italy

Sea Shepherd Italy continued efforts in 2024 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. In the Tyrrhenian Sea, *Sea Eagle* and *Conrad* **removed more than 600 traps** off the coast of Civitavecchia, in collaboration with maritime authorities, including Guardia di Finanza and the Capitaneria di Porto.





## Operation Siso

### Italy

In 2024, during its seventh year patrolling the Tyrrhenian Sea, [Operation SISO](#) removed **160 km of illegal fishing gear**—longlines, nets, and Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs)—helping **save countless marine creatures**, including a large *Caretta caretta* turtle entangled in nearly two meters of fishing line. Working in coordination

with the Coast Guard and Guardia di Finanza, our teams use the *Sea Eagle* patrol ship, the *Conrad* catamaran, a RHIB, and drones to tackle driftnets (“walls of death”) and large-scale FADs notorious for bycatch. Thanks to these efforts, the **Tyrrhenian Sea has seen a 70% reduction in illegal fishing** over the last four years and zero sperm whale deaths from illegal nets—an enormous win for marine conservation.

Operation SISO also partners with *iMilani* to repurpose confiscated gear into [Sea Turtle Crates](#) that safely transport injured marine animals. Each crate contains up to 8.6 kg of recycled plastic primarily sourced from recovered FADs and nets. **To date, nearly 4,000 kg of confiscated gear has been processed into over 450 of these crates, providing a second life for what once threatened marine life.**



## Ghostnet Campaign

### Italy

During the 2024 season, the Ghostnet crew worked in the beautiful areas of Naples and Palermo, removing **six ghost nets with a total length of 519 meters and a weight of 1026 kg.**

## Operation Siracusa

### Italy

In 2024, Sea Shepherd Italy remained active in the [Plemmirio Marine Protection Area \(MPA\)](#) along Syracuse’s coastline in Sicily, targeting illegal poaching of brown grouper, sea urchins, and other marine species. Collaborating closely with local authorities, volunteer crews **detected 84 illegal activities**, many of which were halted by law enforcement.



## Operation Cinque Terre

### Italy

Launched in July 2024, Sea Shepherd's new campaign targeted the excessive noise pollution generated by thousands of boats passing through the [Cinque Terre MPA](#), which lies within the Pelagos Cetacean Sanctuary. Over two months, volunteers patrolled Zones A and B in collaboration with the Cinque Terre National Park Authority, **engaging more than 5,000 people and stopping over 1,400 boats**. This effort resulted in a **30% reduction in irregular transits** in Zone B, helping protect cetaceans and other marine wildlife from harmful disturbances while fostering a deeper respect for this critical habitat.



## Operation Jairo Med

### Italy

[Jairo Med](#) is Sea Shepherd Italy's longstanding commitment to the defense, protection, and conservation of loggerhead sea turtles 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. In 2024, volunteers worked in three regions: Sardinia, Campania, and Calabria, collaborating with other organizations. The project involved **patrolling over 2,000 km of coastline** on foot and with drones. Volunteers successfully **protected 65 nests, ensuring that 2,925 baby sea turtles safely reached the sea**—three times the number of turtles helped in 2023.

## Baltic Sea Campaigns

### Germany

In 2024, Sea Shepherd Germany ran two major campaigns to protect the Baltic Sea. Over four months, the vessel *Triton* patrolled the waters between Gelting Bay and the Kadetrinne nature reserve, focusing on recovering ghost nets, documenting fishing activities, and monitoring compliance with both fisheries and conservation regulations. During these patrols, **5.5 tonnes of derelict fishing gear** were retrieved, bringing the total removed to **over 23 tonnes since the campaign's inception**. Numerous violations were also documented, underlining the ongoing threat illegal or unregulated fishing poses to the Baltic Sea.

In addition, the Marine Meadows campaign continued its efforts to restore seagrass meadows in partnership with the *GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel*. Following 2023 trials that refined diving courses and introduced the initial round of planting, the 2024 phase saw further seagrass transplantation in Gelting Bay, with participants from local diving clubs and other organizations joining for the first time. Around **9,000 seagrass shoots were planted** over a four-week span in June and August, covering approximately 1,300 square metres. Both campaigns will be continued in 2025.





