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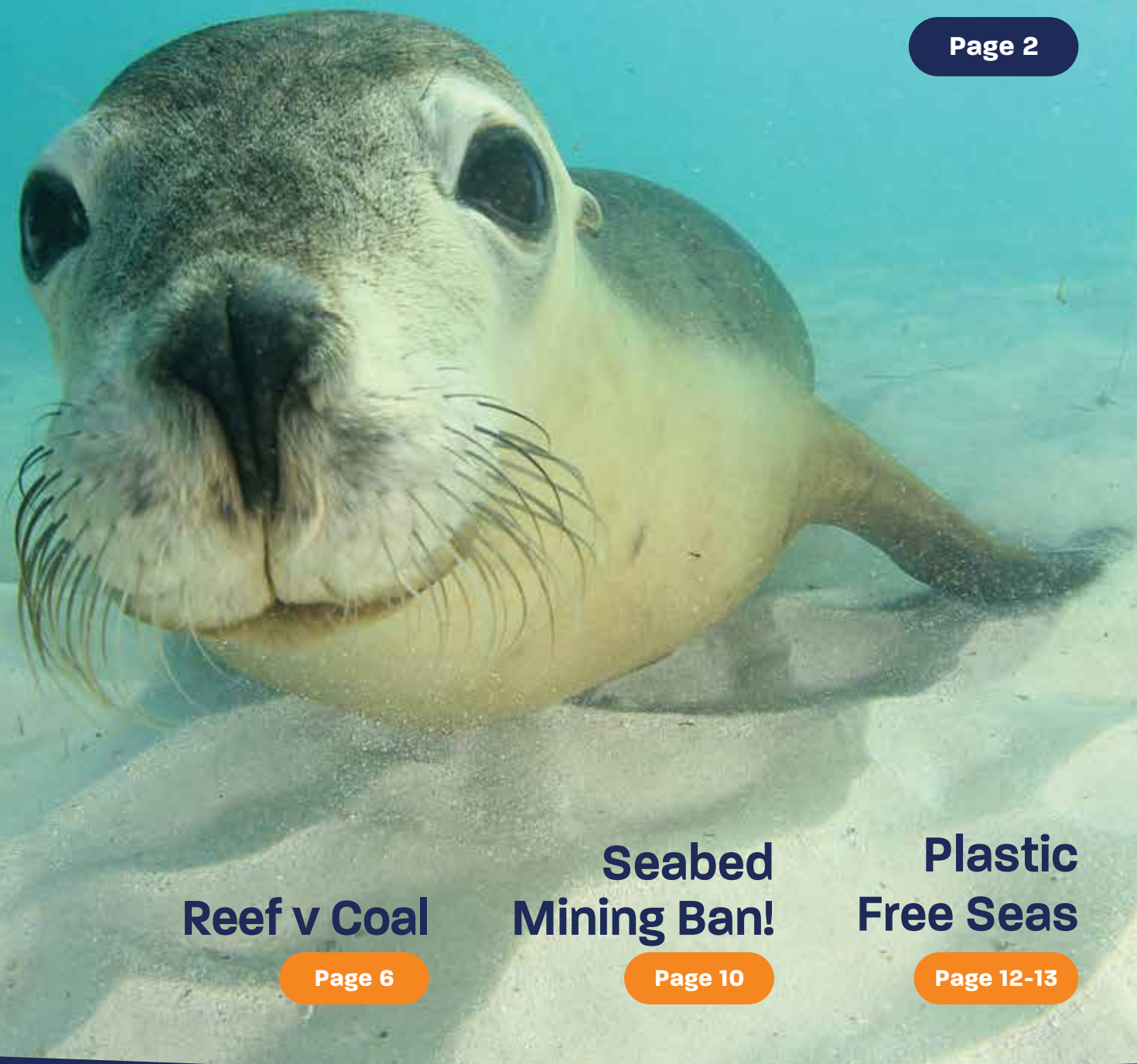
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“The Australian sea lion is now one of the rarest species on the planet.”

