MANIFIESTO #SaveTheOctopuses

Hundreds of leading organisations of the animal rights global movement are giving a voice to the octopuses. We have come together to show our rejection to the opening of the first octopus farm in the world that Nueva Pescanova is planning to open in the port of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.
Octopuses are amazing animals, as Elena Lara, CIWF's research director, has shown. They are solitary and extremely intelligent, to condemn these animals to live in a tank, isolated and without stimulation, would seriously affect their well-being and overall development.

Octopuses are highly sensitive and feel pain and emotions similar to humans.

They are solitary beings, **we cannot and should not put them in tanks and then execute them later, we cannot sentence them to such suffering.**

The international scientific community rejects this atrocity and speaks out against it. Jennifer Mather, from the University of Lethbridge in Canada, claims that «intensive farming systems are inevitable hostile for octopuses».
In «Intensive Octopus Farming: A Recipe for Disaster», Dr. Elena Lara states the lack of welfare legislation to protect octopuses on farms, leaving them totally defenseless from suffering and the cruel slaughter methods. It would be irresponsible for lawmakers to allow this.

All animal exploitation is unethical, but to do so in a position of legal impunity is to ignore a society that is moving towards the defence of animal rights.

We want a fairer society for animals, where respect, ethics and empathy are the fundamental pillars. Octopuses and all other animals need it urgently.

We call on the authorities of the Canary Islands not to allow this or any other place to be dishonoured by opening these slaughter facilities.

When injustice is evident it is our responsibility to stand up against it, therefore:

- We are urging an immediate end to this project that will enslave and condemn hundreds of thousands of animals.
- We demand that the port authority of Las Palmas, the Government of the Canary Islands and the City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria to immediately stop this project that Nueva Pescanova intends to carry out.
- We demand a political commitment, sensitivity and responsibility, as it is in their hands to stop this disaster.

As long as we continue to spread death and pain there will be no peace on this planet. We are the change, we can make it together.