

Our vision of a better future is only as strong as the people who support us. Join Greenpeace today and add your voice to the movement that's committed to defending our planet. Your support will make all the difference.

Greenpeace exists because this fragile earth deserves a voice. It needs solutions. It needs change. It needs action. Please help.

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Landfills

According to CNN there are over 100,000 hazardous abandoned landfills in the United States and Europe alone. These sites are filled with toxic waste materials that create dangerous gases and leachate which are responsible for disorders such as Downs Syndrome, liver cancer, bladder cancer, lung cancer, leukemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma among adults living within close vicinity of landfills, while children have been known to be born with birth defects. In Latin America 40% of all landfills do not meet even the minimum standards. In many Third World countries landfill sites are regularly scavenged by the poor of the region.

World's Underwater Landfill

The largest landfill in the world is floating below the surface of the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and Japan. It consumes an area twice the size of the continental United States. This floating dump consists of mainly plastic products such as bottles and bags.

Nuclear Waste

Nuclear waste has a half-life of about 100,000 years. Many of the existing nuclear plants around the world are coming close to the end of the operational cycles and will need to be replaced. This means that the nuclear material within their reactors will need to be disposed of.

Greenpeace is present in 40 countries across Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

To maintain its independence, Greenpeace does not accept donations from governments or corporations but relies on contributions from individual supporters and foundation grants.

Greenpeace has been campaigning against environmental degradation since 1971 when a small boat of volunteers and journalists sailed into Amchitka, an area north of Alaska where the US Government was conducting underground nuclear tests. This tradition of 'bearing witness' in a non-violent manner continues today, and our ships are an important part of all our campaign work.

We exist to expose environmental criminals, and to challenge government and corporations when they fail to live up to their mandate to safeguard our environment and our future.



Greenpeace is an independent global campaigning organisation that acts to change attitudes and behaviour, to protect and conserve the environment and to promote peace by:

- Catalizing an energy revolution
- Defending our oceans
- Protecting the world's ancient forests
- Working for disarmament and peace
- Creating a toxic free future
- **Campaigning for sustainable agriculture**



"When the last tree is cut, the last river poisoned, and the last fish dead, we will discover that we can't eat money..."

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