



**2016** After years of Greenpeace campaigning and negotiations, 85 percent of the forests within the Great Bear Rainforest on Canada's west coast are declared off limits to industrial logging.

**2016** No democracy without transparency—Greenpeace Netherlands releases leaked documents of the secret draft text of the controversial TTIP, the proposed trade deal between the EU and the USA.

**2017** Gore Fabrics, a major supplier of weatherproofing technologies in the outdoor apparel sector, announces it will stop using hazardous PFCs in Gore-Tex® products as of 2023—a victory for the longstanding Detox campaign against the use of chemicals in clothing. Other companies follow suit.

**2020** BGE, Germany's radioactive waste management organization, names 90 potential storage sites for permanent nuclear waste disposal—Gorleben isn't on the list. Environmentalists and geologists spent years highlighting safety issues. Now, it's official: Gorleben does not fulfil the safety requirements for a nuclear waste disposal site.

**2021** Historic legal victory—Germany's supreme constitutional court declares that the Climate Protection Act is partly unconstitutional and inadequate to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of future generations. The case was brought by nine young people backed by Greenpeace.

**2022** The EU's first forest protection regulation is adopted. The law bans the import of products linked to deforestation or forest degradation. Greenpeace and many other groups actively advocated for the new EU Deforestation Regulation.

**2023** How can we shop sustainably and take a stand against fast fashion? By going to Germany's biggest clothing swap party. Over 7,000 people attended one such event in April 2023—just one of the many hosted by Greenpeace nationwide.



## Making waves for a better world

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From eco-friendly fridges to hosting Germany's biggest clothing swap, from battling to prevent the sinking of the Brent Spar to securing pivotal climate protection rulings, from protecting whales to preserving forests—over the span of many decades, Greenpeace, in collaboration with its supporters around the world, has demonstrated one resounding truth: environmental successes are possible.

### Take action online

How can I support Greenpeace in just five minutes a week? How do I apply for a protest permit? How do I host a clothing swap party? Welcome to Greenwire! Our online community lets you engage with volunteers from 100 local groups and with Greenpeace staff and supporters from all over Germany. And there's more: you can get involved in Greenpeace campaigns, find information, network, and share ideas on how to create change. Want to find people in your area interested in green projects? Greenwire is the place to go! Take a look and join us—together, we can change the world.



◀ Discover Greenwire (site in German, please use translator tool)



### With courage and perseverance

Our bold actions and keen sense of justice have enabled us to repeatedly and successfully apply the pressure needed to bring about change. But it's our supporters around the world who truly power our progress. Without the help and commitment of all these individuals, without the partnerships with groups who share our goals, we would not have come so far. We are independent of governments, corporations, and other parties whose interests don't align with our goals. Our daily work is a testament to our unwavering commitment to climate protection, biodiversity, and peace. Our achievements speak for themselves—we make real change happen.



### Keep up to date

Interested in regular updates on our campaigns? You'll find us on all the major social media channels—just enter Greenpeace Germany! We would also be happy to welcome you as a subscriber to our YouTube channels in German and English.

Discover our International YouTube channel:



Discover our German YouTube channel:



### Greenpeace milestones

**1971** Greenpeace is founded in Vancouver, Canada. A handful of environmental activists set sail to try and stop nuclear weapons testing off the coast of Alaska.

**1975** Activists in inflatable rafts confront Pacific whaling fleets, placing themselves in the firing line between the harpoon sights and the whales—the start of a long anti-whaling campaign. In 1982, the International Whaling Commission voted to ban commercial whaling as of 1986.

**1977** Greenpeace acquires the Rainbow Warrior. The new flagship entered service for Greenpeace International in 1978.

**1980** Greenpeace Germany is founded. The organization's first action, in October, is to block the dump ship Kronos Titan in Nordenham to stop it from dumping waste acid into the sea—a practice finally banned in 1990.

**1981** Greenpeace launches its campaign against toxins. Two activists spend 26 hours atop a smokestack at the Boehringer chemical plant, which was polluting the environment with dioxins and other highly toxic chemicals. Authorities shut the plant down three years later.

**1985** The Rainbow Warrior is sunk by the French secret service in Auckland, New Zealand. A Greenpeace photographer dies. The ship was on its way to Mururoa to protest French nuclear weapons testing.

**1990** Innovative—Greenpeace Magazin is printed on chlorine-free paper. Despite initial doubts, the campaign succeeded in getting publishers to follow suit. Today, printing on chlorine-free paper is common practice.



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## Greenpeace in Germany

In 1980, hardly anyone in Germany had heard about Greenpeace; for most people, environmental protection was an alien concept. That changed after the German office was opened. Greenpeace activists exposed many environmental scandals. Brave, creative, and always non-violent, they made headlines and brought environmental issues to the attention of the wider public. Through these efforts, we continually bring about change and develop innovative solutions. For more than 40 years, Greenpeace Germany has been working hand in hand with other actors for a greener and fairer world.



## Greenpeace principles: peaceful, independent, and international

Greenpeace uses non-violent action to advocate for a greener and fairer world. We are an international network with offices in more than 55 countries worldwide.

In Germany alone, over 620,000 donors stand united in their support for Greenpeace. Their contributions make our campaign victories possible, allowing us to operate independently of governments, political parties, and corporations. This united front demonstrates to policymakers and interest groups alike the strength of our vision and the power of collective action.

## 2006 Greenpeace brings to light the devastating deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest driven by soy production for animal feed.

Key players in the food and animal feed sectors finally agree to stop using soy linked to deforestation in Brazil's Amazon region.

**2011 The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan suffers a triple meltdown.** Greenpeace sends an international team of experts to conduct independent radiation testing and make its findings available to the public. Greenpeace is still active in Japan today and continues to advocate for a shift to renewable energies.

**2015 A breakthrough climate agreement is finally reached—world leaders at the Climate Change Conference in Paris set ambitious goals.** Having been longstanding participants in climate conferences, Greenpeace and other environmental NGOs now emphasize the urgency for action.



## Environmental action up close

You can get directly involved and contribute to environmental protection by joining one of our local groups in more than 100 towns and cities in Germany. Our volunteers raise public awareness of environmental issues, persuade supermarkets to sell meat from producers who meet animal welfare standards, join global campaigns like protecting our oceans, participate in bike protests for sustainable mobility, and host clothing swap events.

Come and experience our interactive exhibition in Hamburg. Visitors can explore the connection between our lifestyle and various environmental problems around the world and discover potential solutions. Exhibition descriptions are available in German and English, and the venue is accessible to people with disabilities. Informative materials, posters, and postcards are available at no charge, and admission is free.

Take a virtual tour  
and find out more ▶



**1992 Greenpeace partners with Foron, a company in eastern Germany, to develop Greenfreeze—the first refrigerator without ozone-depleting F-gases.**

**1995 Greenpeace activists protest Shell's plan to dump the Brent Spar oil storage and loading platform into the Atlantic.** Following a wave of public outrage, the oil multinational backed down. Three years later, a ban on dumping offshore installations was passed.

**1999 Greenpeace Energy eG is founded.** With the liberalization of electricity markets in Germany, Greenpeace sought a power supplier that met its strict criteria for green electricity, but to no avail. So we took matters into our own hands.

**2001 Greenpeace scores a win after years of campaigning against the highly toxic Tributyltin (TBT) compound in anti-fouling ship paints:** The International Maritime Organization adopts a ban, which becomes effective in 2003.



## “Now is the moment

Greenpeace was made for! Let's join forces to forge a green, peaceful, and equitable planet, ensuring a good life for all. Together, we can spark a billion acts of courage. With expertise and a pioneering spirit, we are taking on humanity's greatest challenges.”

Martin Kaiser, Executive Director, Greenpeace Germany

## Join us now

We are united in our passion for a greener and fairer world. Every day, we work towards this goal—but we can only achieve it with the support of our members! Feeling inspired to make your own contribution? Greenpeace is a registered non-profit, tax-exempt organization. All donations and membership dues are tax deductible. Your donation receipt will automatically be sent to you in February of the following year. Memberships may be canceled at any time; just contact us. Gifts and bequests are exempt from inheritance tax. We are happy to send out detailed information via email or post.

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