

**Another amazing deep sea creature discovered.
Legal options for a high sea bottom trawling moratorium.
Do something to help protect deep sea life from high seas bottom trawling.**

Furry deep sea lobster discovered

Scientists have discovered such an unusual deep sea creature they have created a new family for it. The 'Yeti crab is white with furry hair-like material on its pincers. It was discovered in the Pacific Ocean near Easter Island at a depth of about 2,300 metres.

Read more: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/4785482.stm>

High seas bottom trawling is destroying the unknown worlds of our deep seas even before we discover them.

Ways to enact and enforce a global moratorium on high seas bottom trawling

The key argument put by the previous Minister for Fisheries, Senator Ian MacDonald for not supporting a global moratorium on high seas bottom trawling was it would be difficult to enforce.

There are three key responses:

even if difficult, under existing international law, all states have a legal responsibility and obligation to protect and preserve the marine environment of the deep seas;

the 1991 United Nations driftnet resolution was successful in creating a global moratorium on driftnet fishing; and

there are a range of practical and simple measures to ensure a bottom trawling moratorium was enforced.

A global UN moratorium on high seas bottom trawling is enforceable and the simplest method of addressing the environmental impacts of high sea bottom trawling until longer term governance arrangements are put in place. Contact us if you would like our paper outlining these issues in detail.

Take action - help protect deep sea life from high seas bottom trawling

Help us protect the the ancient forests of the sea. Go here to send an email to the Federal Minister of the Environment asking him to support a global moratorium on high seas bottom trawling.

<http://act.greenpeace.org/ams/e?a=1898&s=fsh>

Or write directly to the both Ministers:

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