Fun Fact:

A one year old pup is called a “yearling” while a group of sea lions in water is called a “raft”.

Australian Sea Lions

Australian sea lions are unique to Australian shores.

These beautiful animals prefer sandy beaches, usually in isolated bays and sheltered areas, living in small colonies along the coastline of South Australia and Western Australia.

The Australian sea lion has a stocky body, a large head and short narrow flippers. The male is dark brown with mane-like yellow areas on the neck and top of the head. The females are silver grey to fawn on the back and creamy coloured underneath. Pups are born with a chocolate brown fur, which is lost after the first moulting phase.

Females only breed once every 18 months and they pup only at the site where they were born.

The biggest threat is bycatch in commercial fisheries gillnets, which are invisible, thin mesh nets suspended in the water, in which they can get snagged and drown. Chemical pollution and rising sea levels are other possible causes for the decline in the number of endangered Australian sea lions.



Did You Know?

Breeding colonies are located only on remote areas of the coastline or islands and only 66 breeding colonies are known. Each sea lion colony is genetically distinct from neighbouring colonies and other populations.

Dramatic Decline

Historically hunted for their fur in the 1800s and early 1900s, Australian sea lion numbers have more recently plummeted further, **falling by over 60% in four decades.**

The Australian sea lion is now one of the rarest species on the planet.

They are at such low levels that in 2021 the conservation status of the species was re-assessed and uplisted to ‘endangered’ under Australian law.

It is estimated there are only 6,500 mature sea lions left. At 60% of the breeding sites, fewer than 25 sea lion pups are born each year, and this number continues to decline.

The death of even a single female can have a negative impact on a colony’s survival, especially if the colony has a very low population.

Facts & Figures

COMMON NAME: Australian sea lion

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Neophoca cinerea*

TYPE: Mammalia

AVERAGE LIFESPAN IN THE WILD: 12 years

SIZE: 60–300 kg and 1.3–2.5 m.

DIET: Variety of fish and invertebrates such as octopus and squid

LOCATION: South Australia and Western Australia coastlines

THREATENED STATUS: Endangered (EPBC & IUCN)

On behalf of everyone at AMCS, and especially from our oceans and incredible marine wildlife, THANK YOU!

Our World Oceans Day 2021 giving event exceeded all of our expectations – you, our inspiring ocean-loving supporters, have blown us away with your donations and heartfelt words of encouragement!

More than 2,000 of you wonderful, generous people gave to our oceans and your donations were doubled by our incredible matching donors. As a result, we eclipsed our initial target by over 75% to raise over \$530,000!

There has never been a more critical time to stand up for our big, blue backyard and the wildlife that calls it home.

Over the next decade, we must fight harder than ever against pollution and overfishing, to protect remaining habitats and bring about urgent climate action. Each generous gift we received on World Oceans Day is building our campaigns and growing our impact for our oceans and marine life.



Thank You!

We are deeply grateful for your support on World Oceans Day. Watch the team say thanks for your support, visit amcs.org.au/WOD-TY



We wish to thank every single one of our fabulous donors, from individual supporters such as Juliet and Amber (pictured), to foundations and company fundraising teams. Juliet (aged 7) and Amber (aged 5) gave their pocket money to protect our oceans, knowing their gift would be doubled on World Oceans Day. Juliet said she “*hoped the other people would look after the animals too*”. Thank you Juliet and Amber, we promise that we will use your money wisely to help protect Australia’s ocean creatures!

Meet the Matchers

Thank you to the following World Oceans Day Giving Event Matchers:

2 Monkeys Foundation; Mary Maher; Ingrid Neilson and Michael Barnes; Goodwill Wines; Sarah & Sebastian; Powderworkers; Blue Dive, Port Douglas; David and Elizabeth Teather; Carbon Creative; The Horse; David and Lisa Leckenby; Rawson Care Foundation; Anne Jaumees; Dr Kim Kendall; VanDyson Marine Fund; The Letcombe Foundation; Pure Coastal; Waterways Dental; Donna Burton; Bruce McMullin Foundation; Anna Lewin; Lets Go Surfing; Charles Warman Foundation; Interactive Tax Consultants; JMS Foundation

“We must fix these laws and save our endangered ocean wildlife – before it is too late.”

