

## Irregular Warfare at Sea: The Cod Wars and Sea Shepherd

### Description

This week's episode of the *Irregular Warfare Podcast* features our Maritime Irregular Warfare (IW) Special Project by examining two case studies of IW at sea.

Our guests begin by discussing the Cod Wars, which was a protracted maritime conflict between Iceland and the United Kingdom. They then explore how Icelandic maritime forces were able to secure a strategic victory against the much more powerful British Royal Navy. Next, our guests discuss how sub-state actors, like Sea Shepherd, are capable of disrupting illegal fishing and supporting coastal states in enforcing maritime law. Finally, our guests conclude by addressing how countries can work with NGOs to uphold international norms in the maritime domain.

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[Ben Jebb](#) and [Lisa Munde](#) are the hosts for this episode. Lisa is the director of IWI's Project Maritime. Please reach out to Ben and Julia with any questions about this episode or the Irregular Warfare Podcast.

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