



OUR IMPACT 2018

Going to the ends of the Earth to protect people and planet



ABOUT EJF

The Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF) believes that we all share a basic human right to a secure natural environment.

We investigate and campaign to protect people, wildlife, and wild places across the world, bringing cutting-edge technologies and innovations to conserve our global oceans, forests and climate. We combine grassroots activism, film-making, and effective advocacy to achieve change.

EJF is a charity registered in England and Wales (No. 1088128) working for environmental justice across our shared world.

Our work is led by the Founding Directors, Steve Trent (Executive Director) and Juliette Williams, supported by a senior management team. By the close of 2018, EJF employed a global team including researchers, campaigners, film-makers, communications specialists and investigators in the UK, Germany, Taiwan, Indonesia, South Korea, Thailand, Liberia and Ghana.

EJF's work is governed by a UK Board of Trustees: Anne Burley, Rachel Inman, Andrew Kalman, Tris Lewis and Steve McIvor.

Our work is funded by private foundations and public grants; special events and the sale of our campaign T-shirts; and donations from individuals and ethical organisations that share our vision for a fairer, greener world.

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MISSION & VALUES

OUR MISSION: *To Protect People and Planet*

EJF believes environmental security is a human right

OUR VISION:

Our vision is for a world where natural habitats and environments can sustain and be sustained by the communities that depend upon them for their basic needs and livelihoods.

EJF strives to:

- Protect the natural environment and the people and wildlife that depend upon it by linking environmental security, human rights and social need.
- Create and implement solutions where they are needed most – training local people and communities who are directly affected to investigate, expose and combat environmental degradation and associated human rights abuses.
- Provide training in the latest video technologies, research and advocacy skills to document both the problems and solutions, working through the media to create public and political platforms for constructive change.
- Raise international awareness of the issues our partners are working locally to resolve.

OUR VALUES:

HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY

We believe environmental security is a human right and that the health, security and effective conservation of our natural world is essential to the well-being of all human-kind.

We believe in the equality of all people and in their equal and inalienable rights as described in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY

We believe in focusing on outcomes rather than processes and strive to ensure that our work is appropriate, highly cost effective and efficient.

INNOVATION

We are dedicated to exploring innovative, inspirational and creative solutions to our goals.

INDEPENDENCE

We are committed to independence and freedom from any political or religious affiliations, or any support that seeks to compromise our independence, aims, objectives or integrity.

RESPONSIVENESS

We are streamlined and focused enabling us to respond quickly to needs and opportunities.

TRANSPARENCY

We believe in transparency and accountability in our working practices. We take account of and value diversity and are committed to non-discrimination.

EQUITY, NON-DISCRIMINATION & INCLUSIVENESS

We believe in equity and justice and a need to respect, protect and engage disempowered and marginalised communities most at risk from environmental degradation. We respect diverse cultures and beliefs.

NON-VIOLENCE

We believe in and will always adhere to the principles of non-violence.

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2018 has been a year of substantial accomplishment for EJF - challenging those who would abuse our natural world and attack human rights.

Our natural world is under threat. Worldwide, natural habitats are being devastated, matched by a cascade of species extinctions that combines with our rapidly-heating atmosphere to undermine the very systems that sustain us, creating an existential threat. But it does not have to be this way. EJF is working to roll-back the government policies, illegal operations, unsustainable businesses, trade flows and consumption patterns that are driving this destruction.

With backing from our generous, like-minded supporters, we've made substantial and important progress towards a more sustainable and ethical global fishing fleet. EJF has also made headway championing the rights of climate refugees internationally. We are leading the advocacy to protect those most adversely affected by climate change, often among the poorest and most vulnerable on our planet, who have contributed the least to the heating of our climate. Increasingly, we see our core message of environmental justice understood, adopted and inspiring action.

Major advancements were made in our endeavour to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing; tackling the rogue "pirate" fishing operations that are devastating fisheries, damaging marine environments, stealing from others – often among the poorest – all while undermining the efforts of legitimate fishing operations to achieve genuinely sustainable, legal and ethical fisheries. In these vital efforts, the launch of our ten key principles in a Charter for Transparency means that simple, low-cost measures that are well within the reach of any country, are now widely accessible. Our aim is that the Charter will play a key role in delivering the kind of transparency on our seas and oceans that can eradicate not just the illegal and unsustainable fishing, but also the associated human rights abuses - the human trafficking, slavery and violence that we have uncovered in our investigations.

Our work is achieving substantial, measurable results, ensuring major markets, particularly the European Union, leverage their financial power and diplomatic influence to encourage the necessary reforms to combat "pirate" fishing. We can see more and more government agencies and business interests adopting EJF's Charter for Transparency, driving change across multiple geographies and markets, through supply chains and addressing the tough issues among producers, traders and consumers.

We continue to lead our work with investigations, providing first-hand, irrefutable evidence of environmental and human rights crimes, on land and on sea, taking our evidence to decision makers across the world to drive constructive, long-term reforms designed to change entire systems.

