

MANIFESTO #SaveTheOctopuses

Dozens of representative organizations of the animalist and environmental movement around the world **give voice to the octopus**. We have joined together to show **our rejection of the opening of the world's first octopus farm** that aims to open the New Pescanova company in the port of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. The octopus are amazing animals, as Elena Lara, **CIWF** research director has shown. They are lonely and very intelligent creatures. To sentence these animals to live over **crammed into tanks without stimuli**, would seriously affect their development and well-being, adding that this will lead to a cannibalistic behaviour among them due to the large number of individuals intended to be kept in the same tanks. The octopus **have a great sensitivity**, they feel pain and **emotions similar to humans**.

They are **lonely** beings, we cannot and must not keep them crammed into tanks to then execute them. Additionally, we must not feed them with fodder that are not sustainable for the environment. **We cannot sentence them to that misery**.

Much of the **scientific community** rejects this nonsense and raises their voices against this atrocity. Jennifer Mather, from the **University of Lethbridge in Canada**, determines that for the octopus "intensive breeding systems are inevitably hostile."

In "Intensive octopus breeding: a recipe for disaster", **Dr. Elena Lara** points out the non-existent legislation that should protect octopus welfare in the farms, leave them **totally unprotected** against suffering and the cruel methods of sacrifice. It would be a great irresponsibility from our legislators to allow this to happen.

All animal exploitation is contrary to ethics, but doing so in a **situation of legal helplessness** is to completely turn our back to a society that walks towards the **defense of animal rights**.

We need, we demand, **a fair society for animals**, where respect, ethics and empathy are fundamental pillars. Octopus and all other animals need it urgently.

We demand that the corresponding administrations **do not allow neither in the Canary Islands nor any other places, to suffer from the dishonor of the opening of these octopus macro farms**. When injustice becomes evident, it is our duty to face it and make a change, so:

