

WWF's eco-terrorist, eco-fascist legions

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In addition to the extensive military and terrorist apparatus set up by the World Wildlife Fund in Africa, the WWF has directly spawned a global network of organizations to carry out terrorist and proto-terrorist operations that include everything from economic blockades and public demonstrations, to terrorist violence and sabotage. Although WWF has attempted to remain at arms length from this eco-terrorist underground, public documents and eyewitness accounts show that every one of the overtly "eco-terrorist" groups that sprang up beginning in 1969 was directly bankrolled and steered by the WWF.

There are several phases to this operation. In the first phase, 1969-71, the WWF spawned Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth to initiate "direct action" against targets pre-selected by the WWF. During this phase, the proto-terrorist activities did not usually involve the destruction of life and property.

Beginning in the late 1970s, during the height of the activities of such underground terrorist groups as the Weathermen, the Baader-Meinhof gang, and the Red Brigades, the first generation organizations spawned splinter groups to carry out far more violent "direct actions" that involved the destruction of property and, in some cases, murder. Through the WWF's enormous control over the free world media, each of these successive escalations in eco-terrorism was greeted with largely favorable press coverage.

The founding of Greenpeace

The most important of the international eco-terror organizations, Greenpeace, was created by the WWF in 1971 in Vancouver, British Columbia, a well-known center of British Intelligence (i.e., British Crown) operations in the Western Hemisphere. Early Greenpeace membership was comprised of members of the Vancouver Liberation Front, an affiliate of the Weathermen in the United States, of Maoists, counterculturalists, and operatives of the Cadbury family-sponsored Quaker action movement. The principal source of early Greenpeace funding was the WWF, which purchased and outfitted the original Greenpeace "navy."

A series of more radical organizations was spawned from Greenpeace, including the Sea Shepherd Society, Earth First! and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals/Animal

Liberation Front. The leadership, funding, and logistical base of these organizations are interchangeable. Susan Pardee, for example, who is a member of the Greenpeace office in Seattle, Washington, is also a local leader of Earth First! and the Native Forest Network. The Seattle Earth First! office is located within the Greenpeace office.

As a result of this WWF effort, the United States and other nations have increasingly fallen victim to a low-intensity war being carried out by eco-terrorists. This war is rarely reported in the press. Acts of terrorism take place in the United States on a daily basis, including firebombings of logging mills and livestock auction buildings; the destruction of farming, logging, mining, and fishing equipment; and the sabotage of biomedical research facilities.

Sea Shepherd terrorism

The case of Sea Shepherd's campaign against the whaling industry is exemplary. Paul Watson, a member of the Vancouver Liberation Front who was involved in the 1973 shootout with U.S. federal agents at the Wounded Knee Indian Reservation and who is a founding member of Greenpeace, created a more radical splinter group in 1977 called the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. Watson was bankrolled from day one by WWF-U.S. activist Cleveland Amory, head of the Fund for Animals, and by Britain's Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This money was used to purchase a British fishing boat which was used to hunt down the Portuguese whaling vessel Sierra.

On July 17, 1979, Sea Shepherd rammed the Sierra off the coast of Portugal. Portuguese Coast Guard vessels captured the Sea Shepherd and were going to hold it as security until Watson paid for the damage caused to the Sierra. Instead of paying the \$750,000 repair bill, Watson sank the Sea Shepherd in the Portuguese port of Leixoes on Dec. 31, 1979.

Shortly afterward, on Feb. 5, 1980, a team of three eco-terrorists blew up the Sierra in Lisbon. An unidentified woman called the Lisbon office of UPI from Spain and stated, "The Sea Shepherd is avenged! Make no mistake about it; this was no accident; this was a deliberate act of sabotage! The Sierra will kill no more whales! We did it for the Sea Shepherd!" On April 27, 1980, the Isba I and Isba II, two of Spain's five whalers, were blown up in the harbor of Marin, near Vigo, Spain. According to Watson, the Spanish whaling ships were blown up by the same three unidentified eco-terrorists who had blown up the Sierra two months earlier.

From this start, Watson's Sea Shepherd has led a terror campaign against the fishing and whaling ships of many nations. Watson takes credit for the sinking of several Icelandic and Norwegian whaling vessels. In addition, Sea Shepherd has rammed dozens of vessels, cut nets, and otherwise carried out actions defined as piracy under international law. Despite all of his actions and one criminal conviction in Norway, Watson is a free man, unhindered by U.S. law enforcement agencies.