Fix Australia's environment laws

Australia's environment laws are supposed to protect our endangered animals and ocean habitats, but they are failing.

Australia's beloved marine species such as turtles, sawfish and sea lions and our iconic seascapes like the Great Barrier Reef and Ningaloo are under threat.

Our oceans face more challenges than at any other time in human history. Record ocean temperatures are harming our reefs, and marine life is threatened by fishing and coastal development.

Australia is home to some of the most unique animals on our planet, on our lands and in our seas. Yet right now, in the middle of an extinction crisis, the federal government is rushing to weaken our national environmental law, by pushing through legislation that will hand over national decision-making responsibilities to states and territories and weaken our national environmental standards. We're working with our colleagues as part of the Places You Love Alliance to stop this from happening.

We must fix these laws and save our endangered ocean wildlife – before it is too late.

Take Action

Contact your local MP and Senators and ask them to fight for strong laws that protect endangered wildlife.
www.amcs.org.au/EPBC

Independent Review

Earlier this year, an independent review of our national environment law, the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) by Professor Graeme Samuel found the Act is “ineffective” and “not fit to address current or future environmental challenges”.

Significant reforms are needed to halt Australia's extinction crisis and protect our ocean ecosystems.

The review of the EPBC Act gave 38 recommendations and outlined what was required to stem the extinction tide, including:

- 🐟 Strong national environmental standards,
- 🐟 Independent statutory Environment Assurance Commissioner,
- ★ Independent Office of Compliance and Enforcement.

Australia's nature laws are weak

Our native marine animals are being pushed towards extinction.

Right now, the federal government is considering weakening these laws even more.

Watch a few short clips about some of our #MissingWildlife. Visit amcs.org.au/sawfish

/southernright
/whaleshark
/sealion



Green sea turtle, Lady Elliot Island, Great Barrier Reef © Michael Smith
Shark Nets Gold Coast © HSI-AMCS-N McLaughlin

Nets Out Now

Each year between April and November, Australia's eastern coastline comes alive with the annual humpback whale migration.

But these majestic creatures are under threat from entanglements in shark nets in Queensland waters on their migration path. Entanglements are stressful for these majestic giants, and can be fatal unless they are quickly freed.

NSW removes shark nets for the migration season yet the nets still remain in place in Queensland, and in 2020 four whales were entangled in the Gold Coast nets, including a mother and its calf.

Whales must be allowed to freely migrate through Queensland waters.

Thanks to your voice and support, in September 2020 Queensland committed to trialling shark control methods that are not lethal to sharks, including drones to spot sharks. This year, Queensland will continue the trials and we're pushing for the shark nets to be removed for the whale migrations.

Take Action

Since 2001, 57 humpback whales have been caught in Gold Coast nets. Shark nets are also placed along the Sunshine coast, north of Brisbane.

Join us and ask Queensland to implement non-lethal shark control measures.
sharkchampions.org.au/qldsharkcull

Aussie Battlers

Shark and ray species unique to Australian waters are in danger of extinction.

Half of Australia's 322 species of shark and ray are found nowhere else in the world, and yet these true-blue Aussie battlers are in serious trouble due to commercial fishing.

Many of our unique species live in deep offshore waters, and little is known about them. What we do know from fishing records is that many species are in decline, with little or no protection in place for them. Many of these sharks can be kept by fishers and can end up sold as ‘flake’.

Thanks to shark champions like you, AMCS and HSI commissioned an independent report to find solutions for our Aussie battler sharks and rays.

The solutions to save these sharks and rays include full protection under law so that they have to be returned to the water if accidentally caught, keeping existing fishery closures to help populations recover, and training fishers in safe-handling practices to improve with survival rates of the released animals.

