

APPENDIX I
NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COUNCIL
ROYAL CHARTER

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The 9th day of October, 1950

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board the Draft of a Charter for creating the Members of the National Oceanographic Council a Body Corporate, under the style and title of "The National Oceanographic Council":

HIS MAJESTY, having taken the said Draft into consideration was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable James Chuter Ede, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do cause a Warrant to be prepared for His Majesty's Royal Signature, for passing under the Great Seal, a Charter in conformity with the said Draft, which is hereunto annexed.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith:

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS it has been represented to Us by the Commissioners for executing the Office of Our Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter in this Our Charter referred to as "the Admiralty") that there should be established a permanent body for the purpose of advancing the science of oceanography in all its aspects and that it is expedient that such a permanent body should be constituted by the incorporation of the person for the time being holding the office of Civil Lord of the Admiralty and of the persons hereinafter named who have been nominated for that purpose by the persons hereinafter specified:

NOW THEREFORE WE having taken the said representation into consideration and being minded to accede thereto, by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative in that behalf and of all other powers enabling Us so to do of Our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion do hereby for Us Our Heirs

and Successors will grant direct authorise license appoint and declare as follows:

1. *Interpretation.* In this Our Charter the expression "the Council" means the Corporation of the National Oceanographic Council established by this Our Charter and the expression "oceanography" includes marine biology and, except where the context otherwise requires, the expression "person" includes a body of persons, whether incorporated or not incorporated, and words importing the masculine gender shall include females and words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

2. *Incorporation.* Walter James Edwards, Esquire, Deputy Lieutenant, Member of Parliament, the Civil Lord of the Admiralty and the persons specified in the first column of the Table set out in this Article being persons who have been nominated to be the original members of the Council by the persons whose descriptions or offices are set opposite in the second column of the said Table and all such persons as may hereafter become members of the Council pursuant to the powers granted by these Presents and their successors shall for ever hereafter (so long as they continue to be members of the Council) be by virtue of these Presents one Body Corporate and Politic by the name of "The National Oceanographic Council" and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power to break alter and make anew the said seal from time to time at their will and pleasure and by the same name shall sue and be sued in all Courts and in all manner of actions and suits and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental to or appertaining to a Body Corporate.

TABLE

<i>Names of original nominated members of Council</i>	<i>Persons nominating original members</i>
WILLIAM RICHARD JOSEPH COOK, Esquire, M.S.C.	The First Lord of the Admiralty
Rear-Admiral ARCHIBALD DAY, C.B.E., D.S.O.	
STANLEY GRAHAM SMITH, Esquire, C.B.E.	
JOSEPH JOHN SAVILLE GARNER, Esquire, C.M.G.	The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations
CHRISTOPHER GILBERT EASTWOOD, Esquire, C.M.G.	The Secretary of State for the Colonies
¹ PETER DOUGLAS HAY DUNN, Esquire, C.M.G., O.B.E.	The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
GODFREY MICHAEL GRAHAM, Esquire, O.B.E., M.A.	

¹ Since replaced on the Council by H. J. Johns, Esq., C.B., M.B.E.

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ANTHONY JOHN AGLLEN, Esquire	} The Secretary of State for Scotland
CYRIL EDWARD LUCAS, Esquire, D.S.C., F.R.S.E.	
SIR NELSON KING JOHNSON, K.C.B., D.S.C., A.R.C.S.	The Secretary of State for Air
¹ BERNARD WHEELER ROBINSON, Esquire, M.A., PH.D.	The Secretary of the Depart- ment of Scientific and In- dustrial Research
HAMPTON WILDMAN PARKER, Esquire, M.A.	The Director of the British Museum (Natural History Section).
FREDERICK WILLIAM GEORGE WHITE, Esquire, M.S.C., PH.D.	The Prime Minister of Australia.
Colonel ERNEST MARSDEN, C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C., F.R.S., F.R.S.N.Z., J.P., D.S.C.	The Prime Minister of New Zealand.
EDMUND RAY ARTHUR DE ZYLWA, Esquire	The Prime Minister of Ceylon.
SIR DAVID BRUNT, F.R.S., M.A., SC.D.	} The President of the Royal Society.
ARTHUR THOMAS DOODSON, Esquire, F.R.S., D.S.C.	
SIR GEOFFREY INGRAM TAYLOR, F.R.S.	} The President of the Geological Society.
WILLIAM BERNARD ROBINSON KING, Esquire, O.B.E., M.C., M.A., SC.D., F.R.S.	
JAMES MANN WORDIE, Esquire, C.B.E., M.A.	The President of the Royal Geographical Society.
HAROLD JEFFREYS, Esquire, F.R.S., M.A., D.S.C.	The President of the Royal Astronomical Society.
JOHN BARCLAY TAIT, Esquire, D.S.C., PH.D., F.R.S.E.	The President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.
FREDERICK STRATTEN RUSSELL, Esquire, D.S.C., D.F.C., F.R.S., B.A.	The President of the Marine Biological Association.
DAVID DILWYN JOHN, Esquire, D.S.C.	The President of the Challenger Society.
CHARLES MAURICE YONGE, Esquire, F.R.S., F.R.S.E., D.S.C.	The President of the Scottish Marine Biological Associa- tion.
ALAN GRANT OGILVIE, Esquire, O.B.E., F.R.S.E.	The President of the Royal Scot- tish Geographical Society.

