

#RestoreOcean

...TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

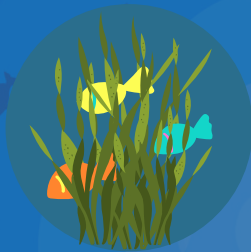
SUPER SEAGRASS

Seagrass meadows absorb carbon

35 times

faster than rainforests!

We need to keep ecosystems healthy so they can keep absorbing carbon pollution. We will not solve climate change without nature.



NOW OR NEVER

UN Secretary-General António Guterres called the climate crisis a "ticking time bomb", after experts revealed we are facing our last chance to avert climate disaster.

If EU politicians are serious about protecting people and planet and living up to their climate commitments, they must seize this legacy moment to restore nature.



RENEWABLES ♥ RESTORATION

Nature-positive design of offshore wind farms can help regenerate some species and habitats, including fish and molluscs.

No surprise then that the European Power Sector supports the Nature Restoration Law!



...TO PROTECT FOOD SYSTEMS

IMPROVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

70%

of aquatic food consumed in the EU is imported.

Restoring marine habitats – like seagrass and sandbanks – would regenerate fish populations and provide additional income for fishers.

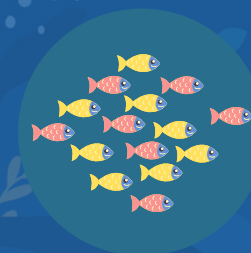


MPAS MEAN MORE FOOD

In the Columbretes Islands Marine Reserve, Spain, zones where fishing is restricted have led to fish populations growing by

10%

over an 8-15 year period!



FOODIE FACTS

A new study of the world's 13th largest MPA in Mexico shows that large-scale, offshore, fully-protected MPAs have no negative impact on fisheries, help prevent biodiversity loss, and restore food chains vital to food systems.



...TO PROTECT JOBS

THE BLUE ECONOMY

5 million

people in EU coastal communities depend on the ocean for work.



From fishers, to coastal tourism, to recreational activities, the economic wellbeing of these groups is dependent on healthy and abundant seas.

PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF FISHERIES

Ending overexploitation of the ocean is vital to securing livelihoods in the long-term.

In Os Miñarzos, Spain, restrictions on when and how fishing can happen has led to lobster catches being 50% higher. This means a 10% increase in annual profits!



OCEAN RESTORATION: AN INVESTMENT, NOT A COST

€1 → **€8-€38**

invested in nature restoration in economic value



This is thanks to services that support food security, climate resilience, and human health.

The Nature Restoration Law vote is this Parliament's legacy moment. It is your last chance before the EU elections to show voters you have the will to defend nature and support fishers, farmers, tourism, communities and economies.

VOTE TO #RESTOREOCEAN AND #RESTORENATURE!