

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

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

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.

ACOPS is broadly concerned with environmental policies and scientific issues. It also promotes high level seminars, meetings and lectures on critical marine policy issues, such as held with Globe in the houses of parliament.

ACOPS maintains a Website.

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 which are useful for guiding ACOPS activities.

Annual Survey of Reported Discharges Attributed to Vessels and Offshore Oil & Gas Installations Operating in the United Kingdom Pollution Control Zone 2009: The report for 2009 has been recently published showing an overall increase in 4% in the total number of incidents reported from all sources over the previous year's total. The complete summary of the report might be used (you should have both the hard copy and electronic versions).

Scotland's Marine Atlas; Information for the National Marine plan: Launched 11 March 2011 by the Scottish Government (www.scotland.gov.uk/marineatlas). The atlas is based around the Scottish Government vision of 'clean, healthy, safe, productive, biologically diverse marine and coastal environments, managed to meet the long term needs of nature and people'. The atlas gives an overall assessment of Scotland seas. ACOPS provided information on Scottish oil & chemical spills.

Marine Management Organisation: In response to a request ACOPS provided UK oil & chemical statistics dating back to 2002. The statistics will be used in the MMO's decision making processes especially in the context of marine licensing, planning and pollution response (www.marinemangement.org.uk).

International Maritime Organisation (Marine Environment Protection Committee) (www.imo.org):

A representative from ACOPS attended the 60th session (22-26 March 2010) and the 61st session (27 September – 1 October 2010). In the context of the latter (61st session) the issues discussed included adoption of the revised MARPOL Annex II on prevention of pollution by harmful substances carried by sea in packaged

form, review of MARPOL Annex V on prevention of pollution by garbage from ships, noise from commercial shipping and its adverse impacts on marine life and a review of OPRC-HNS matters (guidance document on the implementation of an incident management system).

United Kingdom Directory of Marine Observing Systems (UKDMOS):

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In response a request ACOPS provided details of parameter groups measured in the Context of long term assessments of marine & chemical spills, packaged dangerous goods and hazardous materials and vessel-sourced marine litter (in conjunction with the Keep Britain Tidy Group).

Louise De La Fayette :

All of us at Acops are greatly saddened by the sudden illness and death of Louise De La Fayette, who represented Acops at the International Maritime Organisation. She was particularly active on the IMO committees concerned with the law of the sea and environmental pollution. She had been a visiting Professor in Environmental Law at the Maritime Institute at the University of Greenwich. Louise will be greatly missed by many.

Louise was the ACOPS Adviser on International Law and Policy from 2008-2009 and contributed to ACOPS in the following areas :

United Nations

Participated in ad hoc working group on marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction.
Participated in a meeting of the parties to the UN Fish Stocks Agreement

London (Dumping) Convention and 1996 Protocol

Participated in a number of meetings of the LC and LP, contributing to the work of these bodies on the mitigation of climate change. In particular, opposed the use of ocean fertilisation as a means to sequester CO₂ in the oceans.

International Maritime Organisation

Participated in IMO meetings relating to the protection of the marine environment; contributed to the development of the new Convention on Ship Recycling; participated in Correspondence Group on Port Reception Facilities and contributed to the Guide to Good Practice for the Providers and Users of Port Reception Facilities. (www.imo.org)

Publications

The ILC and International Liability: a commentary (2002)
Nuclear Liability Revisited (2006)
Oceans Governance in the Arctic
The Consequences of Climate Change in the Arctic

Presentations

International Conference on the Environmentally Sound Management of waste Generated at Sea (Marseilles, November 2008). (www.we2c.org/content/Anglais/conference-internationale_1008_english_0208.pdf)

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FUTURE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS :

- ACOPS will continue to attend meetings at the IMO , Philomene Verlaan will be joining ACOPS as a representative to attend the LDC sessions
- ACOPS will be holding the Asian Climate Change workshop in Bangalore July 2011 along with the Divecha Centre.
- Sponsoring the Launch of the history of the Met Office by Malcolm Walker.
- Developing plans for a workshop in Malaysia 2013