These investigations have uncovered shocking abuses in many fisheries. We discovered the proliferation of Chinese vessels fishing unlawfully in Ghanaian waters and industrial trawlers criminally targeting the staple catch of canoe fishers and depriving the poor coastal communities who depend on these fisheries for their livelihoods and survival. Elsewhere we have provided compelling evidence to the leadership in Thailand and Taiwan, driving reforms to combat illegal fishing, the human trafficking and violent human rights abuses that have characterised far too much of the seafood sector.

Our high-impact films continue to impress, communicating both problems and solutions, changing hearts and minds across the issues we address whether oceans or climate, forests or sustainable fashion.

Our low-cost, nimble and focussed campaigns continue to drive positive change and across our growing organisation the team is deeply committed to achieving more, dedicating their working lives to the protection of our natural world and human rights. I am proud to work alongside them and help lead these efforts. I hope that you will join us and lend your support - together we can and will change our world for the better.

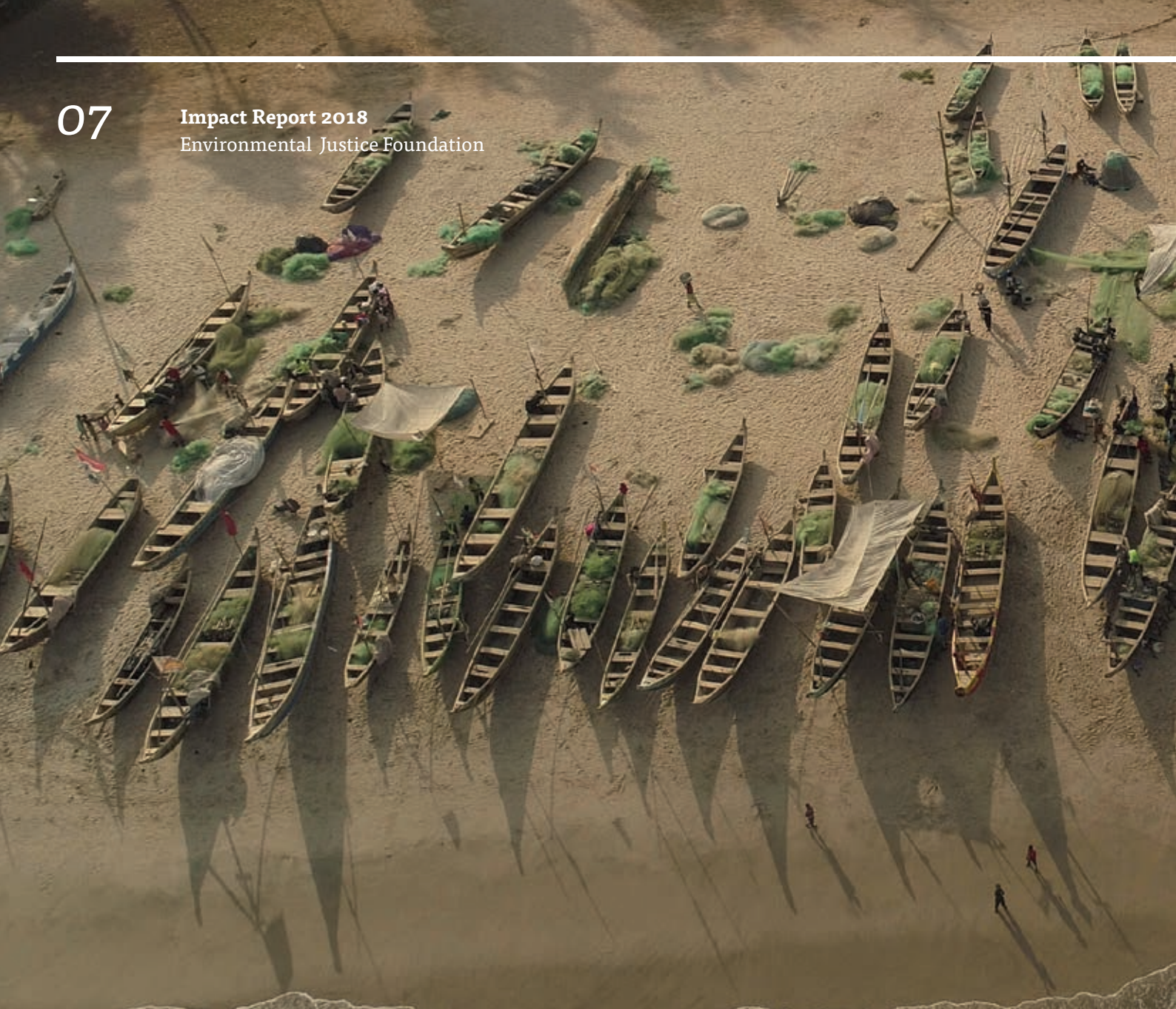
Steve Trent

PROTECTING THE WORLD'S OCEANS

We continue in our fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. This year, we exposed shocking shark-baiting practices by Taiwan's fishing fleet, uncovered China's hidden fleet off the coast of Ghana, highlighted the damaging practise of 'saiko' and released our global transparency recommendations.

Our vision is to create greater transparency and traceability in fisheries and bring about an end to wasteful, illegal and abusive fishing practices.





