



The Pew Trusts in the United Kingdom

Overview

The Pew Charitable Trusts works to encourage responsive government and support scientific research, using data to make a difference on a wide range of issues, including global ocean governance, criminal justice reform, and antibiotic resistance. Our mission is to improve public policy, inform the public, and invigorate civic life. The Pew Research Center, a subsidiary of The Pew Charitable Trusts, studies unfolding global attitudes and demographic trends and helps policymakers and the public prepare for future challenges. The Pew Research Center has conducted public opinion research in the United Kingdom and across the Continent since 1991, gauging attitudes on the economy, trade, religion, and the European Union.

In the U.K., The Pew Trusts (a registered branch of The Pew Charitable Trusts) focuses primarily on environmental policy initiatives that protect the global marine environment, from the waters of north-western Europe to the Atlantic Ocean and the pristine seas surrounding the U.K.'s overseas territories.

Key initiatives

Pew's environmental expertise spans 40 years of initiatives to preserve wilderness areas, restore biodiversity, and increase understanding of marine ecology. Our ocean conservation projects include efforts to safeguard habitat, reform high seas governance, and end overfishing—projects geared collectively toward restoring the productivity, diversity, and abundance of our oceans. We work in close collaboration with partners that share a commitment to independent research, measurable results, and public service. Current efforts of The Pew Charitable Trusts and its U.K. branch include:

Combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

IUU fishing contributes to overexploitation of fisheries and harms the recovery of fish populations, which can be devastating to fishing communities—especially in coastal developing countries. Illicit fishing operations can also be associated with other crimes, such as tax evasion, money laundering, smuggling, and violation of labour standards, each of which takes an additional toll. As part of this campaign, Pew partners with organizations, including Satellite Applications Catapult, the International Maritime Organization, Interpol, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, and seafood markets.

Establishing marine protections in U.K. overseas territories.

The Pew Bertarelli Ocean Legacy Project, a partnership between Pew and the Bertarelli Foundation, is working with the U.K. government toward enhanced protection of the waters surrounding South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. This initiative builds on the 10-year efforts of Pew's Global Ocean Legacy campaign, which collaborated with local communities, governments, non-governmental organizations, scientists, and philanthropic partners to establish the world's first generation of marine parks by securing the designation of large, fully protected reserves. In total, the project aided the creation of nine major marine reserves, safeguarding more than 6.3 million square kilometres of ocean, including the designation of a fully protected marine reserve around the waters of the Pitcairn Islands.

Ending overfishing.

The seas of north-western Europe—the North, Irish, and Celtic seas and the waters west of Scotland and Ireland—have been heavily exploited for more than a century and are often overfished. Since the 2013 European Union agreement on a reformed Common Fisheries Policy, Pew has focused on supporting effective implementation of the reforms, which require an end to overfishing throughout Europe by 2020.

Our mission

The work of The Pew Trusts builds upon the data-driven and results-oriented approach of The Pew Charitable Trusts, a global non-governmental organization dating back to 1948. For more than 70 years, Pew has turned indifference into action—asking tough questions, studying problems, working with strong partners, and striving for effective solutions that bring diverse stakeholders together. Pew also explores the use of facts and data in decision-making today through the Evidence Initiative, a partnership with The Economist Group.

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The Pew Charitable Trusts is driven by the power of knowledge to solve today's most challenging problems. Pew applies a rigorous, analytical approach to improve public policy, inform the public, and invigorate civic life.

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