## Operation Living Fjords

### Faroe Islands

In 2024, Sea Shepherd Global and Sea Shepherd Conservation Society (USA) collaborated on the campaign **to end the slaughter of pilot whales and dolphins** migrating through Faroese waters, led by Valentina Crast, who managed actions on the ground from May through October. This includes the honest and reliable documentation of each

slaughter, as well as making ourselves available for support for local anti-whaling voices (we remain optimistic that these grow every year). 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. During EU Ocean Week at the European

Parliament in Brussels, Sea Shepherd joined the Stop the Grind Coalition in hosting [“Blue Manifesto in Action: Uniting to End Whaling in Europe”](#)—a webinar uniting policy experts, legal specialists, and front-line campaigners to advance strategies such as trade restrictions, human rights arguments, and public engagement, all aimed at ending whaling across Europe.

## Ghost Network Project

### Europe

Sea Shepherd’s campaigns against illegal fishing include removing abandoned, lost, and discarded fishing gear (ALDFG)—or “ghost nets”—found during our patrols. To further our commitment to ocean conservation, we introduced the [Ghost Network project](#) in 2023, an innovative B2B solution aimed at repurposing or recycling recovered fishing gear. After a successful pilot in Croatian ports with #tide, the program expanded to Portugal in 2024. With a 40-foot container now in place, several **tons of nets have already been collected and processed**, and Sea Shepherd representatives have conducted multiple presentations at schools and youth groups to raise awareness of ghost net pollution and sustainable solutions.



# ANTARCTICA & OCEANIA



## Operation Antarctica Defense - Antarctica

In 2024, Sea Shepherd carried out a second expedition to Antarctica aboard the *Allankay*, building on earlier efforts to expose the industrial krill fishery's impact on whales, seals, and penguins. [We documented supertrawlers](#) continuing to plow through megapods of fin whales—

activities that remain legal under current regulations—even as the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) failed to establish new Marine Protected Areas in their October meeting.

In response, we intensified our campaign, launching a global grassroots effort urging volunteers to photograph krill

products in local stores and illustrating how consumer demand directly enables the destruction of Antarctic ecosystems. This momentum in 2024—along with widespread condemnation of krill fishing—paves the way for our return in 2025 with a broader coalition of partners and scientific experts, as we push for a total ban on krill fishing in Antarctic waters.

## Operation Tuvalu Pacific Ocean

In April 2024, Sea Shepherd launched its first Pacific partnership, beginning joint fisheries patrols onboard the vessel *Allankay* in the waters of Tuvalu—a Polynesian country made up of reef islands and coral atolls located halfway between Hawaii and Australia. Working alongside Tuvalu Police Service officers, we confiscated more than [9.5 kilometers of illegal longline gear](#) from a 'dark vessel' known as *Li Hung No. 666*, exposing severe threats to Tuvalu's marine biodiversity and economy. With the nation's only patrol boat damaged by a cyclone in 2023, this new campaign aims to uphold local fishing laws, protect tuna populations and sharks from illegal exploitation, and **safeguard the food security of Tuvalu's 12,000 residents**—already under pressure from climate change and rising sea levels.





## Marine Debris & Shark Defense Campaigns

### Australia

Sea Shepherd Australia had a massive impact in 2024, with **over 40 tonnes of marine debris removed** through remote and community clean-ups, involving more than 2,000 volunteers across 104 events. They also worked proudly with Indigenous Ranger groups, work that is now humbly recognised as Reconciliation through Conservation. The Shark Defence Campaign continued to advocate for the removal of lethal shark nets and drumlines, with expanded public awareness efforts and drone surveillance.



The *Allankay* East Coast tour engaged thousands of supporters, raising critical funds, and highlighting the urgent threats of krill harvesting on marine ecosystems.

**THE DEDICATION OF SEA SHEPHERD AUSTRALIA'S GROWING VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY, WHICH INCREASED BY 21% THIS YEAR, WAS INTEGRAL TO THESE SUCCESSES, DRIVING MEANINGFUL ACTION TO PROTECT MARINE LIFE AND HABITATS.**

## Operation Pahu

### New Zealand

Sea Shepherd New Zealand continues to defend our national dolphin both Maui and Pahu. This year our three boats were active in both Te Ika-a-Māui / North Island and Te Waipounamu / South Island. From Manukau and Waitamata to Marlborough Sounds, Otago, Timaru and Southland. **Great to report lots of new pahu calves in Te Waewae currently!** Watch out for updates over the coming summer months.



# SEA SHEPHERD GLOBAL CREW IN 2024



**TOTAL UNIQUE  
CREW: 320**

**198** Male, **120** Female  
**2** Non-specified



**TOTAL NATIONS  
REPRESENTED: 37**

## **Age of Union**

Unique Crew: 108

Nations Represented: 28

## **Allankay**

Unique Crew: 112

Nations Represented: 21

## **Ocean Warrior**

Unique Crew: 51

Nations Represented: 22

## **Sea Eagle**

Unique Crew: 114

Nations Represented: 28



# MEET THE 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.



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

## ALLANKAY

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. After its inaugural campaign in 2023's [Operation Antarctica Defense](#), the *Allankay* returned to the Antarctic in 2024 to defend krill and the whales, penguins, seals and other marine wildlife that depend on them. It also sailed to Tuvalu for Sea Shepherd's first campaign in the South Pacific, in partnership with the Tuvalu Police, to stop illegal fishing. In 2025 the ship will expand its capacity to hold up to 40 crew members.



