



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

Freed! Activist who tried to stop whale hunts

KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Activist:**
A campaigner for change
- ☐ **Conservation:**
Protection of plants and animals
- ☐ **Blubber:**
Thick layer of fat
- ☐ **Controversial:**
Something that causes discussion and disagreement



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BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Whaling is when whales are hunted and killed for the production of food and oil. Many people argue that it could cause whales to become extinct. Whaling was banned in 1986 - but Japan started whaling commercially again in 2019. This has led to protests.

After five months in prison in Greenland, anti-whaling **activist** Paul Watson is free! He was arrested last July for damaging a Japanese whaling ship in 2010.

Free at last!

Watson insists that he did nothing wrong, claiming that he was not present when the Japanese ship was damaged in 2010.

His lawyer has said that Watson is "relieved" and "looking forward to reuniting with his wife and children."

Moral campaign

Whaling has been criticised by **conservation** groups for causing whale populations to decline. But officials in Japan argue that eating whale meat and using whale **blubber** are part of the country's way of life.

Despite his arrest, Watson insists that he is prepared to continue his anti-whaling campaign work. He set up the Captain Paul Watson Foundation to campaign against whaling in 2022.

Controversial campaigner

Watson's methods have long been controversial. He has been involved in confrontations with whaling vessels at sea.

When he was arrested in July, he was on his way to the North Pacific to intercept a new Japanese whaling ship. But Denmark, which controls Greenland, has decided not to send Watson to Japan to face a trial and has freed him instead.





INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

IS ALL WHALING WRONG?

WHAT
is Watson's
controversial
method?

WHO
is Paul
Watson?

WHERE
was Watson
arrested?

WHEN
did Watson
set up his
organisation?

WHY
was Watson
arrested?

HOW
do Japanese
officials defend
whaling?



1 TAKE ACTION

Do you eat fish? If so, do you know if it has been sustainably sourced?

Sustainable fishing means catching fish in a way that does not damage the health of the oceans or cause fish populations to decline. But not all companies that sell fish follow these practices.

2 SHARE YOUR IDEAS

What have you found out in your investigation? Write, present or even record a piece that shows whether the fish in our supermarkets is sustainably sourced. Share what you've learned with your family and friends. What do they think? We want to hear your ideas too! Your teacher can share your reports with us too by sending them to editorial@theday.co.uk.

3 Build THE Change



CREATE YOUR DESIGN

Can you think of any other activists who have gone to prison to help the environment? Do you find them inspiring, or do you think people should always follow the law? Are there other ways to campaign for change?

STEP 1:

Think about your design!
Can you design a scene which shows people campaigning to save the environment?

STEP 2: Build the Change!

Build Paul Watson or another environmental activist out of LEGO® bricks! You could even use recycled materials to build his sailing vessel!

Share your genius
Show your work
to your class!



Upload a photo of your work to the **Build the Change** gallery by scanning the QR code and have your work displayed to inspire real-world change.



4 BUILDER OF THE WEEK

Every week we handpick one of the most inspirational designs from our online photo gallery to be our **BUILDER OF THE WEEK**. To get your creation featured here, ask your grown-up to take a photograph and upload it to our Build the Change gallery, using the QR code on this page.



This week we have a futuristic floating house with room for pets as well.

"GREAT WORK!"



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