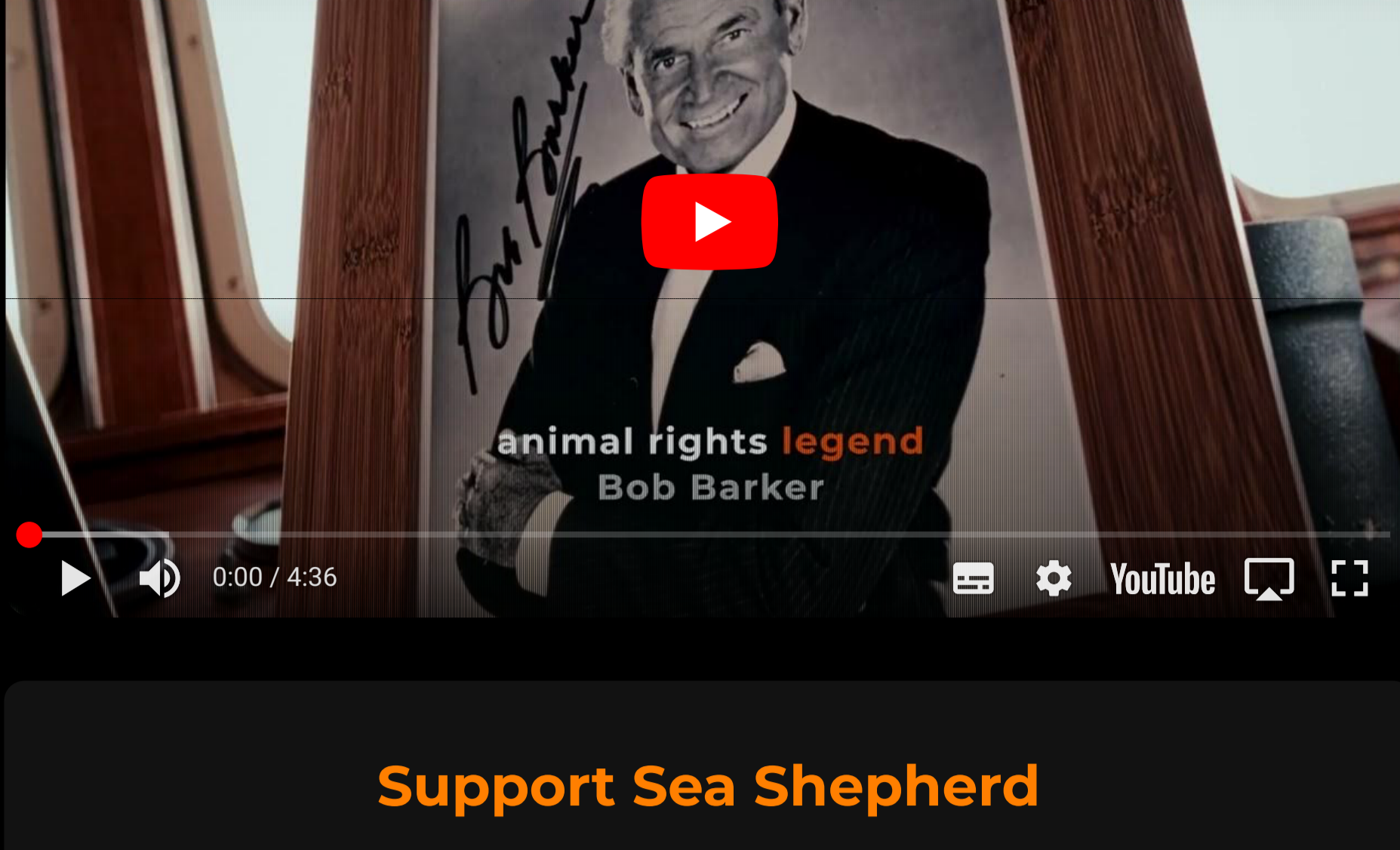


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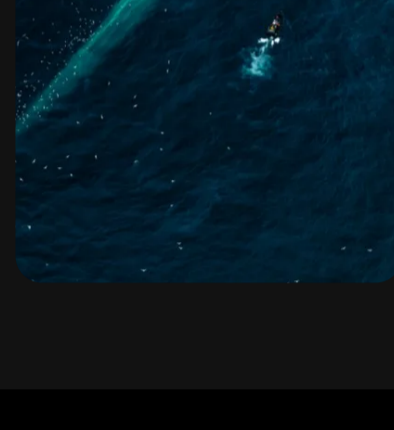
The World's Most Endangered Mammal: The critically endangered vaquita porpoise—fewer than 10 remain—is on the brink of extinction due to illegal cartel nets targeting the prized totoaba fish destined for Asian black markets. The Seahorse enters its second year defending the vaquita, delivering unmatched tools and an unyielding presence. Backed by a decade of Sea Shepherd's relentless work in the region, it stands as a game-changer, driving out illegal fishing and strengthening the Mexican government's ability to enforce critical conservation laws.

