

Shell's bottom line for Sakhalin



There are only 100 Western Gray Whales left in existence. Their only feeding ground is off Sakhalin Island, on the east coast of Russia.

Unfortunately, this is also the site of Shell's Sakhalin II oil and gas operation. It poses a catastrophic threat to this critically endangered species.

The whale population has only 23 reproductive females, and the loss of just one additional female a year will drive the population towards extinction.

Leading whale scientists have directed Shell to take a more precautionary approach, but Shell is carrying on regardless.

What's more, the project's onshore pipeline crosses hundreds of streams on the island, threatening the spawning grounds of wild salmon. And Shell plans to dump millions tons of dredging spoil into Aniva Bay, a key fishery for the islanders.

Not surprisingly, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has so far been unable to approve key multi-million pound project finance because it is unsatisfied with the project's environmental credentials.

Shell needs to suspend its Sakhalin II operations until:

1. The proposed oil platform is moved away from the whales' feeding area.
2. River crossings are changed to protect salmon spawning grounds.
3. The dumping site is moved away from Aniva Bay

Please make your views known at Shell's AGM on Tuesday 28th June, and help us put an end to the problem, before the problem puts an end to the whales.



Sakhalin Environment Watch

