



EUAC response to the global climate change crisis

An urgent message to world leaders:

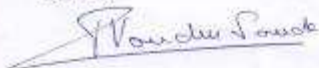
The European Union of Aquarium Curators (EUAC) represents >120 members from 21 countries. Over 70 million people visit European aquariums every year.

We send an urgent message to world leaders, to express our extreme concerns about the serious threat to aquatic ecosystems from climate change. Proposals to limit CO₂ levels to 450ppm will not prevent the catastrophic loss of coral reefs from the combined effects of global warming and ocean acidification. To ensure the long term viability of coral reefs the atmospheric CO₂ level must be reduced significantly below 350ppm.

Agreement in Copenhagen to reduce atmospheric CO₂ to the safe level of <350 ppm is the **only way** to give the international conservation community a real chance to manage the negative effects of climate change on the natural world.

Through concerted and immediate action, **this target is achievable**. To avoid potentially catastrophic consequences for aquatic ecosystems, it is **essential**.

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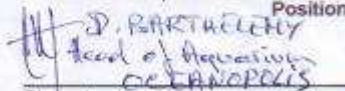
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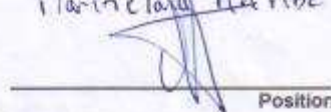
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