



# SEA SHEPHERD CONSERVATION SOCIETY

## OPERATION TREASURED ISLANDS

### THE EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC

is the richest area of biodiversity on this blue planet. It is also an area presently under destructive assault by well-organized industrialized poachers.

Sea Shepherd, working with SkyTruth, is monitoring the activities from space and from the surface of high seas fleets hailing from as far as the Asian Continent composed of hundreds of large ships pillaging these rich and abundant waters. We collect evidence, and we directly intervene – working in partnership with Latin American governments.

Marine wildlife populations are declining at an alarming rate. Shark and sea turtle populations are being eradicated, some killed as by-catch and others targeted for their fins and shells. To date, we have helped to seize numerous illegal vessels and their unlawful catches, overseeing the confiscation of ships and the imprisonment of poachers.

Our legal team, Sea Shepherd Legal, is in regular communication with governments to enforce existing treaties and laws while also working to close the gaps and loopholes that many poachers exploit.

Sea Shepherd ships are patrolling these waters in cooperation with governments of



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Mexico, Ecuador, Peru and Costa Rica. We have installed maritime surveillance technology in the Galapagos, and we recently removed some 40 tons of marine debris from Cocos Island.

Panama's Coiba Island, Colombia's Malpelo Island, Costa Rica's Cocos Island, France's Clipperton Island, the Galapagos and Mexico's Revillagigedo Archipelago and the rich bountiful waters surrounding these treasured islands, that is where Sea Shepherd operates and where poachers fear our flag.

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Sea Shepherd is the world's most effective international maritime, anti-poaching organization. We have been effectively protecting biodiversity in the Ocean for 42 years.

You can help us to accomplish this important marine conservation work by going to [SeaShepherd.org](http://SeaShepherd.org)

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