An open letter to the Governments of the UK

Not only is our ocean home to amazing wildlife, it provides us with livelihoods, food and every second breath we take. As this inspirational series ends we have an obligation to think about how we can all help to protect our ocean, personally through our own actions and as global citizens.

Our ocean needs urgent action

The UK, with our proud sea-faring traditions, can become champions for the whole ocean, both internationally and in our own waters, with bold and ambitious policies tailored to protect our marine life at home and all around the world.

“Blue Planet II” brought the ocean into our homes, revealing more than ever before about this extraordinary life force at the heart of our planet and the amazing creatures that make their home there. No one can have failed to be moved by its beauty or by the seriousness of its plight. Human impacts are taking their toll, even on the deepest ocean depths and most distant seas.

On behalf of the billions of people inspired by Blue Planet II and the millions our organisations represent, we ask you to:

- Become a global BLUE PLANET Champion to protect marine life
- Support proper protection for our ocean including at least 30% of the global ocean becoming protected ocean sanctuaries
- Take a global lead on tackling ocean pollution, including the urgent problem of plastic waste

Life on Earth is simply not possible without a healthy and thriving ocean. Thank you for doing more in its defence.