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

## OCEAN WARRIOR

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 Antalya, 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.



#### Technical Information

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

## THE AGE OF UNION

The *Age of Union* was named after Dax Dasilva and 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 producer 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. In 2024, the *Age of Union* continued patrols against illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing with local partners in Liberia, The Gambia, Sierra Leone, and São Tomé and Príncipe.



#### Technical Information

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

## THE SEA EAGLE

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. In 2024, the *Sea Eagle* was instrumental throughout the year for Operation Siso, protecting marine wildlife in the Med from poachers, confiscating illegal fishing gear in Italy.

## 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.



#### Technical Information

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

## EMANUEL BRONNER

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

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. In 2024, the *Conrad* also sailed to Greece to help confiscate 6,505 octopus traps and save more than 500 octopuses in the Thracian Sea.



### Technical Information

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



## TRITON

Acquired by Sea Shepherd Germany in 2022 from the Royal Police of Gibraltar, the *Triton* is 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.



### Technical Information

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



## JAIRO MORA SANDOVAL

Granted to the Cabo Verde-based conservation organization, Biosfera.



### Technical Information

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

A woman with brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue Sea Shepherd shirt, is smiling and ringing a large, weathered metal bell. The bell is suspended by a chain. In the background, another person is visible on the ship's deck. The sky is overcast.

# SEA SHEPHERD NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE





## Sea Shepherd Austria

Sea Shepherd Austria had an eventful year, highlighted by welcoming Captain Peter Hammarstedt for the Ocean Film Tour and a special screening of *FIN* at the Kitzbühel Film Festival, in cooperation with the Rotary Club Kitzbühel, featuring a live interview with Peter. Volunteers organized cleanups in Graz and Vienna, removing significant amounts of waste from local rivers. The team also participated in major events such as Veganmania and the Boat Show Tulln, raising awareness for ocean conservation. Additionally, Sea Shepherd's work was featured in several Austrian news outlets, and our director was a guest on two podcasts, further amplifying their message of marine protection. We had an amazing concert with four of our Austrian support bands this summer, the first event of this kind in Europe under the new Sea Shepherd artists project.



## Sea Shepherd Czech Republic

In 2024, Sea Shepherd Czech Republic hosted two successful charity concerts, strengthening ties with the local music scene and its community. Volunteers actively engaged with the public at major summer festivals, including Brutal Assault, where they hosted the screening of *The Return to Antarctica* documentary. In addition to these activities, Sea Shepherd Czech Republic participated in various other events, furthering their mission to highlight the importance of marine conservation, even in an inland country. Volunteers also took part in campaigns against illegal fishing, not only in the Mediterranean but also in Africa, and contributed to the Faroe Islands Campaign.



## Sea Shepherd Belgium

Throughout 2024, Sea Shepherd Belgium carried out multiple cleanup operations, including ongoing work along the Vesdre riverbanks, which remain heavily polluted after the 2021 floods. Volunteers also removed nurdles—plastic pellets mistaken by seabirds for food—from the water reservoir in Nieuwpoort, a critical habitat for marine birds. In March, a Belgian couple sailed across the Atlantic to raise awareness of our mission and collect donations on our behalf. We sold merchandise and engaged the public at major events such as Brakrock, Valérieane, the Ocean Film Fest in Ghent, and vegan fairs in Bruges and Antwerp. We further supported the “Empty the Tanks” campaign aimed at closing the last dolphinarium in Belgium and welcomed new supporters and volunteers from the French-speaking part of the country. Between December 20 and 28, Sea Shepherd Belgium protested at several fish shops to highlight the suffering caused by transporting and selling live lobsters, noting that Belgium ranks fifth worldwide in lobster consumption. Looking ahead to 2025, Sea Shepherd Belgium will celebrate its 15th anniversary, and we’re currently searching for a suitable venue to mark the occasion.



Sea Shepherd Portugal volunteers collecting abandoned fishing gear.