Read

Read Australia's Endemic Shark here:
amcs.org.au/SharkReport

For the Kids

Download free digital action pack and help raise awareness today.
amcs.org.au/sharks-rays-action-pack/



Yeppoon Rally against Clive Palmer's Coal Mine

Coral Reef, Whitsunday, Great Barrier Reef © Tanya Punthi

Dugong mother and calf, Great Barrier Reef © GBRMPA

Reef v Coal Win!

Your voices and scientists were heard.

Thank you to everyone who signed a petition, sent an email to the Queensland environment minister and attended rallies in Mackay, Yeppoon and Brisbane!

The Queensland government has deemed the Clive Palmer-owned coal mine project as 'not suitable', recommending the mine not receive environmental approvals. Just 10km from the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, experts warned of irreversible damage to important habitats and ecosystems. The area just downstream from the project is home to threatened species like dugongs, snubfin dolphins and flatback turtles.

The fight continues... as the decision now rests with the federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley.

In the countdown to Minister Ley's decision to reject or approve the coal mine which was due in July, Reef-lovers from Cairns to Albury (Minister Ley's electorate) joined the June National Day of Action, delivering personalised letters to their MPs.

At the time of printing the decision is on pause while the Environment Minister requests further information.

Gillnet Carnage

Thank you to over 10,500 of our supporters who wrote to the Queensland government urging them to improve protection for endangered wildlife in the Reef.

Gillnet fishers in our Great Barrier Reef are hugely under-reporting the deaths of threatened and endangered species like dugongs, dolphins, turtles and sawfish, which get entangled in their nets.

All of these animals are protected in Queensland waters and our Reef is a refuge for them. The World Heritage area should be a sanctuary for these species whose populations have crashed in other countries.

We need to immediately get cameras on all gillnet fishing boats so we get an accurate picture of the real cost of the gillnet fishery on our Reef. This is the first step to putting measures in place to stop wildlife getting killed in nets in the first place. We're also asking the QLD Government to remove fishing effort from areas that are vitally important for marine wildlife.

The Queensland government has consulted on a Protected Species Management Strategy that would apply to the gillnet fishery. This strategy will outline the measures that will be taken to reduce protected species deaths to as close to zero as possible. The final version is due to be released in the coming months.

Reef's Inshore Habitats Win

In a win for our Reef, federal and state funding was announced to tackle water pollution in our Great Barrier Reef.

A joint Queensland and federal government Great Barrier Reef report card for 2019 shockingly gave an overall D grade for inshore marine conditions. AMCS has been pushing for funding to improve critical water quality for our Reef's ecosystems.

In response, and a fantastic win for our Reef, the:

- Australian government announced \$30 million funding in the federal budget in May to address pollution from land-based run-off.

- The Queensland government announced a \$270 million funding renewal in the state budget in June to tackle water pollution.

It will fund the continued roll out of the Reef protection regulations and enable support for farmers working to improve the quality of water running off their land into the inshore areas of our Reef.

While important gains have been made in tackling some pollutants there is still a lot of work to be done to clean up our Reef's waters. These are welcome investments in supporting innovative projects that will contribute to improving the water quality in our Reef.

In Danger: The Heat Is On

The science is clear: the Great Barrier Reef is in danger from rising sea temperatures, poor water quality and unsustainable fishing practices.

The 21-member World Heritage Committee (WHC) met in July to decide whether to ratify UNESCO's science-based recommendation to add the Reef to the World Heritage in Danger list, due to three severe coral bleaching events in the last five years and slow progress towards achieving water quality targets.

The WHC did not adopt UNESCO's recommendation to inscribe the Reef on the 'in danger' list. The WHC instead requested the Australian government report back on its actions to protect our global icon to UNESCO by 1 February 2022. Including a request for the Australian and Queensland governments to host a Reactive Monitoring Mission to help shape the revised Reef 2050 Plan.

The pressure to act urgently on climate change and water quality is piling on the Morrison government following the WHC meeting.

