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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1988 No. 2023**

**SEA FISHERIES**

**The Conservation of Seals (Common Seals) Order 1988**

*Made* - - - - *21st November 1988*  
*Laid before Parliament* *28th November 1988*  
*Coming into force* - - *19th December 1988*

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sections 3(1) and 14(2) of the Conservation of Seals Act 1970(1), and after consultation with the Natural Environment Research Council as required by the said section 3(1), I hereby make the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Conservation of Seals (Common Seals) Order 1988 and shall come into force on 19th December 1988.

(2) Without prejudice to its earlier revocation this Order shall cease to have effect on the expiration of two years beginning with the date of its coming into force.

(3) The Conservation of Seals (Scotland) Order 1973(2) is hereby revoked.

2. There is hereby prohibited in Great Britain and within the seaward limits of the territorial waters adjacent thereto the killing, injuring or taking of the seals of the species known as *Phoca vitulina* (common seals).

Home Office  
21st November 1988

*Douglas Hurd*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

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(1) 1970 c. 30.  
(2) S.I.1973/1079.

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order prohibits for two years with effect from the 19th December 1988 the killing, injuring or taking of common seals in Great Britain and adjacent territorial waters. It also revokes an earlier Order which had prohibited the killing, injuring or taking of common seals only in the County of Zetland and adjacent territorial waters and which is made redundant by this Order.