

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION OF THE SEA
LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010. In preparing this report the Trustees have complied with the Companies Act 2006, the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (revised 2005) and applicable accounting standards.

OBJECTS, PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATION

The charity is a registered charity, number 290776. The charity's object and principal activity continues to be that of encouraging the prevention of marine pollution and promoting and conducting research into its causes and effects.

The charity continues to monitor marine pollution and collaborates with other national and international organisations concerned with environmental policies. It also promotes high level seminars, meetings and lectures on critical marine policy issues.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers. The Trustees believe that the Charity's provision of encouraging the prevention of marine pollution and promoting research is of huge benefit to the public.

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, company number 1867863, and is therefore governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees may be appointed under the terms of the Articles of Association only with the power to co-opt until subsequent general meetings to fill casual vacancies as and when they may arise.

The charity is administered by its Executive Committee, which includes the Trustees.

DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

During the current and previous years the charity's activities have been reduced to a level that may be sustainable over the longer term.

ACOPS continues to have observer status on the United Nations and OSPAR and at the International Maritime Organisation, where Trevor Dixon and Louise De la Fayette attend meetings. IMO send ACOPS their documents which are useful for guiding ACOPS activities.

ACOPS has signed another four year contract commencing January 2010 with the Marine Coastguard Agency (MCA) and the charity's representative Professor Trevor Dixon to produce the United Kingdom Oil Pollution Surveys. These have been active for over a quarter of a century and the Trustees recognise the work of Trevor Dixon, who has been pivotal in completing these internationally recognised surveys.

ACOPS have had a busy year and have hosted or been a partner in the following events:

Implications of regional climate variability in Africa in May & September 2009

As part of the Global Water Initiative, ACOPS hosted two workshops with the Cambridge Centre for Energy Studies in San Diego, California in May 2009, and in Cambridge in September 2009 bringing together specialists from around the world to discuss the implications of climate change on water resources in Africa.

The Ostrich and the Dolphin (Darwin & Fitzroy Play) at the Royal Institution on 29th October 2009

ACOPS celebrated the Darwin year in 2009 with a play, commissioned by Juliet Lacey in 1997. It was held in the lecture theatre at the Royal Institution, and was followed by a discussion about the play and the issues it raises. The discussions about the play also publicised a project led by David Lort-Philips to build a replica vessel of the Beagle for education and research. David Lort-Philips had an ancestor on the Beagle.