Thanks to your support, the heat is on Australia to act on climate following the WHC decision. With your support, we will keep the pressure up on the Australian government to take action for our Reef.



Read our CEO's response to the WHC outcome. There's not a moment to lose in the fight for our Reef. Read amcs.org.au/WHC

Marine Sanctuaries



Gentoo Penguin Trio, Antarctica © GWP Antarctica
Mum and calf humpback whales

Thank you for protecting our marine parks & sanctuaries...



Huge new marine parks proposed!

The Australian government has announced plans for two new marine parks around Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands!



As part of the Save Our Marine Life Alliance, we've been working hard to make sure these parks are strong and effective, and meet the aspirations of the local communities – healthy oceans and sustainable fishing are vital to their way of life.

The waters of these islands are home to an incredible array of marine life. Christmas Island, famous for its annual red crab migration, is also a haven for rare seabirds and land crabs.

Once in place, these world-class marine parks will cover an area twice the size of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

They'll be a great addition to Australia's growing marine park network, and make a significant global contribution to the health of ocean wildlife for years to come.

Take Action

Following its announcement, the Australian government is consulting with all Australians about the new parks, including what protections to put in place. Sign onto our submission.
amcs.org.au/christmas-cocos

Antarctic Action

Thank you for helping wildlife in our southern oceans.

Over the past two years thousands of people like you successfully called on the Australian government to support a marine park for the East Antarctic.

Industrial fishing by distant nations continues to expand into this Antarctic wilderness – we must stand up for our vulnerable penguins, whales and other wildlife.

Last year, Australia and the European Union stood together to call for an East Antarctic Marine Park.

This year the world's nations will meet again to make critical decisions on whether to protect this special wilderness at the annual Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR).

We're working with Only One on a global petition to call on CCAMLR country leaders to declare the East Antarctic, Weddell Sea and The Peninsula as marine protected areas at the international meeting in October.

Take Action

Join a global petition to protect the ocean around Antarctica by creating three vital marine protected areas in 2021.
Visit only.one/act/antarctica

Seismic Testing Out Of Parks!

Our marine parks are important refuges for a diverse range of marine life and habitats.

But they're not safe from the oil and gas industry, which continues to explore in and around our parks, putting marine life at threat from seismic testing.

Can you imagine the sound of an explosion – many times louder than a rocket launch – going off in your home every 15 seconds?

The Senate recently held a ground-breaking inquiry into the impacts of seismic testing on our oceans, wildlife and fisheries. It was the first time that oil and gas exploration had been put under such intense public scrutiny.

AMCS and other conservation groups, local communities, scientists, and commercial and recreational fishers shared our united concerns about the ongoing risks of oil and gas exploration in our oceans.

The Senate's final report has many good recommendations – including one to keep seismic tests well away from marine parks!

Take Action

Please sign our petition calling on the Australian government to follow the Senate report's recommendations and stop seismic blasting in our precious marine parks.
amcs.org.au/seismic-testing

Skye to Sea

Skye Van Der Vlies is a marine scientist and is passionate about educating people about the wonders of the ocean.



She has lived by the coast ever since she was a kid, which is where her interest in the ocean began. *"I found myself constantly wanting to know more and do more, which led me to studying marine science at university."*

Skye has always found sharks and rays interesting. While diving in Nusa Lembangan, Indonesia, she met her favourite species, *"I was lucky enough to dive with a large group of manta rays, which was definitely a moment I will always remember."*

Skye recently volunteered for AMCS with our Marine Parks and Sanctuaries campaign. She says, *"By educating ourselves and those around us, we can make informed choices to not only live more sustainably but we can also come to appreciate the marine environments around us."*

Ocean Blog

Skye wrote about how the ocean takes care of us and how we can protect it in a blog for our Marine Parks campaign. Read Skye's blog at amcs.org.au/Skye



Mangroves on Mindil Beach © Ben Ashmore

Angelsnork (sps.) bycatch in a trawl fishery © Marinephotos.com.au/Kevin Aitken

Mimosa Rock Oysters, South Coast NSW © Nick Fletcher

Marine Sanctuaries

Thank you for protecting our marine parks & sanctuaries...

