

Something unexpected

Most people think of Antarctica as a completely pristine land. After all, there are no indigenous humans in Antarctica, only penguins, seals and albatrosses that live here for a long time without the threat of humans that wildlife elsewhere face.

But what if I told you that Antarctica is the least environmentally protected continent in the world? Given that Antarctica has no permanent population, why is environmental protection in Antarctica so fragile?

Through our work, we seek to provide the highest level of environmental protection for both the Antarctic region (be it tiny but important krill) and the entire ecosystem (such as the Ross Sea).

As an environmental observer within the Antarctic Treaty system, ASOC has a special role as the representative of the global conservation community on Antarctic issues.

The paper we provide Outlines our position at the Antarctic Governance Organization meeting and provides treaty parties with information on how to protect the Antarctic environment.

We can also report to the environmental community on progress or lack of progress on key conservation issues.

Although Antarctica is not always prominent in many people's minds, ASOC is committed to raising public awareness of the Antarctic continent, its magnificent species and its unique environmental challenges.

We hope you will visit our website to learn more about this amazing area - the natural heritage of all mankind.