¹ Since replaced on the Council by Dr E. C. Bullard, M.A., SC.D., F.R.S.

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JOSEPH PROUDMAN, Esquire, J.P., M.A., D.SC., F.R.S. (Liverpool)	} The Vice-Chancellors of the Universities of the United Kingdom acting jointly.
GEORGE RIDSDALE GOLDSBROUGH, Esquire, C.B.E., F.R.S., D.SC., F.R.A.S. (Durham)	
ALISTER CLAVERING HARDY, Esquire, F.R.S., M.A., D.SC., F.L.S., F.R.G.S., F.Z.S. (Oxford)	
JAMES RITCHIE, Esquire, C.B.E., M.A., D.SC. (Edinburgh)	
BENJAMIN CHAPMAN BROWNE, Esquire, M.A. (Cambridge)	

3. *Licence to acquire and hold land.* And We do Hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors license authorise and for ever hereinafter enable the Council to purchase take on lease or otherwise acquire any lands tenements and hereditaments or any interest in any lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever whether within or without Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (but if without Our United Kingdom only in so far as is permissible under the law for the time being operative in the place concerned) not exceeding in the whole the annual value of £25,000 (to be determined according to the value thereof at the time when the same are respectively acquired) and to hold the same in perpetuity on lease or otherwise and from time to time (subject to all such consents as are by law required) to grant demise alienate or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.

And We do hereby also for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors give and grant Our licence to any person to assure in perpetuity or otherwise or to demise to or for the benefit of the Council any lands tenements or hereditaments whatsoever whether within or without Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (subject as aforesaid as to any lands without Our United Kingdom) within the limits of value as aforesaid, hereby nevertheless declaring that it shall not be incumbent upon any person to enquire as to the annual value of the property which may have been previously acquired by the Council.

4. *Objects.* The objects for which the Council is established and incorporated are:

- (a) To advance the science of oceanography in all its aspects;
- (b) to carry out research in oceanography, and in all sciences or branches of knowledge connected therewith;

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- (c) to carry out ocean surveys, expeditions of exploration or for the collection of information bearing on oceanography and all connected subjects;
- (d) to collect, collate and publish information and discoveries in all branches of oceanography and connected subjects;
- (e) to collect and maintain libraries or museums containing books papers or objects connected with oceanography, and all matters connected therewith;
- (f) to encourage research in and the accumulation and dissemination of information and knowledge bearing on oceanography and all matters connected therewith;
- (g) to do all or any of the aforesaid things for or at the request of other persons and upon such terms as the Council may think fit and to provide pecuniary or other assistance to persons carrying on activities of a similar kind or calculated to advance the purposes of the Council;
- (h) to invest the moneys of the Council in such investments (including mortgages of freehold and leasehold property) or in such manner as may from time to time be determined;
- (i) to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property or any rights or privileges which the Council may think necessary or convenient for the fulfilment of its objects in any part of the world;
- (j) to enter into contracts in any part of the world with a view to carrying into effect any of the objects of the Council;
- (k) to construct alter and maintain any buildings or works in any part of the world required for the purposes of the Council;
- (l) to establish superintend or contribute to any fund which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to further the objects of the Council or any fund or scheme for the grant of pensions or other benefits to officers or servants or former officers or servants of the Council or their dependants or connections; and
- (m) generally to do all things necessary or expedient for or calculated to assist in the proper and effective carrying out of any of the foregoing objects.

5. The accounts of the National Oceanographic Council shall be made up, at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct, for each financial year ending on the 31st day of March or on such other day as the Council may direct, and shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

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6. *Income and property not to be distributed to members.* The income and property of the Council shall be applied solely towards the objects of the Council as set forth in this Our Charter and the Council shall not carry on any trade or business or engage in any transaction with a view to the pecuniary gain or profit of the members thereof. The members of the Council shall not have any personal claim on any property of the Council and no portion of the income or property of the Council shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to persons who at any time are or have been members of the Council.

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Council in return for any services rendered to the Council, so, however, that no remuneration honorarium or payment whatsoever shall in any circumstances be paid, promised, or agreed to be paid to any officer or servant being a member of the House of Commons except by way of reimbursement of actual out of pocket expenses necessarily incurred by him in the performance of his duties.

7. *Members of the Council.*

(i) The members of the Council shall consist of:

- (a) an *ex-officio* member who shall be the person for the time being holding the Office of Civil Lord of the Admiralty;
- (b) nominated members approved by the Chairman, that is to say three persons nominated by the First Lord of the Admiralty, two persons nominated by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, two persons nominated by the Secretary of State for Scotland, three persons nominated by the President of the Royal Society, and one person nominated by each of the other persons who or whose offices are described in the second column of the table set out in Article 2 of this Our Charter.