OUT OF THE SHADOWS: **SHINING A LIGHT ON** **FISHERIES TRANSPARENCY**



TEN PRINCIPLES FOR TRANSPARENCY

- 1. Give all fishing vessels a unique number**
 - 2. Make vessel tracking data public**
 - 3. Publish lists of fishing licences and authorisations**
 - 4. Publish punishments handed out for fisheries crimes**
 - 5. Ban transferring fish between boats at sea – unless carefully monitored**
 - 6. Set up a digital database of vessel information**
 - 7. Stop the use of flags of convenience for fishing vessels**
 - 8. Publish details of the true owners of each vessel – who takes home the profit?**
 - 9. Punish anyone involved in illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing**
 - 10. Adopt international measures that set clear standards for fishing vessels and the trade in fisheries products**
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Having uncovered countless instances of global illegal fishing and human rights abuses within the fisheries sector, we applied our knowledge to create a Charter for Transparency.

Launched ahead of the Our Ocean conference, our report, *Out of the Shadows* provides ten simple, low-cost measures achievable for any country. The implementation of these principles, such as publishing licence lists and ensuring all vessels have unique identifying numbers, would play a pivotal role in the fight against illegal fishing and human rights violations aboard fishing vessels globally. We also presented to 'FishCrime', the key annual conference on IUU fishing and we have been invited to work with the European Commission in 2019, pushing our shared vision in to mainstream policy.

To read the detailed descriptions of the 10 principles go to: www.ejfoundation.org/reports





A lack of transparency in the fisheries sector allows illegal fishing to thrive. Estimates put the cost of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing at US\$10-23 billion per year. Coastal communities across the globe rely on healthy fish stocks for food and income. Illegal fishing undermines sustainable fisheries, directly impacting some of the poorest people who rely on the oceans for their livelihoods.



A close-up photograph of a wooden surface. The top portion is painted white and shows signs of wear, including several small holes and a bird's nest on the left. The bottom portion is painted a vibrant red. A black rectangular box is overlaid on the white paint, containing the text 'SPOTLIGHT ON: GHANA' in white and red. The bottom edge of the image shows a wooden beam with a white knot.

SPOTLIGHT ON:
GHANA



CHINA'S HIDDEN FLEET

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In October, EJF's report *China's Hidden Fleet in West Africa* revealed that approximately 90% of Ghana's industrial fishing fleet is linked to Chinese ownership. Our investigations found that Chinese interests are extensive within the Ghanaian industrial trawl sector.

Ghana's Fisheries Act states that fishing vessels cannot be owned by any foreign interest, with the sole exception of tuna vessels. However, Chinese companies are operating through Ghanaian "front" companies, importing their vessels into Ghana's fleet register so they can obtain a licence to fish. The result is a complete lack of transparency regarding the true ownership of industrial trawl vessels in Ghanaian waters.

This lack of transparency is hugely problematic: disguising the true beneficiaries of profits flowing from illicit activities and preventing those individuals being held to account.

EJF released a report detailing the extent of the issue, calling on Ghanaian and Chinese authorities to ensure industrial trawl activities are brought in line with national and international laws.



THE PRACTICE OF SAIKO

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Ghana's fisheries are facing ecological crisis.

Saiko is the practice of industrial trawlers illegally selling fish to specially adapted canoes at sea. In Ghana, this practice is driving the collapse of the nation's inshore fishery, which millions of Ghanaians rely upon for food security and livelihoods.

Based on our investigations, EJF produced a report and film, highlighting the impact of the saiko crisis on Ghana's coastal communities. This film was produced under the EU-funded Far Dwuma Nkodo Project - a partnership between EJF and Ghanaian NGO Hen Mpoano - and premiered on Ghanaian TV.

Small-scale canoe fishers make up around 80% of Ghana's fishing sector. In fact, fishing provides income for over 10% of the country's population. Industrial trawlers are now illegally competing with these canoe fishers for small pelagic catches, adapting fishing gear to target these species.

They then pass their fish catch on to saiko canoes, which in one trip can carry as much fish as around 400 fishing canoes, effectively 'stealing' catches from small-scale fishers. In the past 15 years, the average annual income for small-scale fishers has dropped by as much as 40%.

Ghana's fisheries are facing ecological crisis. Landings of small pelagic species are in rapid decline and saiko also involves the catch of juvenile fish, which greatly contributes to population declines. Scientific data indicates that the fishery could collapse as early as 2020.

Since the release of our report and film, the Ghanaian Fisheries Enforcement Unit have stepped up actions to combat saiko. EJF is urging the Ghanaian Government to demonstrate that illegal fishing activities must end.



CONSULTING THE COMMUNITY

Partnering with Hen Mpoano and with 3-years of funding from the European Union, EJF is working to ensure that revisions to Ghana's Fisheries Act address the concerns of Ghanaian community members who rely upon fisheries for their livelihoods and food security.

Shockingly, some 60% of all Ghana's fish is now imported. We need to ensure that Ghana's people can rely on the seas for their wellbeing, as well as rebuilding this precious marine ecosystem from years of mismanagement.

The revision of Ghana's fisheries laws comes at a time where intense illegal fishing practices have pushed fisheries to the brink of collapse.

