

SkyTruth 2015 Media Highlights

Jan. 6 – [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - To fill in the blanks on Marcellus data, volunteers turn to crowdsourcing](#): Features FrackFinder initiatives as an example of citizen-scientists contributing to better understanding fracking and the shale boom.

Jan. 19 – [Radio Australia - New technology shows new fishing ban in waters off Kiribati working](#): Interview with David Manthos about using Global Fishing Watch to monitor the closure of the Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA) to commercial fishing.

Feb. 5 – [NPR – Gotcha: Satellites Help Strip Seafood Pirates Of Their Booty](#): Interview with John about Global Fishing Watch and using AIS to track suspected illegal fishing activity in the waters of Palau.

March 16 – [Fast Company - Inside The Satellite Detective Agencies That Catch The Companies Destroying The Planet—From Space](#): Discusses SkyTruth and monitoring/transparency initiatives such as Global Fishing Watch.

April 7 – [Desmog Blog - New Federal Fracking Rules Rely on FracFocus Even as EPA Research Highlights Site's Flaws](#): Discusses SkyTruth's work with extracting data from FracFocus and the Bureau of Land Management's decision on fracking chemical transparency.

April 16 – [ABC News - Secrecy Shrouds Decade-Old Oil Spill in Gulf of Mexico](#) AP investigation into the ongoing leak at Taylor Energy #23051. The investigation pressured the U.S. Coast Guard to increase their estimates of the spill rate to a flow 20x larger than Taylor had ever acknowledged. Features interview with John Amos

April 20 – [Fusion – Terrible Anniversary - In the five years since BP, there have been nearly 10000 spills reported in the Gulf of Mexico](#): Features SkyTruth's analysis and map of reported oil and hazmat spills in the Gulf since the BP blowout was capped in 2010.

April 20 – [Washington Post - Lessons from the BP oil spill on the fifth anniversary](#): Features interview with John Amos on likelihood of another major offshore blowout.

April 28 – [WV Public Broadcasting - Appalachian Voices Releases Mountaintop Mining Mapping Tool](#): Discusses SkyTruth's work with Appalachian Voices on mapping mountaintop removal (MTR) coal mining.



May 8 – [State Impact PA - FracFocus upgrades availability of data on oil & gas operations](#): Features interview with John Amos about FracFocus's data being made available

May 16 – [AP - US says decade-old Gulf oil leak could last another century](#)
Cites SkyTruth's estimate of the rate and total amount of oil leaked from the Taylor site. Also reported by the [Huffington Post](#), [Yahoo News](#), [The Ada News \(Oklahoma\)](#), [Aurora Sentinel \(Colorado\)](#), [WTOP \(Washington D.C.\)](#), [CBS Dallas Ft. Worth](#), etc.

June 2 – [Mongabay.com - Have the 'Bandit 6' poached their last toothfish in the Southern Ocean?](#) Features interview with John Amos on illegal fishing

June 5 – [Huffington Post - Check Out Google's New Tool For Monitoring Global Fishing](#): Discusses SkyTruth and Global Fishing Watch.

June 15 – [National Geographic - Tiny Team Uses Satellites to Bust Illegal Fishing Worldwide](#) Video interview about SkyTruth and developing Global Fishing Watch to shine a light on commercial fishing around the world.

July 16 – [New York Times: Stowaways and Crimes Aboard a Scofflaw Ship](#)
Features images by SkyTruth and chronicles the journeys of the *Dona Liberta*, a vessel which SkyTruth spotted in 2012 polluting off the coast of Africa.

July 27 – [Associated Press Exclusive: AP tracks slave boats to Papua New Guinea](#) Discusses SkyTruth's role in securing a satellite image of transshipment between unidentified fishing trawlers and the *Silver Sea 2* in the waters of Papua New Guinea.

Aug. 27 – [Associated Press: Settlement Reached In Lawsuit Over Gulf Oil Leak](#)
Discusses the settlement in the Taylor Energy lawsuit and SkyTruth's discovery and continual tracking of the leak. Also reported in the [Star Tribune](#), [Seattle Times](#) (features SkyTruth image), [ABC News](#), [New Orleans City Business](#), [Tuscaloosa News](#), etc.

Aug. 28 – [Southern Studies: The Katrina oil spill disaster - A harbinger for the Atlantic Coast?](#) Features a SkyTruth image and discusses our tracking of the Taylor Energy leak in context with proposed offshore oil drilling along the Eastern Seaboard.

Sept. 1 – [Discovery News: Map of 65,000 Old Mines Across US Reveals Risks](#): Features SkyTruth map of abandoned and inactive metal mines across the US.

Sept. 10 – [EE News: EPA's spill pales in comparison to everyday mine leaks](#)
Features SkyTruth's map of inactive metal mines relative to the Animas River spill in Colorado.



Sept 13 – [The Guardian: Chile plans world's biggest marine park to protect Easter Island fish stocks](#) Discusses SkyTruth's work on IUU fishing and vessel monitoring of the waters around Easter Island.

Sept. 17 – [World Fishing & Aquaculture: Big Brother is Watching](#) Discusses the Global Fishing Watch partnership and other vessel monitoring initiatives. Also printed at [FisheryNation.com](#)

Oct. 30 – [Antara News: Govt. to launch Global Fishing Watch](#) Covers Indonesian government's announcement of partnership with SkyTruth, Google, and Oceana to share VMS data for Global Fishing Watch.

Nov. 4 – [WHAG – Local nonprofit helping Indonesian government track fishing vessels](#) Interview with Paul Woods regarding Global Fishing Watch and MOU with the Indonesian government to share vessel location data.

Nov. 24 – [The Guardian - To catch a fishing thief, SkyTruth uses data from the air, land and sea](#) Interview with John Amos about SkyTruth's past, present and future

Dec. 27 – [National Geographic - 15 Huge Ocean Conservation Victories of 2015](#) Lists GFW and SkyTruth's technological advances to combat illegal fishing among the victories of 2015. Also run in [EcoWatch](#)

Dec. 28 – [Gazette.com - Company to hold meeting on decade-old oil leak in Gulf](#) Mentions SkyTruth's estimate for the ongoing Taylor Energy leak

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