

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006**

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The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report for the year ended 31 March 2006.

#### **OBJECTS, PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATION**

The Charity's object and principle activity continues to be that on encouraging the prevention of marine pollution and promoting and conducting research into its cause and effects. Its subsidiary, ACOPS Limited, remains dormant.

These activities are currently pursued principally as managers of regional programmes in the Russian Arctic and Sub-Saharan Africa. In 2005-6 ACOPS worked with the government of Libya, through the Gaddafi Foundation for Charitable Organisations, to co-execute to monitor marine pollution and collaborates with other national and international organisations concerned with environmental policies.

The charity also known as ACOPS is a company Limited by Guarantee and is therefore governed by its Memorandum of Articles of Association. It is a registered Charity (Number 290776).

#### **DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR**

During the past year ACOPS activities have been scaled down to a level that may be sustainable over the longer term. Although there were delays ACOPS in collaboration with partners have commenced the practical start-up of the Russian Arctic project, as anticipated in last year's report. This project is likely to continue through 2007. The trustees recognise the work of Tim Turner in project managing the ACOPS commitment to this project.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The trustees continued to recognise the difficulty in attracting "unrestricted funding", and have continued to reduce the London based Head Office overheads. While the Dartmouth Street office has been maintained, staffing has been dramatically reduced to cater for this "new reality". The trustees would like to record their thanks to Terry Jones, our previous Assistant Executive Director, who has resigned his position, but maintains the office on a part-time basis.

ACOPS continues to play a lead role with its United Kingdom Oil Pollution Surveys. These have been going for over a quarter of a century and the trustees recognise the work of Trevor Dixon, who has been pivotal in completing the internationally recognised surveys.