As part of our Far Dwuma Nkɔdo project (meaning Securing Sustainable Fisheries in the local Fante language), EJF supports the organisation of consultations that inform local fishers of their rights and empower community members to have their say. Suggesting opportunities for involvement is key, providing a heightened sense of responsibility and control over livelihoods, while creating a space where more than 400 people can have their voices heard. Using public events, devising culturally-appropriate messaging and through radio programmes, we are generating wide-reaching grassroots support for fisheries management policies and ensuring that local voices are heard in the decision making that affects their lives.



TACKLING SEAFOOD SLAVERY





EJF investigations are exposing horrific cases of slavery and human rights abuses aboard fishing vessels. Our persistent campaigning has steered Thailand to create an entirely new legal framework to control fisheries, while investigations in Taiwan have exposed gross violations within the nation's distant water fleet.



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Adoption of C188 is an essential step for the Thai Government if they are to provide the basic, necessary protections for human rights in the seafood sector.

- Steve Trent, EJF Director

EJF KEEPS UP THE PRESSURE FOR REFORMS FROM THE TOP IN THAILAND

Over the past 6 years, EJF's evidence of abuse in Thailand's fishing fleet has made its way from the 'front pages' to the very heart of government. Following the EU's 'carding' decision in 2013, EJF was invited to become official advisor to the Government; whilst retaining our independence and continuing our investigations, we have unprecedented access to the very highest levels of decision making. EJF is the only NGO invited to participate in and observe enforcement actions and to provide technical briefings to enhance such efforts.

In September, EJF Director Steve Trent met with Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister, General Prawit Wongsuwan - the fifth such meeting he has been invited to. Our access, supported by investigative evidence, has led to an entirely new legal framework being put in place to govern fisheries and protect the seas and those who work on them.

Steve advocated for the adoption of the International Labour Organisation's C188, a convention which protects workers at sea. During the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister confirmed Thailand's intention to adopt international labour mechanisms protecting workers rights, despite the Thai fishing industry showing strong resistance. Thailand is now set to become the first country in Asia to ratify C188, due to be in place in January 2019.

In 2019, Thailand will become chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) providing a unique opportunity to demonstrate further leadership on fisheries transparency across the region. We will continue to track progress and make recommendations to the Royal Thai Government for improvements to fisheries governance, and are hopeful that neighbouring countries will follow their example.

FUH SHENG NO. 11

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Evidence on the wrongdoings of the Taiwanese tuna longliner Fuh Sheng 11 prompted the Taiwanese Fisheries Agency to impose its first ever sanction for human rights abuses.



An EJF investigation in September uncovered gross human rights violations aboard the Fuh Sheng No. 11 vessel in Taiwan. Following EJF's release of the story to international media, Taiwanese officials investigated and confirmed shocking abuses. These included beatings from the captain, insufficient water, illegal contracts, squalid living conditions and food infested with insects.

Significant structural reforms are required to combat this horrendous abuse within Taiwan's distant water fleet (the boats that operate far out at sea and in foreign waters, beyond any effective monitoring or controls). EJF recommends that Taiwan implements fit-for-purpose, standardised procedures, ensuring these are robustly implemented.

Findings from EJF's most recent investigations - exposing severe abuses on a further five vessels - have also been shared with the European Commission. As a result of growing international pressure, Taiwan recently published crucial information on its fishing fleet, committed to a requirement for vessels to carry IMO numbers (the equivalent of a unique car number plate) and to meet international standards governing working conditions on fishing vessels in order to prevent human rights abuses.





CONSERVING MARINE BIODIVERSITY



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EJF campaigns to protect marine wildlife and habitats. Our oceans are under threat - listening to community needs and creating the next generation of ‘ocean defenders’ are critical if we are going to turn this problem around.

Creating the link between ocean protection and sustainable coastal livelihoods is essential to build long-term engagement and localised support. In Ghana with our partner, Hen Mpoano, we launched a programme of community engagement to embed the grassroots-led sustainable fisheries practices. We also secured positive commitment from the Liberian Government that they will implement a National Plan of Action to protect sharks and rays. Our turtle protectors were active on nesting beaches and in the communities. And on boats on the high seas, ‘whistleblowers’ gathered evidence that has exposed Taiwan’s brutal slaughter of dolphins and sharks.

SPOTLIGHT ON: TAIWAN

At the beginning of December, EJF brought to light the shocking treatment of sharks, dolphins and other precious marine life in Taiwan's fishing industry. Working together with migrant fishermen trafficked onto Taiwanese boats, our investigators obtained footage that revealed the bloody and illegal activities. Dolphins are protected under Taiwanese law. Yet fishing crews harpooned dolphins as they 'bow ride' at the front of the boat, dragging the animals alongside until they were exhausted or dead. Those still showing signs of life were crudely electrocuted using a car battery. The dolphins are butchered and the meat used as bait to lure more sharks to the fishing boats. EJF investigators learned that around 300 dolphins were killed on each of the vessel's three-month trips.

Thousands of sharks caught using hooks baited with dolphin meat were stripped of their valuable fins and thrown back into the sea to die. The shark fins - part of a lucrative but illegal trade for shark fin soup - were placed at the bottom of freezers under a layer of fish, hidden from the view of fisheries inspectors.

