



ARTISTS' PLEDGE FOR THE DEEP

Stop deep-sea mining and safeguard the Lost City as a High Seas Marine Protected Area.

The deep sea covers over 90% of our planet's habitable space. It regulates the climate, stores carbon, cycles nutrients, and supports life on Earth. Ancient and fragile, it is the common heritage of humankind.

Far below the Atlantic waves, beyond national jurisdiction, rises the Lost City. Its 120,000-year-old mineral towers shelter rare life and hold clues to the origins and resilience of life on Earth.

This extraordinary site now faces a growing threat. The International Seabed Authority has granted a deep-sea mining exploration license nearby.

Life in the deep ocean evolves slowly and is highly sensitive to disturbance. Once damaged, these ecosystems may take centuries to recover, if they recover at all. Deep-sea mining would endanger one of Earth's rarest and most iconic underwater worlds, a risk we cannot afford to take. Not around The Lost City. Not anywhere in our deep ocean.

The High Seas Treaty, now in force, makes it possible to protect biodiversity in international waters and establish Marine Protected Areas. **This is our chance to act.**

We call for:

- A global moratorium on deep-sea mining in international waters
- The Lost City to be permanently protected as one of the first High Seas Marine Protected Areas

By signing, artists commit to using their voices and platforms to amplify this call – standing with science, future generations, and the living ocean.

The Lost City is a place to inspire, a place to protect, not a place to exploit.