GoodFish

You're helping Australians make sustainable choices...

Seabed Mining Ban Win!

The NT government has banned seabed mining.

AMCS has campaigned for ten years to end destructive seabed mining in precious and sensitive waters of the NT. It is now in its last stages of being passed into law.

The NT government first declared a three-year temporary ban on seabed mining in March 2012 and has since extended it twice under both the Country Liberal Party and Labor governments.

This year, before the temporary ban was due to expire in March, Territorians made it clear that they wanted a permanent ban. By banning seabed mining, the NT government has demonstrated their commitment to protect our coasts.

The Top End has some of the last healthy tropical coasts in the world.

Seabed mining is like bulldozing the seafloor. It would decimate our marine life, pollute our waters, threaten our fishing and destroy places of cultural significance.

Healthy coasts and rivers contribute \$2 billion to the Territory economy each year, supporting more than 6,000 jobs and are a powerful drawcard for tourists from around the world.

Thank you for your support and the thousands of Territorians who stood up for our coasts over the years to stop this destructive industry.

Investing in our Oceans

\$100 million in funding to improve the health of our oceans.

Our oceans are critical to life on earth, but are in deep trouble. The loss of habitat, pollution, overfishing, development, invasive species and the impacts of climate change are devastating marine habitats and species.

The federal government announced \$100 million of ocean conservations funding in the 2021 budget.

This is a promising package of measures to address some key threats, such as the loss and degradation of coastal habitat and capture of wildlife in commercial fishing nets. **It will help make proposed new marine parks around Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands a reality.**

This is the largest dedicated marine conservation funding package by an Australian government in some time and will help plug a significant funding gap in the protection of our oceans.

Investing in our marine habitats and sea life brings benefits to all – our health, our wellbeing and our economy.

We look forward to working with the government on the details of this budget announcement and ensuring progress towards the protection of Australia's magnificent oceans.

Reforming Australia's Fisheries

Join us in calling for an overhaul of Australian fisheries.

Covering two-thirds of Australia's ocean estate, six of Australia's most damaging fisheries will be considered for environmental approval by the federal government over the next eight months.

These fisheries include those managed by the federal, NSW, WA and QLD governments, and together are responsible for the deaths of dolphins, turtles, unique sharks and rays and sawfish.

Watch out for emails from us, highlighting each fishery and the destruction it causes. We're proposing solutions that can fix these fisheries and you can help us make sure new rules get put in place that shift the dial for Australia's wildlife and ecosystems.

Take Action

Two NSW fisheries are the first ones up for review. These fisheries are responsible for driving our uniquely Aussie, endemic sharks and rays closer to extinction, including the harvest of critically endangered whitefin swellshark for meat. Add your name at amcs.org.au/nsw-fisheries-reform



Download (or update) your free **GoodFish: Australia's Sustainable Seafood Guide** app. Visit goodfish.org.au

Sustainable Oysters

The GoodFish program celebrates the environmental stewardship of Australia's sustainable fisheries.

Oyster farming has a very low impact on our oceans. Truly sustainable forms of farming are rare and farming which harnesses nature rather than shape it, should be celebrated.

Visit Mimosa Rock Oyster farm to see how oyster farming works.

Watch amcs.org.au/MimosaRockOysters

Meet the Farmer!

Meet John Blankenstein (pictured) from Mimosa Rock Oysters in the wild and sparkling waters of the far south coast of NSW. John has a passion for creating a link between Australians and the environment that produces their oysters. *"In the wild, I feel at home. And if I can have a job that allows me to do that and produce food, and work with something that's so great like the rock oyster, and help elevate that and define that as a fine food then, that's amazing."*





State By State

Thanks to you, three states and territories have now passed laws to ban single-use plastics.