Removing the shark fins and dumping the body is cruel and wasteful - and it is banned by Taiwan.

The investigations received massive public interest when unveiled in Taiwan, with the main TV news covering the story in detail. Now we are waiting for the government to respond in full and commit to sustainable, legal fisheries.

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Killing dolphins to catch sharks is appalling. These illegal, unsustainable and brutally cruel activities are being enabled by the Taiwanese authorities' failure to act. The handful of vessels we investigated caught tens of thousands of sharks. Multiply that by Taiwan's large fishing fleet and the scale of exploitation of the marine ecosystem is vast. Action needs to be taken.

- Steve Trent





LIBERIA

PROTECTING THE GUARDIANS OF OUR SEAS





Between 2013 and 2016, EJF community monitors in Monrovia's fish-landing docks recorded the landing of dead sharks and rays from 19 species, all of which are found on the global Red List of Threatened Species. The harvest included endangered and critically endangered species such as the Giant Devil Ray and the Great Hammerhead Shark.





A NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR SHARKS AND RAYS

We're thrilled that the Liberian Government has taken a historic step and committed to implementing a National Plan of Action (NPOA) to protect the country's sharks and rays, which include globally threatened species including the Great Hammerhead Shark.

EJF's report, *Protecting the Guardians of our Seas* - which outlines the benefits of protecting these amazing animals - was shared with Liberia's National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) prior to the announcement and we have been invited to provide expert advice to the drafting and implementation.

Sharks and rays are 'apex predators', at the top of the food chain, and they are vital to the health of many marine ecosystems and fish stocks. Yet in Liberia, these animals have absolutely no legal protection.

Being slow to mature, reaching breeding age late and having few offspring, sharks and rays are particularly vulnerable to overfishing and their decline is putting coastal ecosystems at risk.

An NPOA will not only protect these irreplaceable marine creatures but will also safeguard the food security and livelihoods for thousands of Liberians.

BUILDING GRASSROOTS OWNERSHIP



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The working relationship with EJF is very cordial and is productive. They help us a lot in our management of the fisheries in Grand Cape Mount County. EJF have helped us in that anytime we find that there is a trawler, we coordinate and they help us so that we can track those trawlers down. Since EJF took the CMA as a local partner, we have been able to arrest three trawlers, and one - the Nine Star - is now present in the port. EJF is also helping us to give awareness to our members out there on how they should govern themselves and how they should manage their fisheries. As we are speaking, they have given us posters that we'll give to communities so we know what to do and what not to do. These are the things EJF been doing for us, it's so great for us.'

- John Adams, head of the Robertsport Collaborative Management Association (CMA) in West Point, Liberia, which EJF has supported since 2013.



CAMPAIGNING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

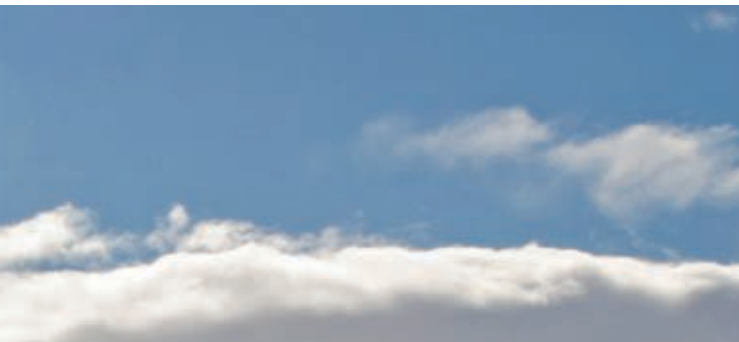


EJF is a pioneer - our climate refugee campaign has moved the debate forward in the public and political domains. A decade of campaigning has taken us from a time where no-one spoke of 'climate refugees', to today, where the term is readily used in media and policy circles to reflect the growing threat climate change poses to the most fundamental human rights.

Our goal is to secure legal recognition for climate refugees, and an end to our 'carbon addiction'.

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This year our investigative film team journeyed to climate-vulnerable regions, capturing testimonies of people experiencing the first and worst effects of climate change. Stories from Bangladesh and the Arctic have been presented to European policymakers, covered by news outlets and in exhibitions globally, extending understanding of climate change's devastating impacts.





CLIMATE CHANGE IN BANGLADESH



In May, we released our report *On the frontlines: Climate change in Bangladesh*. This resulted from extensive research, interviews and investigations in Bangladesh, where people are experiencing the very worst of extreme climate-induced flooding.

Bangladesh is especially vulnerable to climate change. With low elevation, high population density and an economy heavily reliant on farming, extreme weather conditions can be catastrophic. By 2050, as many as one in seven people in Bangladesh will have been forced from their homes because of climate change.

EJF met some of the victims who are now living in difficult conditions in the over-crowded capital, Dhaka.

