



HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA

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Human Rights at Sea

# IMPACT REPORT

OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENT WORK IN THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR SEVEN

# HRAS Accounts

## Income 1 June 2020 - 31 May 2021

### DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Donations	£180,100
Grants	£-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£180,100</b>

### SUMMARY

Income	£180,100
Resources Expended	£185,470
<b>Surplus Funds</b>	<b>-£5,370</b>

## Expenditure 1 June 2020 - 31 May 2021

### GOVERNANCE COSTS

Independent Examiners Fees	£900
Legal Fees	£11,928
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,828</b>

### DIRECT COSTS

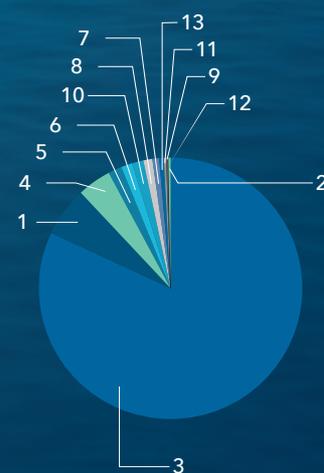
Rent	£660
Insurance	£3,801
Sundries	£318
I.T. Costs	£15,725
Travel & Conference Fees	£2,274
Research & Consultancy	£42,797
Publicity & Promotional Costs	£9,652
Training	£1,194
Grants & Donations	£1,600
Interest Payable & Similar Charges	£148
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£78,169</b>

### RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Fundraising	£72
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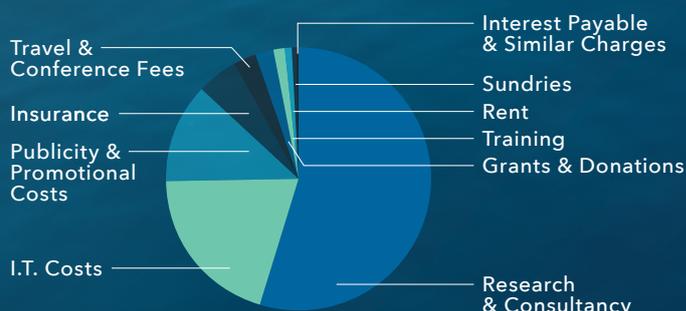
### SUPPORT COSTS

1. Trustees' Salaries	£5,775
2. Trustees' Pension Contributions	£111
3. Wages	£77,068
4. Social Security	£4,030
5. Pensions	£1,579
6. Storage Costs	£1,360
7. Telephone	£899
8. Postage & Stationary	£947
9. Membership Fees	£227
10. Bookkeeping Fees	£1,260
11. Payroll Fees	£374
12. Interest Payable	£28
13. Depreciation of Tangible Assets	£743
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£94,401</b>



TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

**£185,470**



Wages and other staffing costs are listed as support costs, but these include the cost of time spent managing and delivering the organisations projects and programmes



74  
Press Releases



17  
Publications  
& Case Studies



6  
Op-Eds



6  
Podcasts



8  
Webinars



44  
News Items

# JUNE 2020

08/06/20

News

## UN WORLD OCEANS DAY WEBCAST WITH WORLD YOUTH FOUNDATION

HRAS engaged with the World Youth Foundation to start developing better awareness in the world's youth about the maritime environment and what human rights at sea refers to and means.



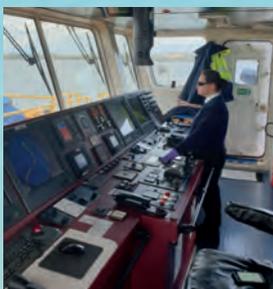
[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/08/world-oceans-day-hras-webcast-with-world-youth-foundation/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/08/world-oceans-day-hras-webcast-with-world-youth-foundation/)

09/06/20

OP-ED

## CREW VOICES: FEARFUL, FRUSTRATED, FATIGUED, FORGOTTEN

Ms. Ivana Carrioni-Burnett, Port of London Authority Pilot, and Manager of HRAS Advisory Board reflects on her insights as, 'A UK Marine Pilot's Perspective of Seafarer's Challenges', from her recent experiences in UK waters in relation to her interactions with seafarers during the COVID-19 crisis.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/09/op-ed-crew-voices-fearful-frustrated-fatigued-forgotten/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/09/op-ed-crew-voices-fearful-frustrated-fatigued-forgotten/)

25/06/20

News

## CELEBRATING THE DAY OF THE SEAFARER

HRAS celebrated the day of Seafarer, an IMO-led initiative raising awareness on the vital role seafarers play in enabling global trade and the flow of essential goods. The campaign of 2020 focused on seafarers' 'key worker status' and their vital importance to shipping industry.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/25/human-rights-at-sea-issues-statement-for-the-day-of-the-seafarer/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/25/human-rights-at-sea-issues-statement-for-the-day-of-the-seafarer/)

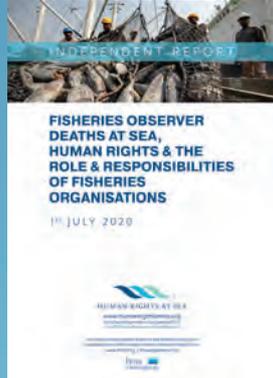
# JULY 2020

01/07/20

Independent Report

## FISHERIES OBSERVER DEATHS AT SEA, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FISHERIES ORGANISATIONS

Against the investigation of the case of the death of Kiribati Fisheries Observer, Eritara Aatii Kaierua, onboard the Taiwanese flagged WIN FAR No. 636, HRAS published an extensive independent report on the issue of fisheries observer protections and deaths at sea in the commercial fishing industry.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/03/report-fisheries-observer-deaths-at-sea-human-rights-and-the-role-and-responsibilities-of-fisheries-organisations/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/03/report-fisheries-observer-deaths-at-sea-human-rights-and-the-role-and-responsibilities-of-fisheries-organisations/)

02/07/20

News

## HRAS SIGNS THE OPEN LETTER TO SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IMO REQUESTING THE REVOCATION OF LIBYA'S SAR ZONE

Prepared by the EU civil liberties organisation Statewatch, the letter openly calls on the IMO SG to revoke the Libyan maritime search and rescue (SAR) zone for the prevention of the so-called Libyan Coast Guard undertaking 'pull-backs' of migrants to Libya, where they face violence, abuse, and mistreatment.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/02/human-rights-at-sea-signs-the-open-letter-to-secretary-general-of-imo-requesting-the-revocation-of-libyas-sar-zone/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/02/human-rights-at-sea-signs-the-open-letter-to-secretary-general-of-imo-requesting-the-revocation-of-libyas-sar-zone/)

