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The situation with the odour pollution is complicated and there is a lot you need to know. Here are the most important things:

What you need to know about the Oceana fishmeal factory

1. Living in an environment that is not harmful to our health and well-being is a constitutional right shared by all people.
2. No Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has ever been conducted for the Oceana factory to determine its impact on the community.
3. According to Oceana, there are 98 land-based employees at the factory, 58% of which live in Hout Bay. They receive up to R50 million per year in wages and shareholder pay-outs, although we have no indication of how this is split between the workers. It is likely the workers support upwards of 600 people.
4. Oceana's factory is licensed to operate 180 days per year, at any time and on any day, and they process up to 1200 tons of fish per day.
5. Oceana's factory emits Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S) and Trimethylamine, and medical research shows that respiratory, sensory and mental impacts are common side effects.
6. Oceana is currently fully compliant with the law – they have an Atmospheric Emissions License issued by the City of Cape Town and a 5-year lease issued by the National Department of Public works.
7. The City of Cape Town recognises the factory as one of the best in the country and claim that no technology exists to eliminate the odour pollution.
8. The fishing industry is an important part of our cultural heritage and any solution needs to recognise this. We need all members of the community to be involved in finding this solution.
9. Oceana intends to expand its operations and are currently negotiating a 20-year lease with the National Department of Public Works. In reality, this means we need to act NOW if we want this to change.

Fresh Air for Hout Bay believes that alternatives exist and we could maximise the resources in the harbour for the greater benefit of all. We are committed to finding an alternative solution through a collaborative and inclusive process and we need your help in finding solutions.

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9-steps for getting involved

1. **Become informed.** Visit our website to understand what's actually going on. We need informed ideas and opinions.
2. **Register on the FAHB website.** We need to demonstrate how many people support our cause and to do this, we need you to register.
3. **Sign the FAHB petition.** Support FAHB's call to the City of Cape Town and Western Cape Government for a sustainable solution to be found.
4. **Complete an Air Pollution Affidavit.** Document the impact of Oceana's odour pollution on your life by completing an Air Pollution Affidavit or writing an official testimonial.
5. **Register a complaint with Oceana.** If and when you are impacted by the odour pollution, register a complaint on the factory website: www.fishmealfactory.co.za.
6. **Write to the City of Cape Town.** Send the City of Cape Town your thoughts and tell them why and how you think this situation should change.
7. **Complete our social survey.** Help us understand our community better by participating in our social survey. Other surveys will be available soon.
8. **Follow us on social media.** Keep up to date with FAHB correspondence on our social media sites. [#OceanaStinks](#) [#HBMustRise](#) [#FreshAirHoutBay](#)
9. **Send us your ideas.** This situation will only be solved through constructive collective action. If you have any ideas or skills, please let us know and get involved today.



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