



The Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC) is the only organization working full-time to ensure that the world's last unspoiled wilderness survives intact for future generations. Founded in 1978 as a coalition of environmental organizations concerned about the lack of environmental protections for this fragile continent and its surrounding ocean, ASOC is the only NGO observer at Antarctic Treaty System meetings. This means that we are the **main voice devoted solely to conservation and environmental protection** in the Antarctic Treaty System, which governs Antarctica.

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ASOC monitors all issues that impact the Antarctic, including climate change, tourism, fisheries management, biological prospecting and pirate fishing. We campaign for long-term protection of Antarctica and its ecosystems. **Our mission is to speak for the continent and its magnificent species—from krill to blue whales.**





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ASOC raises public awareness through our website, the Antarctic blog, media releases and campaign advocacy. Major campaigns include:

**Antarctic Krill Conservation Project:** In partnership with the Pew Environment Group ASOC advocates for ecosystem-based management of Antarctic krill, upon which many species such as penguins and whales depend for food.

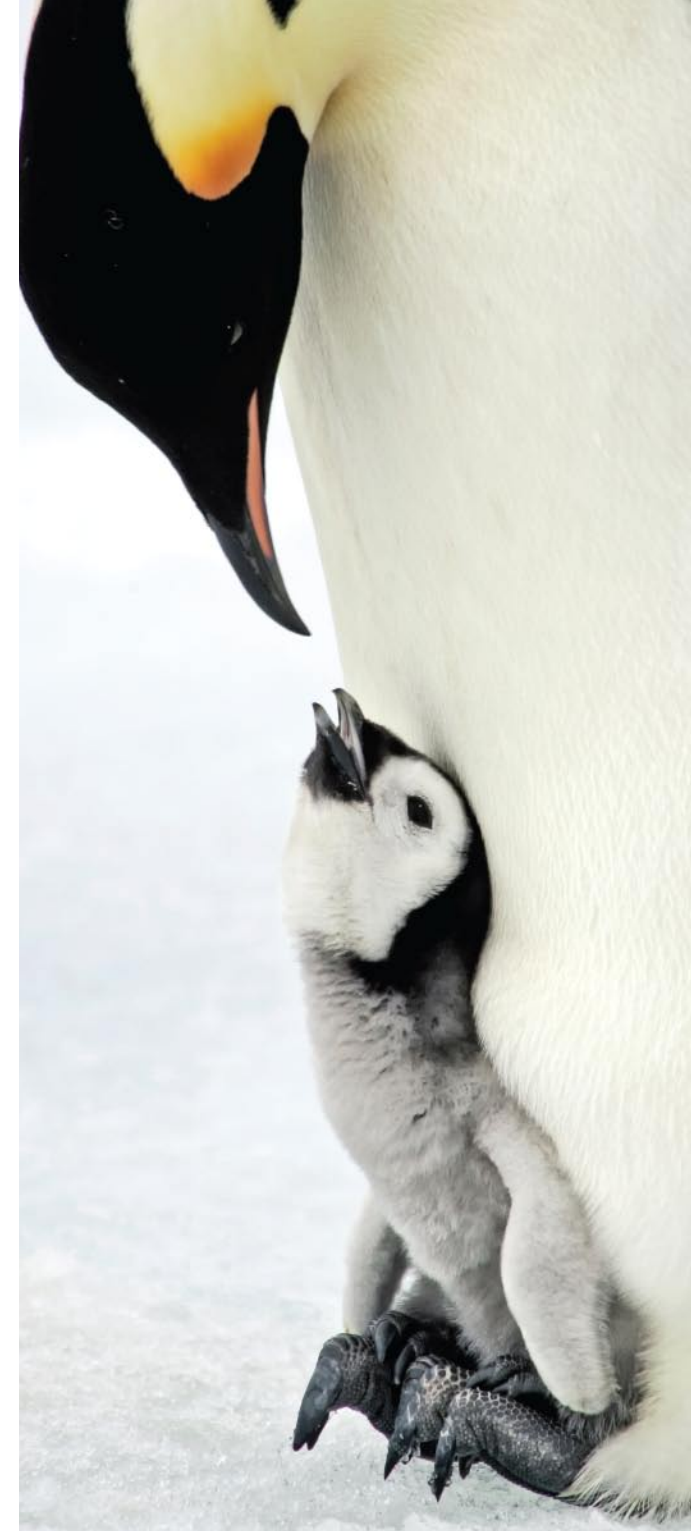
**Protecting the Ross Sea:** The Ross Sea has been named by scientists as the earth's most intact large marine ecosystem. ASOC is advocating its designation as a Marine Protected Area (MPA) as part of a representative network of large marine reserves in the Southern Ocean.

**Regulating Antarctic Tourism:** Commercial tourism has grown rapidly in the past decade. ASOC advocates a regulatory framework to limit its scope and scale, including a ban on land-based tourism infrastructure and strict limits on the size of ships used. This will ensure that tourism has only minimal impacts on the Antarctic environment.

**Legally binding Polar Code:** ASOC advocacy at meetings of the Antarctic Treaty and the International Maritime Organization has resulted in agreement to negotiate this important new Code, which will set standards for ships operating in the Antarctic for the first time.



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