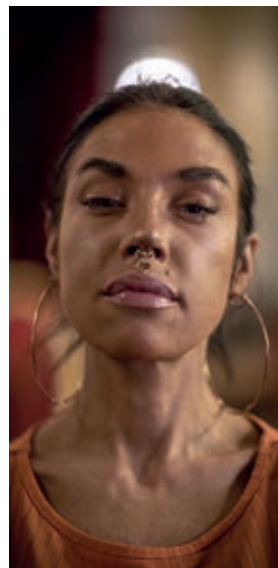
On the frontlines presents evidence of the number of people who have already been displaced and the numbers whose lives and livelihoods will be disrupted if substantial action is not taken against climate change. It also pulls in first-hand testimonies from those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, ensuring that readers engage fully with the human side of the story.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE INDIGENOUS SAMI

EJF's film team travelled to the Arctic to meet the indigenous Sami people. Reindeer herding has been central to their livelihoods and identities for millennia. The Sami are directly feeling the effects of climate change, with the northernmost weather station on Earth recording temperatures 20 degrees above the norm. During the months when sea ice should be at maximum levels, the Arctic experienced record lows.

Warmer winters are turning snow to rain, which freezes at ground level, preventing reindeer from accessing their source of food, the lichen beneath. Reindeer populations are threatened, and their survival is inextricably linked with the Sami's traditional way of life.

The Sami are strong activists and able to vocalise the very real danger that climate change presents to their culture and livelihoods. Through filming individual stories, EJF is supporting their awareness raising campaigns, providing wide-reaching platforms to ensure their voices are heard. A report on the issue and our policy recommendations will be published in early 2019, to mark International Sami Day.



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If we don't start to really take the climate issue seriously, the future is not bright for anyone.

**- Maxida Marak,
Sami rights activist**



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[Reindeer] are my life. It's as simple as that. I live for the reindeer and they mean everything to me.

- Kenneth Pittja,
Sami reindeer herder



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KEEPING **PALM OIL** OUT OF OUR TANKS



Palm oil is ubiquitous in our daily lives, but few of us know that over 50% of the palm oil imported into the EU ends up as biofuel in our cars and lorries. EJF's investigators are tracking the fires that destroy natural forests, readying areas for conversion to oil palm plantations that are no place for orang-utans, elephants, bears and countless other species in Indonesia and Malaysia. We will release our film and report, with the ambition of reversing EU policy that has encouraged palm oil production to rapidly expand.



CALLING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

In October, in response to urgent warnings from climate scientists, we wrote a letter highlighting the urgent need for the UK to achieve zero carbon before 2050 in order to help limit global warming to 1.5C, the bold vision signed up to under the Paris Agreement. We are delighted that 31 Members of Parliament took action, writing to Energy Minister, Claire Perry, calling for the UK's carbon budget to be reset to avoid dangerous climate change.

We will continue to highlight to the public and policymakers that the UK has not yet taken sufficient action to reduce the UK's carbon emissions by levels that will prevent catastrophic warming.

In June, EJF launched a photo exhibition in the European Parliament, bringing the stories from the frontlines of climate change to EU leaders in a direct and compelling way. Through this exhibition we again called on EU leaders and parliamentarians to take action: creating a new legal agreement that protects climate refugees, and meeting international commitments made under the Paris Agreement to limit worldwide warming.

During October and November, EJF worked in partnership with London's iconic National Theatre to share the stories of those living on the frontlines of climate change. The exhibition, entitled 'Nowhere to Call Home' combined photographic and filmed portraits from those experiencing climate change first-hand. The event opened with an evening of film and debate as part of the theatre's 'Season for Change' series, a UK-wide programme of cultural responses inspiring urgent action on climate change.

EJF has been fortunate to have the pro bono support of the Thomson Reuters Foundation and global law firm, Linklaters. A team will review the legal agreements and gaps relating to climate refugees, a first step in the process to defining climate refugees and ensuring international legal protection. We will publish the legal recommendations to catalyse the urgent action needed to safeguard this vulnerable group.





REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

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... investments in truly renewable power... a win-win for energy, investments and our planet.

As our sustainability policy highlights, it's important for EJF as an international organisation to have the smallest 'carbon footprint' possible.

For this reason, we have made a commitment to offset our carbon footprint through the purchase of an ancient woodland in Wales, a move that complements our investments in renewable power.

Our ancient woodland, dominated by oak and broadleaf species, is an incredibly effective carbon store. Initial estimates suggest that the woodland stores around 3,000 tonnes of carbon in the soil and trees and should capture a further 10-13 tonnes each year. The woodland is also a diverse haven for wildlife, preserving the delicate balance of a rich woodland ecosystem that has developed over hundreds of years.

The woodland complements our investments in AWEL Coop: community-owned wind turbines in south Wales, which we're proud to support as a financial investment that benefits the planet. In March 2018, the 'Beast From the East' gave a huge boost to the turbines: in one day 105,065 kwh were generated, saving 44 tonnes of carbon and making £8600 of revenue for this community wind farm. We'll continue to expand our investments in truly renewable power, and encourage others to do the same - it's a win-win for energy, investments and our planet.





EJF's press coverage increased significantly in 2018, seeing an expansion in both the quantity of media sources mentioning EJF and the breadth of topics.

IN THE NEWS

2018 saw a sharp increase in our press coverage, with a 104% increase in features on the previous year. We received high profile coverage in outlets including The Guardian, Financial Times, BBC World Service, BBC Africa, Deutsche Welle, Reuters, and The China Times.