FEBRUARY

Night Missions Take Flight: During the peak of **totoaba fishing season**, Sea Shepherd launched nighttime operations with the Mexican Navy. Using thermal drones, our crews extended enforcement beyond the Vaquita Refuge to intercept traffickers exploiting the endangered **totoaba fish**, a species targeted for its lucrative swim bladder on the black market.



MARCH



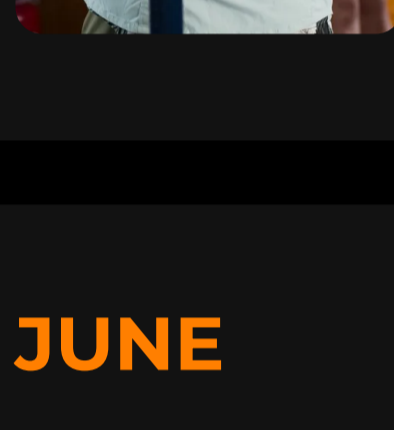
Returning To Antarctic Waters: In Antarctic waters, Sea Shepherd monitors industrial krill fishing to shine a light on these operations and help ensure compliance with strict quotas. As the foundation of the Antarctic food chain, krill is vital to whales, seals, and penguins. Our presence strengthens the push for a new marine protected area to safeguard this critical ecosystem.

APRIL

Shedding Light On The Grindadrap: In the Faroe Islands, where nearly 1,000 pilot whales and white-sided dolphins are killed annually in the **grindadrap**, Sea Shepherd documented these brutal hunts to raise global awareness. This modern island chain, with a population of just 53,000, continues to practice this outdated and inhumane tradition.



MAY



Vaquita Survey Results: With fewer than **10 vaquitas** remaining, Sea Shepherd hosted scientists, NGOs, and Mexican officials aboard our vessels to conduct the annual Vaquita Survey. This study provides vital data to guide the preservation of this critically endangered species.

JUNE

A Landmark Voyage To Scorpion Reef: The **Bob Barker** launched its maiden mission to **Scorpion Reef**, part of the 2.2-million-hectare **Bajos del Norte Park**, Mexico's largest marine protected area. With the help of aerial drones provided through a partnership with DJI, Sea Shepherd removed illegal nets, expanding the range and effectiveness of our conservation efforts.



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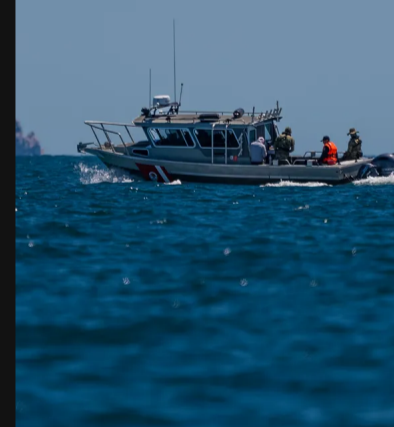
A Dark Month In The Faroe Islands: Sea Shepherd witnessed the back-to-back slaughters of over **500 whales** in just a few days. This atrocity, part of the annual grindadrap, fueled Sea Shepherd's ongoing advocacy in the **EU Parliament** to end this mass killing of marine mammals.

AUGUST

Upgrades To The Seahorse: The **Seahorse** received a significant overhaul, including the addition of a **3-ton crane** and upgraded fast boats. These improvements have enhanced its capacity to remove ghost nets and combat illegal fishing in the **Sea of Cortez**.



SEPTEMBER



Playing Offense In The Vaquita Refuge: For the first time, the Seahorse transitioned from defense to offense—repelling pangas before they could deploy illegal fishing nets in the **Zero Tolerance Area**. This proactive approach shifted the campaign's focus from prevention, ensuring greater protection for marine wildlife.

OCTOBER

Record-Breaking Operations: In a single day, Sea Shepherd crews removed two enormous ghost nets, rescuing trapped wildlife and preventing further harm. By month's end, an **80-panga swarm** was intercepted and deflected using exclusively Sea Shepherd hardware, including drones, fast boats, and Seahawk vessels provided to the Navy.



NOVEMBER



New Agreements, Expanded Efforts: Sea Shepherd signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Mexican Navy, solidifying our partnership to protect marine wildlife across **Mexican waters**. We also supported a sea lion rescue operation at **Consag Rock**, freeing entangled animals from deadly nets.

DECEMBER

Preparing For An Unprecedented 2025: While the Seahorse continues its vital work, the **Bob Barker** and **Martin Sheen** are undergoing extensive retrofits. These upgrades will ensure Sea Shepherd's fleet remains a powerful force for marine conservation in the years to come.



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