09/07/20

Webinar

## ARBITRATION AS A MEANS OF EFFECTIVE REMEDY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AT SEA

HRAS and global law firm Shearman & Sterling LLP have partnered on a project to facilitate the resolution of disputes concerning human rights at sea using international arbitration. The project's chief aim is to provide those living, working, and transiting at sea with an effective remedy for human rights abuses, while also combating impunity for the perpetrators of such abuses. The Webinar honed in on certain key issues raised in the White Paper and subjected them to focused discussion, led by experts from various fields, including the legal, maritime, and banking sectors.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/28/webinar-9-july-arbitration-as-a-means-of-effective-remedy-for-human-rights-abuses-at-sea/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/06/28/webinar-9-july-arbitration-as-a-means-of-effective-remedy-for-human-rights-abuses-at-sea/)

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OP-ED

## 'HEROES OR HOSTAGES?'

Ms. Ivana Carrioni-Burnett Port of London Authority Pilot and HRAS Advisory Board Manager continues to reflect on her insights from her experience with seafarers in UK waters during the COVID-19 crisis.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/14/op-ed-heroes-or-hostages/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/14/op-ed-heroes-or-hostages/)

22/07/20

News

## MISSING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS REPORTING PROGRAMME LAUNCHES UPDATED WEBSITE

The Missing Seafarers and Fishers Reporting Programme was HRAS flagship project in 2014. An international secured database, aiming to track the numbers and status of seafarers and fishermen missing at sea on a global basis has been updated and refined.

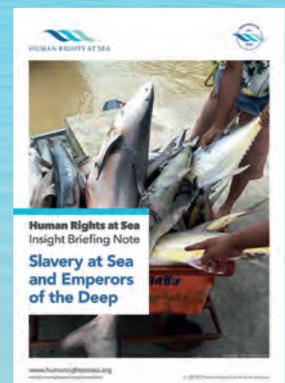


[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/22/missing-seafarers-and-fishers-reporting-programme-launches-updated-website/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/22/missing-seafarers-and-fishers-reporting-programme-launches-updated-website/)

26/07/20

Insight Briefing Note

## SLAVERY AT SEA AND EMPERORS OF THE DEEP



Looking into the work of US-based film-maker, author and ocean conservationist, William McKeever, the Briefing Note highlights issues of slavery at sea, poor working conditions, the need for



fisheries observers and the impact of the shark fishing and shark fin trade.

[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/26/slavery-at-sea-and-emperors-of-the-deep-insight-briefing-note/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/26/slavery-at-sea-and-emperors-of-the-deep-insight-briefing-note/)

27/07/20

News

### HRAS WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES

HRAS expands its Board of Trustees and welcomes Mr. Alexander Kemp, London-based Partner at HFW LLP; Mrs. Ruth Crowell, Chief Executive of the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA); Mr. Matthew Vickers, Chief Executive and Chief Ombudsman at the Ombudsman Services and Mr. Enrique Restoy, Head of Evidence at Frontline AIDS.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/27/human-rights-at-sea-welcomes-new-trustees/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/27/human-rights-at-sea-welcomes-new-trustees/)

30/07/20

News

### WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING 2020 – SEAFOOD WORKING GROUP STATEMENT

On World Day against Human Trafficking, the Seafood Working Group, of which HRAS is a member, put out a statement in response to Thailand's ranking in the 2020 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report. The SWG is a coalition of over 60 labour rights, human rights, and environmental non-governmental organisations.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/30/world-day-against-human-trafficking-2020-seafood-working-group-statement/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/07/30/world-day-against-human-trafficking-2020-seafood-working-group-statement/)

# AUG 2020

03/08/20

Insight Briefing Note

### THE ROLE OF FISHERIES OBSERVER

Martin Purves, Managing Director of the International Pole and Life Foundation (IPLF) who prior to his present role spent years at sea in fisheries management roles, including as a fisheries observer shares a first-hand testimony on the reality of working at sea aiding the public to understand the roles and risks faced daily by fishers.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/03/understanding-the-role-of-a-fisheries-observer/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/03/understanding-the-role-of-a-fisheries-observer/)

03/08/20

News

### HRAS CEO INVITED AS JUDGE OF THE LLOYDS LIST SHIPPING INDUSTRY AWARDS

The judges are invited from all core sectors of the maritime industry with HRAS reflecting an independent civil society NGO.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/03/human-rights-at-sea-ceo-invited-to-judge-lloyds-list-awards-2020/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/03/human-rights-at-sea-ceo-invited-to-judge-lloyds-list-awards-2020/)

10/08/20

OP-ED

### EMPTY SHIPS, EMPTY SEAS

Miss Ivana Maria Carrioni Burnett continues the series of reflections as Port of London marine pilot during COVID-19 and the seafarers crew crisis.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/10/op-ed-empty-ships-empty-seas/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/10/op-ed-empty-ships-empty-seas/)

13/08/20

Insight Briefing Note

### COVID-19 P&I INSURANCE COVERAGE AND SEAFARERS' RIGHTS



Researched by Jessie Santana-Carvalho LL.M. (Maritime Law), the Briefing Note outlines key considerations for seafarers, as well as considerations for P&I

clubs. The document was submitted to the International Group of P&I Clubs.

[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/13/covid-19-pi-insurance-coverage-seafarers-rights/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/13/covid-19-pi-insurance-coverage-seafarers-rights/)

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### ENGLISH CHANNEL MIGRANT MOVEMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA

HRAS Trustee Prof. Steven Haines highlighted the legal and policy challenges arising from the 'English Channel Crisis' stressing the duty to render assistance to those in distress at sea and calling the British and French authorities to respect the fundamental right to life.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/14/english-channel-migrant-movement-and-human-rights-at-sea/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/14/english-channel-migrant-movement-and-human-rights-at-sea/)

19/08/20

News

### WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY 2020

HRAS releases a statement on World Humanitarian Day. This day is devoted to humanitarian workers killed and injured in the course of their work. It honours all health and aid workers providing their life-saving support during challenging time. HRAS recognises the exceptional work undertaken in defence of fundamental human rights globally, and specifically in the maritime environment including directly and swiftly challenging all abuses towards seafarers, fishers, migrants, and refugees and all who live,

work and transit coastal areas and global maritime routes.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/19/world-humanitarian-day-2020/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/19/world-humanitarian-day-2020/)