While oceans-related stories continued to dominate, the topic of climate refugees achieved crucial interest. This is particularly heartening, suggesting EJF's vital role in ensuring this under-discussed topic gets reported on, supporting our mission to raise awareness and ensure that human rights are central within climate change dialogues.

EJF's work is unusual for its investigations and the films and photos that these generate, and their ability to convey often complex messages in a meaningful and accessible way to international audiences.

RELEASING REPORTS

We released a number of reports in 2018, providing resources to inform policymakers, business leaders and the general public. From reports outlining the devastating and growing impacts of climate displacement in Bangladesh, to a global Charter for Transparency within the fisheries sector, and bespoke technical briefings to the Thai Government, these were some of the highlights:



Feb - The Impact of the IUU Regulation on Seafood Trade Flows



March - EJF briefing on the UN Global Compact on Migration



April - Principles of good governance for securing equitable and sustainable fisheries



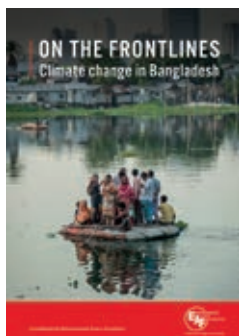
May - Illegal fishing and human rights abuses in the Taiwanese fishing fleet



May - Thailand's Progress in Combatting IUU, Forced Labour & Human Trafficking: EJF Observations and Recommendations



June - The problem with "saiko", an ecological and human catastrophe



July - On the frontlines. Climate change in Bangladesh



Oct - Protecting the guardians of our seas: Recommendations for a national plan of action for Liberia's sharks and rays



Oct - Out of the shadows: Improving transparency in global fisheries to stop illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing



Oct - China's hidden fleet in West Africa: a spotlight on illegal practices within Ghana's industrial trawl sector



Nov - The Charter for Global Fisheries Transparency

THANK YOU

This year has been pivotal for EJF. With our new Transparency Charter, we are moving ever closer to freeing fisheries from the scourge of illegal, unregulated activities. Meanwhile, we are amplifying the voices of climate refugees, ensuring the world awakens to the human rights implications of climate change, as well as the environmental ones. Together, we can secure a better future. Thank you.

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Shark Conservation Fund

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Waterloo Foundation



UNRESTRICTED INCOME ENABLES US TO RESPOND TO NEW NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Whilst our multi-year grants help us plan for the future, it's also essential to us that we have unrestricted income. This enables us to meet unforeseen needs or opportunities in our campaigns, whether that's a much-needed investigation, grassroots training or new camera equipment, our ability to be dynamic and flexible is hugely enabled by this source of income.

SAVE THE SEA RETURNS FOR A SIXTH YEAR

To celebrate World Oceans Day, this year we teamed up with Firmdale Hotels, The Honours, Restaurant Martin Wishart and Tom's Kitchen on our Save the Sea campaign. Through this campaign we continue to raise consumer awareness of the need to make sustainable seafood choices while raising vital funds that can support our work fighting for healthy oceans, human rights and improved transparency in the global seafood sector.

These restaurants showcased their commitment to ethical seafood, acknowledging the vital role our oceans play as the main source of food and income for millions of people around the world. Our sincere thanks go out to these restaurants as well as the diners who supported the campaign by making a donation.

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Our sincere thanks go out to these restaurants as well as the diners who supported the campaign by making a donation.

GIVING BIG TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES ON THE FRONTLINES

In November and December, we took part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, raising a total of £8,734 in support of climate-vulnerable communities. We are incredibly grateful for the support of Organico and the Reed Foundation, each of whom provided £2,000 in match-funding. Our thanks also to our individual supporters and the student committee of Durham University Charity Fashion Show whose donations helped to beat our target.

Through the campaign we specifically raised awareness of the Sami, Europe's only indigenous people. The Sami are living on the frontlines of climate change, where Arctic temperatures are rising almost twice as fast as the global average. In this rapidly changing climate, reindeer are dying, threatening Sami livelihoods and a culture that has existed for millennia.

ROSKILDE FESTIVAL SUPPORTS EJF

We were truly delighted that the Roskilde Festival, an iconic music festival in Denmark, selected EJF as a charity partner this year. Roskilde 2018 was eight days of community, concerts, art, parties, debates, sports and inspiration, that also raised funds for community organisations. EJF received £21,719 from the event. A huge thank you to the organisers and volunteers who gave their time and support, and helped EJF and some great causes.