- SA: plastic straws, cutlery, and stirrers now banned.
- ACT: plastic stirrers, cutlery and polystyrene food containers banned since 1 July 2021.
- QLD: plastic straws, cutlery, stirrers, plates, bowls and polystyrene food containers will be banned from 1 September 2021.

PLUS in the last few months, several others have answered our call – with WA racing ahead!

- WA: will ban plastic plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, stirrers, straws, thick plastic bags, polystyrene food containers, and helium balloon releases by 2022. PLUS takeaway coffee cups / lids containing plastic, plastic produce bags, plastic cotton buds, polystyrene packaging, and microbeads will be banned by 2023.
- NSW: will ban single-use plastic bags, straws, stirrers, cutlery, polystyrene food containers, plastic cotton buds, and microbeads in 2022.
- VIC: will ban plastic straws, cutlery, stirrers, plates, bowls, polystyrene food containers and plastic cotton buds by 2023.

National Action

8 types of problematic single-use plastics to be phased out by 2025 in Australia.

In an Australian first, federal, state and territory environment ministers gathered in April to agree on a list of priority plastics that will be phased out in every jurisdiction. Consolidating past commitments from individual jurisdictions with new nationwide commitments, the eight plastics to be phased out nationwide include:

- ✂ lightweight plastic bags
- 🍴 plastic utensils
- 🥤 plastic straws
- 🥤 plastic drink stirrers
- 🍱 polystyrene food containers
- 📦 polystyrene consumer goods packaging
- 🧴 microbeads in personal care products
- ♻ plastics misleadingly labelled “degradable”.

In addition, the Australian government has committed to phase out PVC packaging labels by the end of 2022, and will work with industry to introduce microfibre filters for all new washing machines by 2030.

Thanks to years of campaigning by ocean lovers like you, we are kicking major goals in the race to stop plastic entering our oceans. Thank you!

Tycen Plastic-Free Advocate

11-year-old, Tycen Bedford raised more than \$1700 dollars for marine conservation.

He coordinated a raffle by emailing businesses asking for environmentally friendly contributions to the prize pack. Local businesses donated goods, including bamboo cutlery, natural beauty products and food.

Like all good plans, it started with a simple idea. *“I was walking along the waterfront one day with my mum and I thought, what can I do to help?”* Tycen explains. *“Then I thought, I should do a fundraiser.”*

Tycen is dedicated to reducing plastic pollution in the ocean. *“Every little bit helps!”*

Tycen Bedford

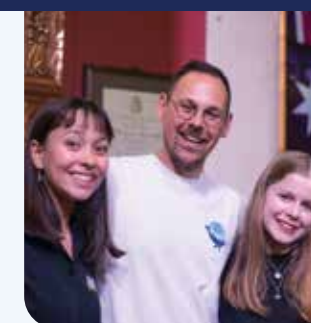


Emily & Sophie Young Leaders

Shout out to Emily and Sophie, high school students from the Sunshine Coast in QLD.

On 6 May 2021, these inspiring young women held a fundraising concert for AMCS in conjunction with the Maleny Club Acoustic Night. Boasting an incredible line-up of young talent, their event was a huge success – raising \$1,626 for AMCS plastic pollution programs!

Together these young leaders are co-founding a new non-profit organisation called The Modern Generation, dedicated to helping young people kick-start new movements and help existing charities or causes.



Plastic Free Pledge

Thank you to the over 4,000 ocean-lovers who took our Plastic Free Pledge in July.

This incredible team of plastic free champions joined us in giving up plastic for a month. But they didn't stop there! Together they banded together to campaign for a ban on heavyweight plastic bags, to stop dangerous helium balloon releases, and to speak out against greenwashing – fighting false labelling of ‘degradable’ plastics.

Plastic Free July® is an initiative of the Plastic Free Foundation. Visit www.plasticfreejuly.org to find out more.

Watch

Get tips on going plastic free from business leaders LUSH Australia, Pottery For The Planet and the Boomerang Alliance in this video recording from our July webinar series.
amcs.org.au/plastic-free-business

Plastic Commitments Tracker



See where your state ranks in the race to ban killer plastics in our updated report card.
amcs.org.au/plastics-tracker



Oceans of Goodwill

Melbourne based company Goodwill Wine has been an AMCS business ally since 2012.

