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## Ocean Conservation Trust & National Marine Aquarium Environmental Policy Statement

The Ocean Conservation Trust (OCT) and the National Marine Aquarium (NMA) consider environmental management to be of the utmost importance and are therefore committed to adhering to all environmental responsibilities and the continual improvement of environmental performance.

The objective of this policy statement is to document and direct our commitment to attaining and maintaining exemplary standards of environmental performance throughout the OCT and NMA.

All persons conducting activities under the name of OCT or NMA must adhere to this Environmental Policy statement.

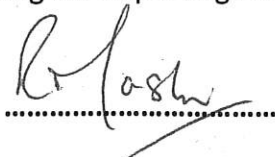
It is the Policy of the OCT and NMA to:

- Understand and comply with all legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations.
- Understand the environmental aspects and impacts of all operations, employ a framework for their management and organise operations to minimise negative / maximise positive impacts.
- Be a driver for positive environmental behavioural change of staff, customers and the wider community.
- Strive to actively draw-down atmospheric carbon through the positive impact of Seagrass.
- Perform regular Audits on environmental performance.

Successful management of environmental aspects and impacts will be achieved by:

- Undertaking regular environmental reviews to maintain awareness of current impact status and performance of current operations.
- Developing, maintaining and reviewing achievable targets and clear vectors for continuous improvement.
- Organising operations to minimise energy consumption, carbon emissions (direct and indirect), material throughput, habitat destruction, waste production and pollution.
- Use all resources with due regard to long-term global sustainability.
- Providing instruction, training, information, time, materials and equipment sufficient for personnel to perform their duties accordingly.
- Developing, maintaining and reviewing operations to minimise risk of incidents and emergencies occurring and, in their event, ensure prompt and effective response.
- Engaging with staff, contractors, suppliers, customers and the wider community, and ensuring respect for the environment is principle in all communications.
- Reviewing and reporting on the content and implementation of this policy.

Signature



Position

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