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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

BOILERPLATE

For use in press articles and media publications:

The Captain Paul Watson Foundation is a non-profit marine conservation organization dedicated to the protection of ocean ecosystems and marine wildlife through direct action, public education, and political advocacy. Founded by renowned conservationist Captain Paul Watson, the organization operates globally, confronting illegal fishing, whaling, and poaching on the world's oceans. For more information, visit www.paulwatsonfoundation.org

MISSION STATEMENT

The Captain Paul Watson Foundation is committed to the preservation and protection of marine ecosystems and the species that depend on them, through direct action, public education, and political advocacy.

"If the ocean dies, we die. We cannot live on this planet with a dead ocean." —
Captain Paul Watson



CAPTAIN PAUL WATSON — BIOGRAPHY

Captain Paul Watson is a marine wildlife conservationist, environmental activist, master mariner, acclaimed author, and renowned public speaker whose life has been dedicated to defending the world's oceans. He was one of the founding members and directors of Greenpeace before leaving the organization in 1977 to establish the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, an organization he led for decades before resigning in 2022 to co-found the Captain Paul Watson Foundation.

Throughout his lifelong commitment to marine conservation, Captain Watson has become one of the most recognized figures in environmental activism, earning numerous international honors and awards. In 1998, he received the Genesis Award for Lifetime Achievement. In 2000, *Time Magazine* named him one of the Top 20 Environmental Heroes of the 20th Century, and in 2002 he was inducted into the U.S. Animal Rights Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C. In 2007, he was awarded the Amazon Peace Prize by the President of Ecuador. In 2012, Captain Watson became only the second person, after Captain Jacques Cousteau, to receive the prestigious Jules Verne Award, honoring environmentalists and adventurers.

Today, through the Captain Paul Watson Foundation, Captain Watson continues his unwavering fight to protect marine wildlife and defend the oceans for future generations.

KEY CAMPAIGNS

OPERATION KRILL WARS / 2026

Location: Antarctica

Status: Active

Summary:

Krill are the keystone species of the ecosystem in Antarctica. The majority of Antarctic species are reliant on krill as their primary food source or krill is the food source of their prey. From the great whales down to the penguins, seals and seabirds, all rely on an abundance of krill to survive.



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After the near extinction of several large whale species in the 19th and 20th centuries, conservation efforts in the later half of the 20th century and 21st century have seen whale populations recovering. Though not back to their pre-commercial whaling numbers, this increase in whale populations obviously requires a greater amount of krill for food. Yet what we are seeing is a greater extraction of krill by human commercial enterprises.

<https://www.paulwatsonfoundation.org/operation-krill-wars>

OPERATION ICE STORM / 2024

Location: Iceland

Status: Halted

Summary:

Kristján Loftsson, the wealthiest and most politically influential man in Iceland, has ignited a storm of controversy in the North Atlantic.

Most Icelanders are against killing whales. The Icelandic government is opposed to killing whales, but Kristjan Loftsson is used to getting what he wants, and what he wants is to kill endangered Fin whales. Commercial whaling was outlawed in 1986 when the International Whaling Commission (IWC) declared a global moratorium on whaling. Fin whales are universally protected under international conservation law.

UPDATE JUNE 2026:

The CPWF launched **Operation 86** to stop Loftsson's whaling ships targeting 150 endangered fin whales and 168 minke whales. <https://www.paulwatsonfoundation.org/operation-86>

MORE CAMPAIGNS

See our website: <https://www.paulwatsonfoundation.org/campaigns-projects>



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Key Facts

Founded

Paul Watson founded Sea Shepherd in 1977. In 2022, he resigned from Sea Shepherd Conservation Society and was unlawfully dismissed from Sea Shepherd Global. He created the Captain Paul Watson Foundation in 2022.

Legal Status

Non-profit / 501(c)(3)

Website

www.paulwatsonfoundation.org

Founder

Paul Watson

Executive Director

Clementine Pallanca

Paul Watson Key Biography Facts

Date of Birth

December 2, 1950

Place of Birth

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Nationality

Canadian

Role

Founder, Captain Paul Watson Foundation

Previous Organizations

Greenpeace (co-founder), Sea Shepherd Conservation Society (founder)

Years Active

1970s — Present



MEDIA ASSETS

The following press materials are available upon request:

- High-resolution logo files (PNG, SVG, EPS)
- Official photographs of Captain Paul Watson
- Crew and vessel photographs
- Campaign footage and b-roll video
- Infographics and campaign maps
- Previous press releases archive
- Captain Watson biography (long and short form)

To request media assets, contact: press@paulwatsonfoundation.org

SPOKESPERSONS

The following individuals are available for media interviews and comment:

Name	Role	Availability	Languages
Captain Paul Watson	Founder	Appointment needed	English
Clementine Pallanca	Executive Director	Appointment needed	English/French
Jon Velasquez	Media Manager	General	English
Gary Stokes	Head of Investigations	General	English

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