## Sea Shepherd Netherlands

In 2024, Sea Shepherd Netherlands once again contributed to the multiple direct action campaigns worldwide. In particular, they helped to make our upcoming campaign in Antarctica possible, supported the protection of marine species in the Mediterranean Sea, and, thanks to the generous contribution from long-term Sea Shepherd partner, the Nationale Postcode Loterij, supported our campaigns against IUU fishing in West Africa. In 2025, Sea Shepherd Netherlands will continue to play an important role in the raising of awareness as well as funds for Sea Shepherd's actions worldwide.

## Sea Shepherd Portugal

We kicked off the year at the Economist World Ocean Summit in March with a well-equipped stand that drew considerable interest. Captain Peter Hammarstedt attended throughout, culminating in a private dinner with Sylvia Earle and key figures from Mission Blue, Gallifrey Foundation, and Blue Marine Foundation. Sea Shepherd Portugal also organized a beach clean-up for the Summit. Meanwhile, merchandise sales at Dona Ajuda thrived, building on a successful Sea Shepherd presentation and film evening held there a few months earlier. With support from

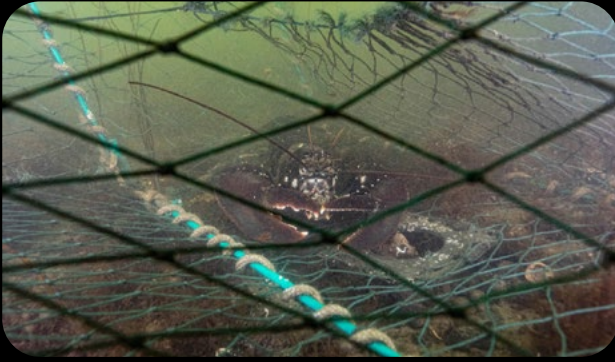
Sea Shepherd Global, we arranged for a dedicated schoolteacher, Luisa Dinis, to spend over ten days aboard the *Sea Eagle* in August, enabling her to return home with fresh material for screenings at her school. Leonor from Sea Shepherd Portugal joined a summer mission in Italy, reinforcing our emphasis on getting volunteers involved at sea—much like Pedro's ongoing work on the *Age of Union* in West Africa. Sea Shepherd participated in two other beach cleanups with Brigada do Mar and Nova University, and we currently have more volunteers than we can put to work, reflecting growing enthusiasm for our mission.



## Sea Shepherd Spain

In 2024, Sea Shepherd Spain worked alongside local partners and volunteers to protect the largest number of loggerhead turtle nests recorded in Spain, all located in the Valencian Community. In collaboration with the NGO Xaloc and various regional authorities, we helped guard five actively monitored nests—overseeing translocation, safe incubation, and the release of 189 baby turtles. Despite challenges, including damage to the volunteer camp from Storm Dana, each camp ran smoothly thanks to the tireless efforts of over 500 volunteers. Public institutions like the City Councils of Elche and Torrevieja, universities, and private entities including Fundación Reale, CM Plastic, and Paradores provided vital support. These partnerships made it possible to protect these nesting sites and ensure future generations of loggerhead turtles continue to thrive along the Spanish coast.





## Sea Shepherd Scandinavia 🇩🇰 🇸🇪

In 2024 we focused on our Lobster Campaign. Articles, TV reports, and lobbying efforts have led to stricter regulations for lobster fishing in the Limfjord, meaning that professional fishermen must now also comply with requirements for fishing equipment. However, a complete ban on fishing gear during the protected season remains elusive, so we'll continue to engage political parties—meetings with all representatives in the Environmental Committee are scheduled for early 2025. We are also monitoring a supermarket chain reportedly violating humane lobster-slaughter laws, with plans to address this issue in December. At the same time, we are working with the Hellerup-Gribskov Municipality to clarify who bears responsibility for removing the tons of nets washing ashore annually. By highlighting removal costs, we aim to rally support for curbing or halting the abandonment of fishing nets, preventing them from becoming hazardous ghost gear over time.

## Sea Shepherd Switzerland 🇨🇭

From Natalie Maspoli Taylor, Director Sea Shepherd Switzerland: *"Our 10th Anniversary celebrations were really successful and I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped organize the events, the partners with whom we collaborated to organise the various events in all three regions of Switzerland. And of course also a big thank you to our CEO, Alex Cornelissen and the Director of Campaign, Peter Hammarstedt who attended all our events. This year again, thanks to the donations received by our supporters and the hard work of our volunteers, we have supported many campaigns of Sea Shepherd Global, and we are so proud. Our on shore volunteers this year participated in numerous campaigns in Antarctica, Africa, Italy, Germany, and Greece. For us, coming from a country surrounded by mountains, we feel so thankful that we were able to protect and defend our ocean in so many ways."*





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