

WWF Position Statement

On Monday 11th June, Dr Sarah Davie provided the following position statement from WWF:

“WWF-UK would like to update the review panel that our position regarding the South Sandwich Islands has evolved.

In summary, we are more closely aligning ourselves with our fellow environmental NGOs on this issue, in the context of wider global biodiversity conservation. With this in mind we are supporting the GBO ask for a marine reserve for the South Sandwich Islands to futureproof the area from potential developments which could undermine the long-term conservation of its great biodiversity. WWF-UK also want to continue working constructively with our CEFAS, BAS, and government colleagues in order to ensure the highest standards of conservation and fisheries management across Area 48 and the entire Southern Ocean”.