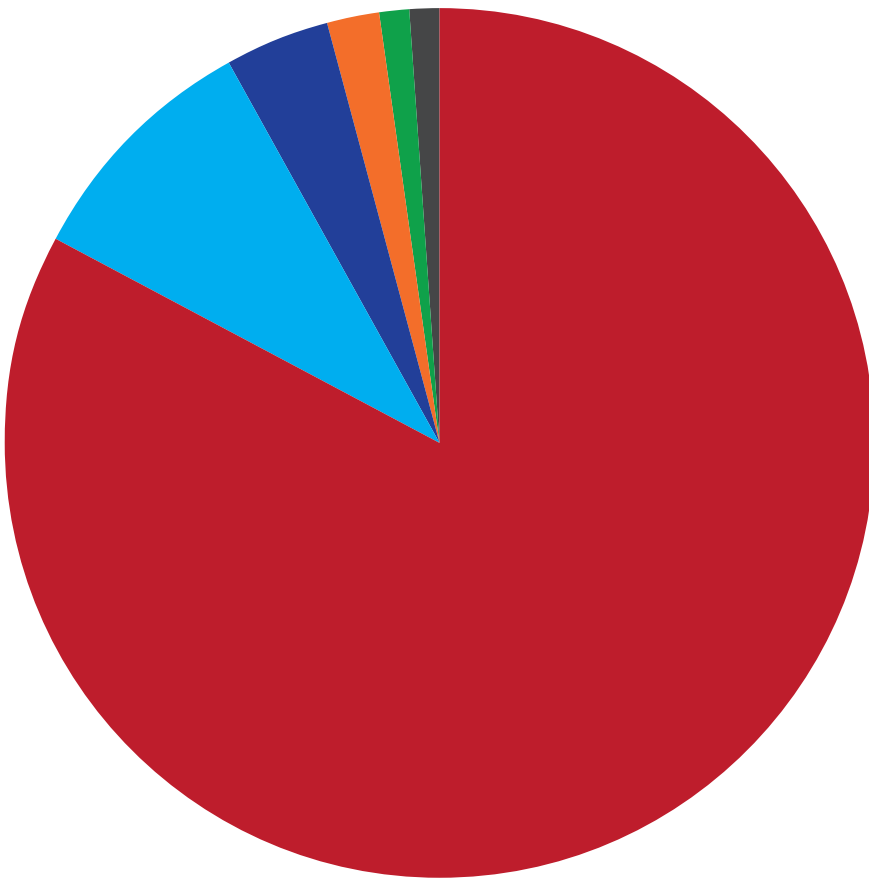
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EXPENDITURE

Total £1,796,922

EJF aims to be a cost-efficient organisation, ensuring our work is lean, direct and focussed.



£1,493,431

£161,772

£68,511

£40,910

£24,163

£8,135

Oceans

Human Trafficking

Climate

Governance

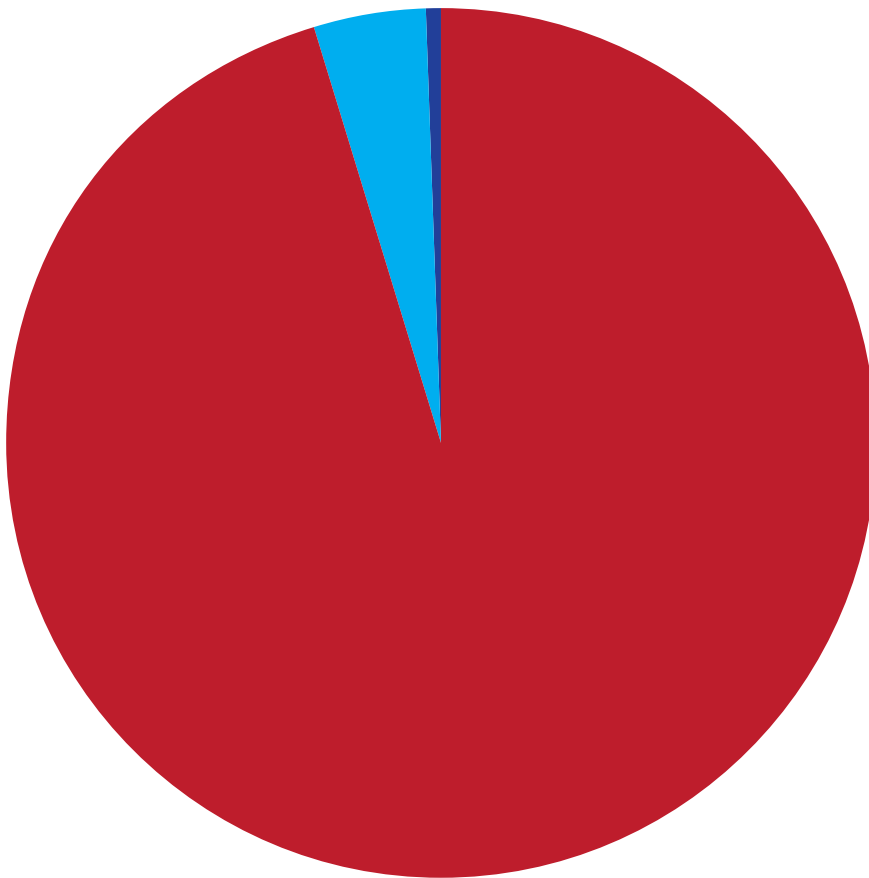
Fundraising

Other

Accounts for the financial year 1st January – 31st December 2018 have been audited by Knox Cropper (65/68 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 2AD) and comply with the Charity Commission's requirements and the Charity's Trust Deed. Copies of the full audited accounts are available from <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

INCOME

Total £2,070,348



£1,976,880

£84,503

£8,965

Grants

Donations

Other