26/08/20

News Article

### HRAS ARBITRATION PROJECT

LEXIS NEXIS Law 360 publishes on HRAS and Shearman & Sterling LLP 'Arbitration as Means for Effective Remedy for Human Rights Abuses at Sea' Project. The article draws insights from the July Arbitration Webinar held by S&S and HRAS. The Project is based on the concept of using international arbitration as a means for providing victims of human rights abuses at sea with an alternative route to effective remedy and justice.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/26/lexis-nexis-law-360-publishes-article-on-hras-and-shearman-sterling-human-rights-at-sea-arbitration-project/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/26/lexis-nexis-law-360-publishes-article-on-hras-and-shearman-sterling-human-rights-at-sea-arbitration-project/)

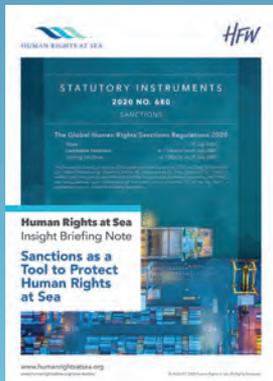
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Insight Briefing Note

### SANCTIONS AS A TOOL TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA

HRAS, in concert with the international law firm HFW LLP issues an Insight Briefing Note on the new UK Regulations on Global Human Rights Sanctions.





[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/29/sanctions-as-a-tool-to-protect-human-rights-at-sea/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/08/29/sanctions-as-a-tool-to-protect-human-rights-at-sea/)

# SEPT 2020

**03/09/20**

Case Update  
**VIDEO TESTIMONY: MASTER DEFENDS COVID-19 COMMAND DECISIONS FOR PROTECTING CREW**

Former Master of the MV Tomini Destiny, Captain Rajnish Samuel Shah, authorised the release by Human Rights at Sea of his personal testimony in defence of his command decisions made during the COVID-19 pandemic for the protection of his crew health, safety, and security during unloading operations off the Port of Chittagong, Bangladesh in late March 2020.

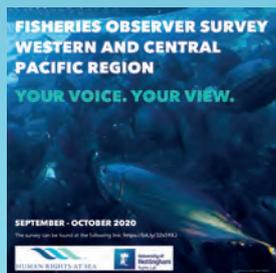


[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/09/03/video-testimony-master-defends-covid-19-command-decisions-for-protecting-crew/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/09/03/video-testimony-master-defends-covid-19-command-decisions-for-protecting-crew/)

**04/09/20**

Project launch  
**FISHERIES OBSERVERS' SURVEY FOR WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC GOES LIVE**

HRAS in partnership with the University of Nottingham's Rights Lab and supported by the Association for Professional Observers (APO), launch a new Fisheries Observer Survey as part of ongoing work addressing the health, safety, and well-being of Fisheries Observers in the Western and Central Pacific region.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/09/04/fisheries-observers-survey-for-western-and-central-pacific-now-live/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/09/04/fisheries-observers-survey-for-western-and-central-pacific-now-live/)

**06/09/20**

Educational materials  
**HINDI EDUCATIONAL FILMS AND ACCOMPANYING TEACHING INFOGRAPHICS**

HRAS issues a series of five educational films in Hindi with accompanying teaching infographics explaining in factual terms human rights provisions and protections in the maritime environment for Indian audiences.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/09/06/hindi-educational-films-and-accompanying-teaching-infographics-published/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/09/06/hindi-educational-films-and-accompanying-teaching-infographics-published/)

**08/09/20**

News  
**HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA ARBITRATION DEDICATED WEBSITE GOES LIVE**

HRAS and Shearman & Sterling LLP launch a new website dedicated to the development of an international arbitration-based system of redress for victims of human rights abuses occurring at sea titled: "Human Rights at Sea Arbitration."



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/09/08/human-rights-at-sea-arbitration-website-goes-live/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/09/08/human-rights-at-sea-arbitration-website-goes-live/)

# OCT 2020

**05/10/20**

Report  
**FLAG STATES AND HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT 2020: PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA AN EVALUATION OF FLAG STATE PRACTICE IN MONITORING, REPORTING AND ENFORCING HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS ON BOARD VESSELS**

The report has been prepared by University of Bristol (UK) Law School graduate and postgraduate researchers in partnership with HRAS, as part of an established year-on-year joint research project with the University

of Bristol's Human Rights Implementation Centre and Human Rights Law Clinic.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/05/2020-flag-states-and-human-rights-report-published/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/05/2020-flag-states-and-human-rights-report-published/)

**09/10/20**

News  
**WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY**

The Covid-19 led -among others to- more than 400,000 seafarers stranded at sea for more than 11 months permitted under international law. The mental health of maritime workers is at risk and their support is more important than ever. The last years there was a dramatic increase of mental health programmes in the maritime world. Covid-19 pandemic brought together the whole maritime industry. The designation of seafarers as key workers is crucial so that they can return to their homes after the end of their contracts. Deprivation of human rights and such prolonged isolation affects their physical and mental welfare.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/09/being-serious-about-](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/09/being-serious-about-)

*mental-health-means-standing-with-the-individual-experiencing-difficulty/*

**15/10/20**

News  
**NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT DRIVES LEGISLATIVE CHANGE IN SUPPORT OF SEAFARERS' CENTRES FOLLOWING HRAS REPORT**



In partnership with the Chair of the New Zealand Seafarers Welfare Board, the Reverend John McLister of the Mission to Seafarers (NZ), HRAS announced the public policy statement by the New Zealand Government led by Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, intending to amend the Maritime Transport Act 1994 to enable the existing maritime levy for funding the services required for seafarers' well-being.  
[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/15/new-zealand-government-drives-legislative-change-in-support-of-seafarers-centres/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/15/new-zealand-government-drives-legislative-change-in-support-of-seafarers-centres/)

**19/10/20**

News  
**HRAS PRESENTS AT THE ABILA INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND 2020**

Elizabeth Mavropoulou, Programme Manager of HRAS was invited to participate in a panel of senior academics and practitioners on the topic of 'Arbitration of Human Rights at Sea: Giving



International Law Teeth by Empowering Victims to Enforce it', inspired by Human Rights at Sea Arbitration as a Means of Effective Remedy for Human Rights Abuses at Sea Initiative.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/19/human-rights-at-sea-to-speak-at-international-law-weekend-2020/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/19/human-rights-at-sea-to-speak-at-international-law-weekend-2020/)