Customers who select AMCS as their chosen charity on the Goodwill website can really savour their purchase, knowing the wines they select supports our work.

Founder David Laity began the company after having lost everything he owned in the Black Saturday bushfires, and because everyday Australians chipped in to help him – he decided to make it his mission to pay it forward.

David says, *‘We love supporting AMCS – they are a team of dedicated, wonderful people and the work they do to protect Australia’s oceans and marine wildlife is so important.*

We love knowing that by donating 50% of our profit to them we’re helping ensure that future generations get to enjoy the wildlife and pristine coast lines that make Australia such a unique and beautiful place.’

Goodwill Wines have certainly given new meaning to the term ‘drink responsibly’ – thank you, David!

Business Allies

AMCS is proud to be associated with Goodwill Wine. Since starting Goodwill Wine, David has donated over \$400,000 to charity. Want to become an AMCS business ally?

Visit amcs.org.au/CorporatePartner

IronMan for the Oceans

James Sackett, completed an IronMan, all while wearing a weight vest.

Why? *“The vest will resemble the struggles that marine life have when caught in plastic,”* he says.

On 29th May 2021, James completed a 70.3 distance triathlon (1.9k swim, 90k bike, 21.1k run) in a 15kg weighted vest raising over \$5,400.

James says *“This is a cause that is close to my heart. AMCS is the only national charity fighting for our oceans. [They] do such a great job protecting our oceans and wildlife and this is the reason I support them as much as I can!”*

We are honoured to be James’ chosen charity!



Community Fundraisers

Thank you to our ocean-loving community. If you would like to raise funds to protect our oceans visit amcs.org.au/fundraising-ideas or email supporter@amcs.org.au

April’s Adventure

April Brown-Turner, AMCS Sea Guardian winner, recently shared her Lizard Island experience.

After winning the amazing trip in our 2019 Sea Guardian competition, April and her partner Josh travelled to this jewel in the Great Barrier Reef earlier this year. They told us:

“Our stay was incredible! We did a bit of diving and snorkelling with sea turtles, some hiking, and just generally had the best time ever. It was a pleasure to see such an unspoilt area of the GBR with our own eyes!”

April and Josh said they are passionate about protecting our reefs and marine ecosystems.

“I feel proud to support AMCS, and have confidence that my contribution goes directly towards protecting our oceans and marine life.”



Become a Sea Guardian today!

You too can become an advocate and guardian for our oceans as an AMCS Sea Guardian with an affordable monthly gift.

Visit amcs.org.au/SeaGuardian

Ralph’s Obsession

Brisbane born artist Ralph Wilson comes from five generations of ocean lovers.

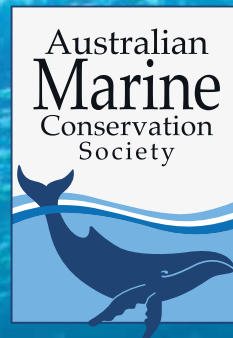
Ralph has supported AMCS for decades and writes of his love of the sea, *“...after most of a lifetime spent on or near the water, the obsession has only deepened and the sea and the sky continue to cast their spell with a power that will tolerate nothing less than my undiluted attention. I can’t imagine my future without the sea and attempting to make some sort of record of its wonders.”*

Ralph is an Ocean Legacy member, and says, *“It’s not a case of why should you leave a bequest, it’s more the case of, why wouldn’t you?”*

What’s Your Legacy?

By giving a gift in your Will, you will hand on a wilder, more diverse and beautiful ocean planet to future generations. Visit amcs.org.au/OceanLegacy

Thank you for your support



The Australian Marine Conservation Society is the voice for Australia's ocean wildlife. We have defended Australia's oceans for over 50 years. Thank you for helping to make Australia's coasts and oceans healthy and free for future generations.

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