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Mission Healthy Oceans, Seas, Coastal and Inland Waters Feedback from Stakeholder and Citizen Engagement: what's next?

NGO PARTICIPATION TO THE "HEALTHY OCEAN, SEAS, INLAND AND COASTAL WATERS" MISSION

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Main Steps of the NGO Involvement

- 4 High level interventions in the early stages of the Mission:
 WWF, OCEAN UNITE, PEW, SEAS AT RISK
- A survey of 55 organisations from all over the EU
- Setting up of an informal NGO Contact Group (GREENPEACE, OCEAN UNITE, SEAS AT RISK, WWF and PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS)
- Feedback given by the NGO Contact Group at two main stages in the work of the Mission (March and June)
- Contribution to the recovery package: Next Generation EU





Main Contribution





- A systemic, yet targeted approach leading to the central objective of Mission STARFISH 2030: Recovery
- Ambitious targets, including:
- 30% of seas highly to fully protected;
- EU ban on activities that damage the seabed;
- Phase out of bottom trawling;
- EU support for strong new UN legally binding agreement to conserve high seas biodiversity;
- Global eradication of IUU fishing;
- End harmful subsidies.









Next Step: Our Recommendation

 Institutionalise the role of NGOs and Philanthropies in the implementation of the Mission as their engagement ensures a high level of ambition, which is key to our success in helping the ocean, seas and waters recover!





Further Information





Further information on the mission area and the work of the Board, including all minutes of the meetings can be found here:

www.ec.europa.eu/mission-ocean





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