**20/10/20**  
Podcast  
**LEGAL AND POLICY POSITION OF MEDITERRANEAN SEABORNE RESCUE AND THE MAERSK ETIENNE CASE**

As part of the Shoreline insurance podcast series, HRAS along with Control Risks covered the policy and legal issues raised by the recent Maersk Etienne case in the central Mediterranean during August 2020.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/20/legal-and-policy-podcast-to-mediterranean-seaborne-rescue-and-the-maersk-etienne-case/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/20/legal-and-policy-podcast-to-mediterranean-seaborne-rescue-and-the-maersk-etienne-case/)

**20/10/20**  
Publication  
**DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY ON BOARD PRIVATE SHIPS: TYPOLOGY AND CASES**

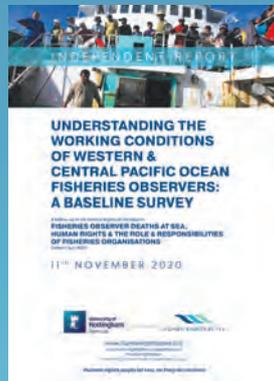
HRAS published the second version of international guidance covering 'Deprivation of Liberty on board Private Ships' in the light of the detention by UK Special Forces of seven stowaways onboard the oil tanker, Nave Andromeda, in UK territorial waters.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/25/new-publication-deprivation-of-liberty-on-board-private-ships/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/10/25/new-publication-deprivation-of-liberty-on-board-private-ships/)

**NOV 2020**

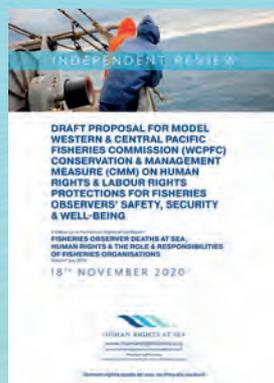
**11/11/20**  
Report  
**PROTECTING PACIFIC FISHERIES OBSERVERS' SAFETY, SECURITY AND WELL-BEING**



HRAS issued two new international independent and peer-reviewed reports on Fisheries Observer safety, security and well-being in the Western and Central Pacific region, following on from the proposed and widely-circulated 'Ten Recommendations' for improving working conditions of Fisheries Observers.

[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/11/11/pacific-fisheries-observer-safety-security-and-well-being-reports-published/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/11/11/pacific-fisheries-observer-safety-security-and-well-being-reports-published/)

**18/11/20**  
Report  
**MODEL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE FOR WCPFC FISHERIES OBSERVERS**



HRAS publishes the fourth in a series of independent international reports and reviews concerning the safety, security and well-being of Fisheries Observers in the Western and Central

Pacific region titled: 'Draft Proposal for Model Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Conservation & Management Measure (CMM) on Human Rights and Labour Rights Protections for Fisheries Observers' Safety, Security and Well-being'. The document comprises a model CMM specifically targeted towards the increased protection of Fisheries Observers working at sea.

[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/11/18/fisheries-observers-model-conservation-and-management-measure-published/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/11/18/fisheries-observers-model-conservation-and-management-measure-published/)

**24/11/20**  
Article  
**EARLY ACCESS ARTICLE: 'DEVELOPING HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA'**

HRAS Trustee, Prof. Steven Haines, has been invited to draft an article on human rights at sea for the Ocean Yearbook which will be published by Brill in 2021. Human Rights at Sea has secured early open access.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/11/24/article-developing-human-rights-at-sea-trustee-publishes-in-ocean-yearbook/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/11/24/article-developing-human-rights-at-sea-trustee-publishes-in-ocean-yearbook/)

**27/11/20**  
News  
**GENEVA DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA PRESENTED AT EUROPECHE**

During the 19 November 2020 webinar on the latest updates in respect of the ILO Work in Fishing (CI88) Convention, Ment

van der Zwan, employers' spokesperson in the EU social dialogue committee on sea-fisheries for Europeche highlighted the need to reflect the four fundamental principles of the Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/11/27/geneva-declaration-on-human-rights-at-sea-receives-europeche-endorsement/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/11/27/geneva-declaration-on-human-rights-at-sea-receives-europeche-endorsement/)

**DEC 2020**

**08/12/20**  
News  
**9 BEDFORD ROW CHAMBERS INSTRUCTED TO REVIEW KIRIBATI FISHERIES OBSERVER DEATH**

To support the ongoing review of the case of Mr Eritara Aatii Kaierua, the Kiribati fisheries observer, found dead onboard the Taiwanese-flagged vessel WIN FAR 636 in March of this year while fishing in PNG waters, HRAS has instructed Steven Kay leading QC at 9BRI.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/08/9-bedford-row-chambers-instructed-to-review-kiribati-fisheries-observer-death/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/08/9-bedford-row-chambers-instructed-to-review-kiribati-fisheries-observer-death/)

# HUMAN RIGHTS

10/12/20

New Collaboration  
**HRAS PARTNERS WITH GLOBAL FISHING WATCH**



On World Human Rights Day, HRAS and Global Fishing Watch announced a new partnership for aligning human rights and technology, understanding how visibility of fishing activity can help inform human rights initiatives. The collaboration aims at sharing knowledge and undertaking joint research and outreach in support of tackling this significant issue.

[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/10/new-collaboration-between-global-fishing-watch-and-human-rights-at-sea-for-aligning-human-rights-and-technology/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/10/new-collaboration-between-global-fishing-watch-and-human-rights-at-sea-for-aligning-human-rights-and-technology/)

10/12/20

News  
**WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2020: HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA MUST BE UPHELD BY THE LAW**

On International Human Rights Day, the need for a 'human rights at sea' narrative and concept is clearly articulated. HRAS, as an independent civil society charitable NGO, has spent the last seven years defining, developing, and sharing the legal and policy basis for addressing the explicit application and enforcement of human rights, and highlighting protection gaps throughout the maritime environment.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/10/world-human-rights-day-2020-human-rights-are-upheld-by-the-law/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/10/world-human-rights-day-2020-human-rights-are-upheld-by-the-law/)

21/12/20

Commentary and Review

**WCPFC 17: HUMAN AND LABOUR RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS AND CHALLENGES**

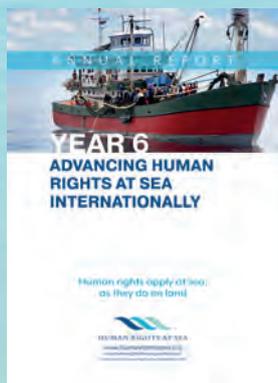
HRAS attended the virtual WCPFC 17th Regular Session between 7-15th December 2020, presenting a detailed intervention on its peer-reviewed proposal for a new and dedicated Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) and a follow-on paper covering the ramifications for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), specifically focusing on the safety, security, and well-being of fisheries observers.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/21/wcpfc-17-human-and-labour-rights-developments-and-challenges/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/21/wcpfc-17-human-and-labour-rights-developments-and-challenges/)

23/12/20

Annual Report  
**SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT**



HRAS published its sixth Annual Report for period between May 2019 – June 2020 continuing to assure transparency in all areas of its national and international work and its use of donor funds is published.

