




Ocean Optimism

- We already know how to halt biodiversity decline in our seas
- We already know how to reverse biodiversity decline in our seas
- We already know how to give a helping hand to restore lost biodiversity in our seas
- We already know how to do these things in a way that also directly tackles climate change.

Tackling the biodiversity crisis boils down:

- 1- The proper protection of the marine biodiversity we have left
- 2- The restoration of marine biodiversity we've lost or losing

A close-up photograph of a nudibranch, a type of sea slug, on a dark, textured surface. The nudibranch is translucent with numerous bright orange spots and appendages. It is positioned in the lower center of the frame, near a circular opening in the surface. The background is dark and filled with intricate, light-colored patterns that resemble coral or rock formations.

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A close-up photograph of a nudibranch, a type of sea slug, resting on a dark, porous coral structure. The nudibranch has a pale, translucent body with numerous bright yellow and orange spots and markings. The background is a dark, textured surface, likely part of a coral reef, with some lighter, fibrous structures visible.

FAIR SEAS

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Active restoration of species, habitats and ecosystems

- Replant lost seagrass meadows, re-seed our oyster reefs
- Saltmarsh, sharks, kelp....



Take home messages:

- Let's properly fund the protection and restoration of our seas and nature
- Let's do it together, 'Whole of Government, Whole of Society'
- Let's think about efficacy and efficiency of what we do
- Let's make a special effort to include young people