

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007**

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The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31 March 2007

#### **OBJECTS, PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATION**

The Charity's object and principle activity continues to be that on encouraging the prevention of marine pollution and promoting and conducting research into its cause and effects. Its subsidiary, ACOPS Limited, remains dormant.

These activities are currently pursued principally as managers of regional programmes in the Russian Arctic and Sub-Saharan Africa. In the UK ACOPS continues to monitor marine pollution and collaborates with the other national and international organisations concerned with the environmental policies. It also promotes high levels seminars, meeting and lectures on critical marine policy issues, such as that held with Globe in the Houses of parliament in February 2007. ACOPS maintains a web page which is widely access, especially for its work in Africa.

#### **DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR**

During the past year ACOPS activities have been scaled down to a level that may be sustainable over the longer term. From June 2007 the charity has withdrawn from the Russian Arctic project as it was too costly both in resources and funding. The trustees recognise the work of Tethys Environmental Consulting Limited in project managing the ACOPS commitment to this project.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The trustees continue to recognise the difficulty in attracting "unrestricted funding", and are in the process of associating their expertise with the broadly based academic strengths and funding of the University of Cambridge. The trustees would like to record their particular thanks to Terry Jones who has proved administrative support as a volunteer during the year.

ACOPS continues to play a lead role with its United Kingdom Oil Pollution Surveys. These have been going for over a quarter of a century and the trustees recognise the work of Trevor Dixon, who has been pivotal in completing the internationally recognised surveys.