[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/23/human-rights-at-sea-publishes-sixth-annual-report/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2020/12/23/human-rights-at-sea-publishes-sixth-annual-report/)

## JAN 2021

13/01/21

News

**SWISS INTEREST GROWS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL PROJECT**

Prof. Dr. Anna Petrig, Chair of International Law and Public Law at the University of Basel (Switzerland) and Board Advisor to HRAS, introduced the concept of Maritime Arbitration and Human Rights during the 2021 online Swiss-based Competence Centre Arbitration and Crime webinar.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/13/swiss-interest-grows-for-human-rights-at-sea-arbitration-tribunal-project/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/13/swiss-interest-grows-for-human-rights-at-sea-arbitration-tribunal-project/)

16/01/21

News

**ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF INDONESIAN FISHERS ABANDONED AND EXPLOITED IN FIJI**

Humanitarian ship visitors' working with HRAS have been alerted to two exploited Indonesian

crew on a Chinese owned Fijian-flagged long-liner abandoned in the Port of Suva without their wages being paid for 12 months. Crew circumstances include serious human rights violations such as unpaid work and minimal access to communications.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/16/ongoing-investigation-of-indonesian-fishers-abandoned-and-exploited-in-fiji/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/16/ongoing-investigation-of-indonesian-fishers-abandoned-and-exploited-in-fiji/)

18/01/21

Podcast

**LOYD'S LIST PODCAST ON WHY SHIPPING STILL NEEDS TO FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA**

HRAS CEO, David Hammond discusses with Editor Richard Meade the issue of human rights and welfare challenges in the shipping industry, the role of the charitable NGO, HRAS, its challenges and its successes.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/18/the-lloyds-list-podcast-why-shipping-still-needs-to-focus-on-human-rights-at-sea/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/18/the-lloyds-list-podcast-why-shipping-still-needs-to-focus-on-human-rights-at-sea/)

18/01/21

News

**NEW HRAS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER**

HRAS is pleased to announce that Joanne Rawley joined the charity's Board of Advisors to assist the charity in its work,

strategic development, and wider industry engagement.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/18/joanne-rawley-joins-the-human-rights-at-sea-advisory-board/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/18/joanne-rawley-joins-the-human-rights-at-sea-advisory-board/)

22/01/21

News

**CAPTAIN LLOYD WRITES TO UK SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT OVER SEAFARER VACCINATIONS**

HRAS Advisory Board member, Captain Michael Lloyd RD\*\* MNM, CMMar, FNI followed up an earlier correspondence to the IMO Secretary General, with a new letter directed to the Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, the UK Secretary of State for Transport, requests engagement on the issue of inoculating seafarers as frontline key workers keeping world maritime trade flowing during the global pandemic.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/22/captain-lloyd-writes-to-uk-secretary-of-state-for-transport-over-seafarer-vaccinations/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/22/captain-lloyd-writes-to-uk-secretary-of-state-for-transport-over-seafarer-vaccinations/)



25/01/21

News

### DEVELOPMENT OF AN ARBITRATION-BASED MECHANISM FOR RESOLUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DISPUTES

The HRAS Arbitration initiative, a collaboration between UK-based independent charitable NGO Human Rights at Sea and the international arbitration practice of global law firm Shearman & Sterling LLP, entered a new phase of its work towards the creation of an arbitration-based mechanism to address human rights abuses occurring at sea.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/25/development-of-an-arbitration-based-mechanism-for-resolution-of-human-rights-disputes/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/25/development-of-an-arbitration-based-mechanism-for-resolution-of-human-rights-disputes/)

26/01/21

News

### NEPTUNE DECLARATION ON SEAFARER WELLBEING AND CREW CHANGE

HRAS became a signatory along with 300 maritime industry stakeholders of the 'Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Well-being and Crew Change' formally launched during the Davos Agenda Week.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/26/hras-](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/26/hras-)

*signatory-to-neptune-declaration-on-seafarer-wellbeing-and-crew-change/*

26/01/21

News

### EXPLOITED INDONESIAN FISHERS TO BE REPATRIATED. VESSEL DE-LISTED FROM MSC CERTIFICATION

Following the public highlighting on 16 January by HRAS of the case of two exploited Indonesian fishers of the Chinese-owned, Fijian-flagged He Shun 38 (No.00359) vessel, both are reported as being repatriated to Indonesia on Thursday 28th January with some wages paid.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/26/exploited-indonesian-fishers-to-be-repatriated-vessel-de-listed-from-msc-certification/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/26/exploited-indonesian-fishers-to-be-repatriated-vessel-de-listed-from-msc-certification/)

27/01/21

News

### MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AT SEA 2020 REVIEW

A short year-end review on the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on migrants and refugees at sea. In the maritime context it reduced access to search and rescue (SAR), by both State and civil society actors, followed by contentious quarantine measures, which in many cases, amounted to arbitrary detention and restriction of access to fundamental rights.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/27/migrants-and-refugees-at-sea-2020-review/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/27/migrants-and-refugees-at-sea-2020-review/)

27/01/21

Legal Commentary

### THE RIGHT TO LIFE OF MIGRANTS AT SEA

The UN Human Rights Committee found Italy in violation of its obligations under the ICCPR. HRAS welcomes the findings of the Committee providing a short commentary on the legal issues raised by this case.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/28/the-right-to-life-italy-found-by-un-in-violation-of-the-right-to-life-of-migrants-at-sea/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/28/the-right-to-life-italy-found-by-un-in-violation-of-the-right-to-life-of-migrants-at-sea/)

29/01/21

News

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR ON NEPTUNE DECLARATION ON SEAFARER WELLBEING AND CREW CHANGE

On invitation by the Editor Break Bulk News, HRAS provided its input and human rights perspective.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/29/letter-to-the-editor-on-neptune-declaration-on-seafarer-wellbeing-and-crew-change/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/29/letter-to-the-editor-on-neptune-declaration-on-seafarer-wellbeing-and-crew-change/)

30/01/21

News

### TRAGIC SEAFARER SUICIDE ON ASPHALT TANKER VESSEL OFF UAE COAST



HRAS with great sadness expressed the tragic and premature death of a young seafarer onboard the MT SEA PRINCESS (IMO 8607634) an asphalt bitumen tanker owned by Global tanker Pvt Ltd India and operated by Prime Tankers (UAE) which occurred on the afternoon of 28 January 2021 off the UAE coast.

