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: → We demand **this project not to be allowed** because it will sentence hundreds of thousands of animals to cruelty and mistreat.

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- → We demand that the Port Authority of Las Palmas, the Government of the Canary Islands and the City of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria **do not allow this project** that will be carried out by the New Pescanova company.
- → We demand **commitment**, **sensitivity and political responsibility**. The cease of this aberration is in their hands.

We believe that other forms of human food are much more ethical and sustainable, being the only ones that will lead us to have a planet in peace.

WE ARE THE CHANGE AND WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

