

BSAC Environment statement

BSAC members are uniquely placed to witness the impact of human activity on the underwater environment. Through diving and snorkelling, we are connected to its complex and beautiful ecosystems. BSAC recognises the climate and biodiversity emergency and the urgent need for action — we will rise to the challenge.

This statement commits us to minimising our impact. We will reduce the impact of BSAC's own diving and snorkelling activities, champion ocean stewardship and drive positive change. This marks the start of embedding environmental responsibility into BSAC's mission, values and actions.

BSAC is dedicated to marine stewardship, sustainability and the environment. We will lead by example, educating and engaging members to foster an environmentally focused ethos and providing opportunities for conservation.

To put the environment at the heart of our activities, BSAC will:

Control its own impacts

- Establish a baseline of understanding of the current environmental impact of BSAC activity and take reasonable measures to mitigate and reduce such impacts.
- Make environmentally aware decisions throughout BSAC HQ-managed operations, events, and activities, mitigating impacts where possible.
- Provide guidance to members and the wider scuba diving community on best environmental practices relating to their scuba diving and snorkelling activities.

Promote diving with a purpose

- Support BSAC members to champion the environmental aspects that are most important to them.
- Develop training courses, citizen science and practical action initiatives that enable members to go 'diving with a purpose'.
- Lead on underwater data collection, utilising the unique position of our members as the eyes beneath the waves.

Influence and engage with others

- Establish BSAC as a leading advocate for the environment within the diving and snorkelling community. As the UK's National Governing Body, we aim to influence marine policy in the UK and beyond.
- Inform, empower and engage members and the wider community to prioritise the environment in diving and snorkelling.
- Collaborate with partners to drive informed action on environmental issues.
- Report progress annually to stakeholders and the community.