[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/30/updated-tragic-seafarer-suicide-on-asphalt-tanker-vessel-off-uae-coast/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/01/30/updated-tragic-seafarer-suicide-on-asphalt-tanker-vessel-off-uae-coast/)

# FEB 2021

01/02/21

News

### FAMILY PLEA FOR INVESTIGATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY INTO SON'S DEATH ON MT SEA PRINCESS

HRAS published the family's written plea for an investigation, accountability, and the return of their son's body to Uttar Pradesh, a request made to HRAS not to just highlight the

family's tragedy and suffering, but to prevent it from happening again to another seafarer and their family.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/01/family-plea-for-investigation-and-accountability-into-sons-death-on-mt-sea-princess/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/01/family-plea-for-investigation-and-accountability-into-sons-death-on-mt-sea-princess/)

08/02/21

HRAS Case Study

### WE ARE ALL SOMEONE'S DAUGHTER. WE CHOSE TO BE SEAFARERS. A REALITY CHECK ON DIVERSITY AND HOPE IN 2021

A HRAS case study by the Advisory Board member and maritime professional, Joanne Rawley, providing a personal insight and commentary as a reality check to the issue of diversity and inclusion in the shipping industry.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/08/diversity-inclusion-and-hope-a-reality-check-in-2021/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/08/diversity-inclusion-and-hope-a-reality-check-in-2021/)



16/02/21

News

### SAFEGUARDING CADETS FROM PHYSICAL ABUSE REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION NOT DELAY

HRAS received a direct call for assistance from an engine cadet who had been seriously assaulted by a senior crew- member on a container ship En-route to the Port of London. The male cadet was in fear of his life. HRAS took immediate action contacting welfare organisations and ship managers. The charity received immediate support and engagement, with the incident being given priority by welfare staff as well as from the Director of Ship Management and the General Manager crewing.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/16/safeguarding-cadets-from-physical-abuse-requires-immediate-action-not-delay/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/16/safeguarding-cadets-from-physical-abuse-requires-immediate-action-not-delay/)

26/02/21

Podcast

### BPP LAW SCHOOL 'SEA NO EVIL' FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA

The first podcast episode of BPP Law School featured an introduction HRAS, with CEO David Hammond and Programme Manager Elizabeth Mavropoulou speaking on issues such as the startup of the NGO, the areas of work, migrant and refugee rescue at sea and the need for the organization.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/26/bpp-law-school-sea-no-evil-podcast-for-human-rights-at-sea/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/26/bpp-law-school-sea-no-evil-podcast-for-human-rights-at-sea/)

28/02/21

News

### UPDATE TO TAIWANESE AUTHORITIES ARREST OF CHINESE MASTER FOR 2012 MURDERS

An update concerning the 2012 footage of the murder of persons at sea off Somalia first identified through mobile phone footage in 2014.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/28/update-to-taiwanese-authorities-arrest-of-chinese-master-for-2014-murders/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/02/28/update-to-taiwanese-authorities-arrest-of-chinese-master-for-2014-murders/)

# MAR 2021

01/03/21

News

### THE DRAFTING TEAM OF THE GENEVA DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA COMMENCES THE DRAFTING OF ANNEX D OF THE GDHRAS

HRAS Trustee Prof. Steven Haines, Prof. Dr. iur. Anna Petrig, Prof. Irini Papanicolopulu, Dr. Sofia Galani, and Dr. Elisabeth Mavropoulou, virtually convened to draft and review the 'Guidelines for Promoting Compliance with Human Rights at Sea' that will be Annexed to the Declaration.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/01/geneva-declaration-on-human-rights-at-sea-operational-annex-under-review/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/01/geneva-declaration-on-human-rights-at-sea-operational-annex-under-review/)

03/03/21

News

### LORD TEVERSON OF TREGONY IS APPOINTED AS HRAS FIRST PATRON

HRAS announces the appointment of Lord Robin Teverson as Patron to the charity. On 1 June 2006, Lord Teverson was created a life peer as Baron Teverson, of Tregony in the County of Cornwall. He is a Liberal Democrat politician, and a former Member of the European Parliament (MEP).



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/03/human-rights-at-sea-announces-lord-teverson-as-first-patron/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/03/human-rights-at-sea-announces-lord-teverson-as-first-patron/)

08/03/21

News

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021

A global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women, the day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity, which in the case of the maritime industry, remains an issue not yet satisfactorily tackled. Achieving gender parity in the maritime

industry will require addressing conscious and unconscious gender biases.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/08/inter-womens-day-2021-choosetochallenge/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/08/inter-womens-day-2021-choosetochallenge/)

22/03/21

Commentary

### HRAS SUPPORTS EU COMMISSIONERS CALL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

The Office of Dunja Mijatović, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, published a distress call for human rights, a comprehensive follow-up report to the 2019 recommendations titled 'Lives saved. Rights protected. Bridging the protection gap for refugees and migrants in the Mediterranean.' HRAS reviewed and highlighted its recommendations in support.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/22/hras-supports-eu-commissioners-call-for-human-rights-protections-in-the-mediterranean-sea/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/22/hras-supports-eu-commissioners-call-for-human-rights-protections-in-the-mediterranean-sea/)

30/03/21

Editorial

### FOR SEAFARERS COVID IS NOT SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM

In its Editorial, HRAS highlights the challenges faced by seafarers due to COVID-19, raising the issue of crew change crisis amidst charterers' practices that refuse to accept any costs or delays to allow over-worked seafarers to return to their homes.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/30/for-seafarers-covid-is-not-someone-elses-problem/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/03/30/for-seafarers-covid-is-not-someone-elses-problem/)

# APR 2021

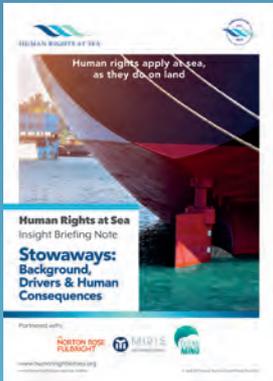
08/04/21

Independent Insight Briefing Note

### STOWAWAYS: BACKGROUND DRIVERS & HUMAN CONSEQUENCES

Legally reviewed by shipping lawyers at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, London, with first-hand accounts supplied from MIRIS International and supported with AIS data-backed infographics from OceanMind, the publication reflects on the recent Nave Andromeda case off the South Coast of the UK.





