

I am appalled at the already significant destruction of the quality of ocean environment over the last twenty years; we have been able to claim that past decimation occurred through our lack of knowledge. That is no longer the case: we have exceptional science and evidence that our behaviours have caused this damage.

It is completely unacceptable to now be thinking about reducing the meagre areas set aside for protection or increasing the availability to any form of commercial fishing.

I ask you to retain the existing areas under protection, not allow any change to commercial or amateur fishing activity in these areas, and consider increasing the areas under protection by a further twenty percent to ensure that the ocean environments have a greater chance to survive with an increase in their health and diversity.

Thank you,
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