Provided that the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities in the United Kingdom shall between them have a right acting jointly to nominate five persons, of whom one shall be a member of the University of Liverpool and at least one a member of a Scottish University.

(ii) The *ex-officio* member shall be a member of the Council so long as he shall hold the office of Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

(iii) Subject to the following provisions of this Article, a nominated member shall be a member of the Council for a period of three years computed, in the case of the persons named in the first column of the Table set out in Article 2 of this Our Charter, from the date of this Our Charter, and in the case of future

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nominated members, for the period of three years from the date on which their nominations become effective. A nominated member may at any time resign his membership of the Council.

(iv) A person empowered to nominate a member of the Council shall, in the event of the death or resignation of a person whom he has nominated to be a member of the Council, nominate some other person in place of the member so dying or retiring, and may at any time cancel any existing nomination he has effected and may nominate another person to be a member of the Council in place of the person whose nomination is so cancelled.

(v) The nomination of members of the Council shall be effected by notice in writing addressed to the Council and left at or sent by registered post to the offices of the Council and shall take effect in the case of a nomination by the Admiralty when made and in the case of a nomination by another person when the approval of the Chairman is given thereto.

(vi) In the event of the office of Civil Lord of the Admiralty ceasing to exist, references in this Our Charter to that office shall be construed as references to such office as may be certified by the First Lord of Our Treasury to be the office which has taken the place of the office of Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

8. *Chairman and Vice-Chairman.*

(i) The *ex-officio* member of the Council shall be Chairman of the Council and shall preside at all meetings thereof.

(ii) There shall be a Vice-Chairman of the Council who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Council and in the event of the absence, illness or inability to act for any reason of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall have and exercise the functions of the Chairman.

9. *Meetings of Council.* The Council shall meet together for the despatch of business at least once in every year but save as aforesaid they may meet adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes and in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at meetings of the Council shall be such as may from time to time be fixed by the Council and unless so fixed shall be seven.

10. *Executive Committee.*

(i) Subject to paragraph (ii) hereof the Council may constitute an Executive Committee consisting of such persons, whether members of the Council or otherwise, as they may think fit and may delegate to such Committee the

administration and management of the affairs of the Council either generally or within such limits and for such purposes or subject to such conditions as may be specified by any regulation of the Council.

Provided that notwithstanding any such regulation the Council may at any time give directions to the Executive Committee with respect to any matter and the Executive Committee shall comply with the same accordingly.

(ii) There shall be a Chairman of the Executive Committee who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Council.

(iii) The Council may by regulations determine the period for which any member of the Executive Committee shall hold office as such a member, the holding of meetings of the Executive Committee, the procedure thereat and generally with respect to the functions of the Executive Committee. Subject to any regulations of the Council, the Executive Committee may determine the times of holding and the procedure at their meetings.

(iv) Subject to any regulations of the Council, the Executive Committee may delegate any of their powers to sub-committees consisting of such person or persons of their body as they think fit and any sub-committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Executive Committee.

11. *Officers.* The Council may appoint a person under the style or name of Director, or under such other style or name as they may from time to time determine, to carry out such duties connected with the administration and management of the affairs of the Council as they may from time to time determine and may also appoint a Secretary or two joint Secretaries, and such other officers or servants of the Council as they may think fit. Any person appointed to act as Director, Secretary, or to be an officer or servant of the Council shall be appointed for such term and at such remuneration and upon such conditions as the Council may in consultation with the Treasury think fit and any person so appointed may, subject to the terms of any agreement entered into with that person in any particular case, be removed by the Council at any time.

12. *Validity of acts, etc.* No act or proceeding of the Council or the Executive Committee established by the Council shall be questioned on account of any vacancy in the Council or the said Executive Committee and no defect in the title of any person to act as a member of the Council or of the said Executive Committee shall be deemed to invalidate any proceedings of the Council or of such Committee in which he has taken part in any case where the proceeding in which that person has taken part would have been valid and effectual if he had not been present or taken part therein.

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13. *Variation of Charter.* The Council may by a resolution in that behalf passed at any meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council present and voting, being a majority of the whole number of the members of the Council for the time being, alter amend or add to these Presents and such alterations, amendments or additions shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors in Council become effectual so that these Presents shall thenceforth continue and operate as though they had been originally granted and made accordingly. This provision shall apply to these Presents as altered and amended or added to as aforesaid.

14. *Favourable construction.* This Charter shall be in all things good firm valid and effectual according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be taken construed and adjudged in all Our Courts and elsewhere in the most favourable sense and for the best advantage of the Council any mis-recital non-recital omission defect imperfection matter or thing whatsoever notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourself at Westminster the day of
in the year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT under the King's Sign Manual.