[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/08/hras-review-of-stowaways-background-drivers-and-human-consequences/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/08/hras-review-of-stowaways-background-drivers-and-human-consequences/)

15/04/21

News

### ABANDONED CREW AT SEA

HRAS has been contacted by the 19 abandoned crew of the Bulk Carrier MV AIZDIHAR (IMO 8906846) reporting that they were rapidly running out of essentials and urgently requesting support in their ordeal. HRAS shares the crew testimony.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/15/abandoned-crew-of-14-months-desperately-plead-for-supplies-off-iranian-coast/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/15/abandoned-crew-of-14-months-desperately-plead-for-supplies-off-iranian-coast/)

20/04/21

News

### HRAS EFFECTS LEGISLATIVE CHANGE IN NEW ZEALAND FOR SEAFARER WELFARE FUNDING

The New Zealand Minister of Transport, the Honourable Michael Wood, confirmed to HRAS the legislative change to the Maritime Transport Act for long-term and sustainable

funding of seafarer's centres. This follows the international report issued by the charity in April 2020, "New Zealand: Under-Funding of Seafarers' Welfare Services and Poor MLC Compliance" drafted in direct support of the New Zealand Seafarers' Welfare Board's efforts to achieve this change.



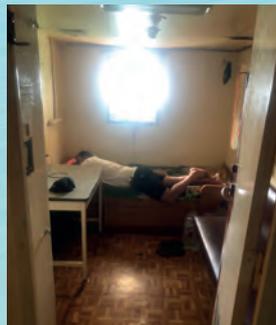
[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/20/new-zealand-transport-minister-updates-hras-on-seafarer-welfare-funding-legislation/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/20/new-zealand-transport-minister-updates-hras-on-seafarer-welfare-funding-legislation/)

21/04/21

News

### IMO AND HRAS SPEAK TO THE BBC ABOUT SEAFARER ABANDONMENT

Mr. Frederick Kenney, Director of the IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, and David Hammond, CEO, HRAS joined BBC Radio Scotland's national morning programme to discuss the ongoing issue and rising cases of abandoned seafarers globally.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/21/imo-and-hras-speak-to-the-bbc-about-seafarer-abandonment/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/21/imo-and-hras-speak-to-the-bbc-about-seafarer-abandonment/)

24/04/21

Review

### CRITICAL REVIEW OF FISH STANDARD FOR CREW EXPOSES WEAKNESSES OF INDUSTRY-LED CERTIFICATION

The Seafood Working Group (SWG), of which 28 member organisations, including HRAS, has issued a collective critical statement as to the current standing of the industry-led Fairness, Integrity, Safety and Health (FISH) Standard for Crew highlighting the key weaknesses which will prevent it being an effective tool to address human and labour rights abuses for fishers.



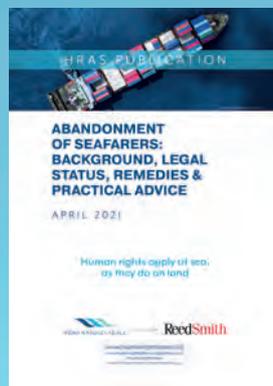
[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/24/critical-review-of-fish-standard-for-crew-exposes-weaknesses-of-industry-led-certification/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/24/critical-review-of-fish-standard-for-crew-exposes-weaknesses-of-industry-led-certification/)

27/04/21

Publication

### LEGAL AND PRACTICAL GUIDANCE PUBLISHED FOR THE HUNDREDS OF SEAFARER ABANDONED ACROSS THE GLOBE

HRAS and Reed Smith have published 'Abandonment of Seafarers: Background, Legal Status, Remedies & Practical Advice', a new and independent publication that comprehensively covers the pernicious issue of seafarer abandonment. According to the International Labour Organization, there are more than 250 active cases around the world.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/27/legal-and-practical-guidance-published-for-the-hundreds-of-seafarers-abandoned-across-the-globe/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/27/legal-and-practical-guidance-published-for-the-hundreds-of-seafarers-abandoned-across-the-globe/)

29/04/21

News

### EXPANSION OF HRAS NON-EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD

HRAS welcomes 10 new members across a range of professional disciplines reflecting broad experience and networks to support the ongoing work being undertaken by the charity in addressing matters of human rights abuses at sea.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/29/hras-non-executive-advisory-board-expands-its-reach-and-expertise/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/04/29/hras-non-executive-advisory-board-expands-its-reach-and-expertise/)

# MAY 2021

04/05/21

Podcast

### EXPLORING ONGOING ISSUES AFFECTING SEAFARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The 13th episode of the Even Keel podcast produced by Abhijith Balakrishnan, a seafarer and Marine Superintendent with Scorpio India, engaged HRAS through Joanne Rawley and David Hammond in discussing key issues currently affecting seafarers and driving the work of the charity.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/04/even-keel-podcast-explores-ongoing-issues-affecting-seafarers-and-their-families/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/04/even-keel-podcast-explores-ongoing-issues-affecting-seafarers-and-their-families/)

05/05/21

Podcast

### CLYDE & CO SUPERYACHT PODCAST ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA

HRAS Trustee Professor Steven Haines was invited to speak with host John



Leonida for the subject of Human Rights at Sea, and its applicability for maritime workers and those at sea.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/05/clyde-co-superyachts-podcast-on-human-rights-at-sea/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/05/clyde-co-superyachts-podcast-on-human-rights-at-sea/)

19/05/21

Independent Case Review



Following a 12-month investigation into the death of Kiribati fisheries observer, Eritara Aati Kaierua, onboard the Taiwanese flagged WIN FAR 636 fishing vessel, Human Rights at Sea published an independent case review which explored

in detail the incident in March 2020 from the family's perspective having reviewed all publicly-available information as well as evidence collated by the family, supporting organisations, lawyers, and the charity.

[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/19/death-at-sea-independent-case-review-of-kiribati-fisheries-observer-eritara-aati-kaierua/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/19/death-at-sea-independent-case-review-of-kiribati-fisheries-observer-eritara-aati-kaierua/)

21/05/21

Podcast  
**PODCAST WITH ABC NEWS PACIFIC BEAT ON CASE OF DEATH OF KIRIBATI FISHERIES OBSERVER:**

HRAS spoke with ABC News Pacific Beat programme and host, Inga Stünzner, on the case and the actions needed for justice to be achieved.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/21/podcast-with-abc-news-pacific-beat-on-case-of-death-of-kiribati-fisheries-observer/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/21/podcast-with-abc-news-pacific-beat-on-case-of-death-of-kiribati-fisheries-observer/)

23/05/21

Review and Commentary  
**A REVIEW OF THE NEPTUNE DECLARATION: UNITING ACTION BY MANAGERS AND CHARTERERS BUT WHAT NEXT?**

HRAS provided a review and commentary on the Neptune Declaration of which is a signatory. It welcomed the 800+ entities recognising the issues raised and taking a step forward the implementation of the set of charterers' best practices and it looks forward for the next steps to be taken.

[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/23/a-review-of-the-neptune-declaration-uniting-action-by-managers-and-charterers/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/23/a-review-of-the-neptune-declaration-uniting-action-by-managers-and-charterers/)

23/05/21

OP-ED  
**UNCLOS, FLAG STATES, IMO AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Captain Michael Lloyd discusses the role of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS), Flag States roles and responsibilities and the actions of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/23/op-ed-unclos-and-flag-states/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/23/op-ed-unclos-and-flag-states/)

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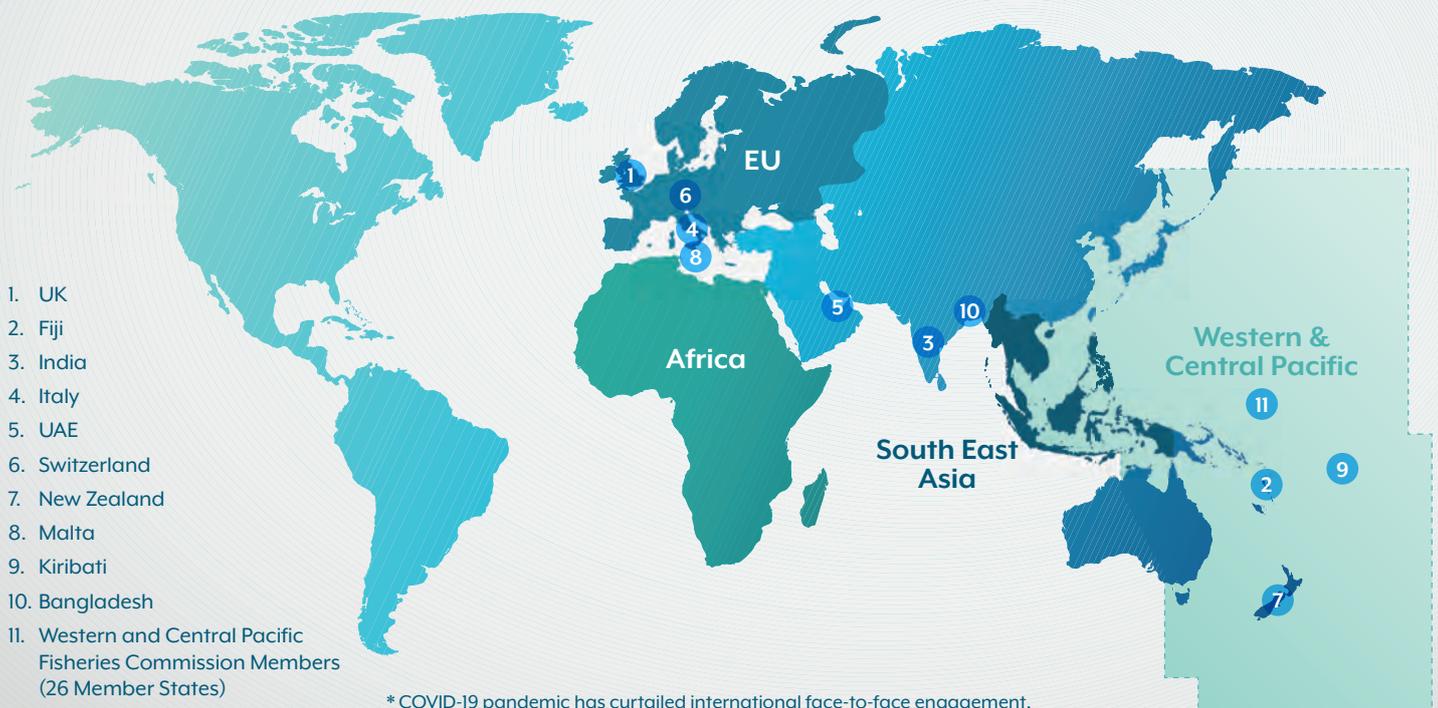
OP-ED  
**'SAY-LORS: SEAFARERS WITH SOMETHING TO SAY'**

Yrhen Bernard Sabanal Balinis, HRAS Advisory Board Member, offers a powerful take on how young maritime professionals can flourish and grow in their profession by cultivating their 'assertiveness' skills.



[www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/26/op-ed-say-lors-seafarers-with-something-to-say/](http://www.humanrightsatsea.org/2021/05/26/op-ed-say-lors-seafarers-with-something-to-say/)

## Regions and countries of HRAS advocacy work and reach in Year Seven\*



\* COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed international face-to-face engagement.

# Who We Are

## BACKGROUND

Human Rights at Sea was established in April 2014. It was founded as an initiative to explore issues of maritime human rights development, review associated policies and legislation, and to undertake independent investigation of abuses at sea. It rapidly grew beyond all expectations and for reasons of governance it became a registered charity under the UK Charity Commission in 2015.

Today, the charity is an established, regulated and independent registered non-profit organisation based on the south coast of the United Kingdom. It undertakes **R**esearch, **A**dvocacy, **I**nvestigation and **L**obbying specifically for human rights issues in the maritime environment, including contributing to support for the human element that underpins the global maritime and fishing industries.

The charity works internationally with all individuals, commercial and maritime community organisations that have similar objectives as ourselves, including all the principal maritime welfare organisations.

## OUR MISSION

To explicitly raise awareness, implementation and accountability of human rights provisions throughout the maritime environment, especially where they are currently absent, ignored or being abused.



## STAY IN CONTACT



We welcome any questions, comments or suggestions. Please send your feedback to:  
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