

A large school of fish, likely sardines, swimming in clear, greenish-blue water. The fish are silvery with a dark stripe along their sides. They are scattered throughout the frame, with a dense cluster of tall, thin green seagrass blades in the foreground at the bottom.

Press pack

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We are the **Marine Conservation Society**, the UK's leading ocean charity working for cleaner, better protected, and healthier seas.

Today, our ocean is in poor health because of human activity. We're determined to change this, working with communities, businesses, and governments across the UK.

Our work has resulted in the creation of marine protected areas around the UK, the protection and recovery of seagrass meadows through innovative solutions, carrier bag charges and other measures to reduce plastic pollution, and much more.

Faced with worsening climate and biodiversity crises, there is much more for us to do. We're working to protect, restore, and harness the ocean's power for the benefit of wildlife, people and planet.

We:

- Advocate for policy and legislative change by working with politicians and policymakers. We challenge those responsible when laws are not enforced.
- Engage communities to develop and implement conservation measures and restoration projects that work for people and planet. We carry out practical conservation activities with volunteers and partners to collect and share scientific evidence, using this data to better understand our seas and inform our work.
- Work with businesses and share insights to communicate the value of a healthy ocean, supporting a transition to ocean and planet friendly operations and initiatives.
- Empower individuals to take action with a suite of ways to get involved on a personal level, from petitions and campaign actions, to beach cleaning and citizen science activities.

Interested in sharing our story or looking for expert insight from our scientists?

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Calendar

January New Year – <u>ocean-friendly resolutions</u>	February <u>Manifesto for Our Seas</u> – our call for the next UK Government to recognise the value of the ocean	March <u>State of our Beaches report</u>	April <u>Good Fish Guide ratings update</u>
May Jellyfish season begins – <u>wildlife sightings</u> through summer	June World Ocean Day	July Summer of citizen science, including <u>beach cleaning</u> , <u>Big Seaweed Search Week</u> , wildlife sightings and Seasearch	August Summer of citizen science continues
September <u>Great British Beach Clean</u>	October Good Fish Guide ratings update	November World Jellyfish Day – <u>Annual Wildlife Sightings Report</u> <u>United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP)</u>	December <u>Festive ways to save our seas</u>

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Images

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Boilerplate

The Marine Conservation Society is the UK's leading ocean charity, fighting for cleaner, better-protected, healthier seas. The charity works to highlight the importance of our ocean, and the life within it, through working with governments, communities, and industry to take action to restore and protect the marine environment.

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