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Minister for Environment Congratulates Lewis Pugh

Minister for Environment, John Cortes, has written to UN Oceans Advocate Lewis Pugh to congratulate him on completing the first ever swim of the whole length of the English Channel, an achievement he completed this afternoon.

Lewis Pugh, who has visited Gibraltar and contributed to the campaign to stop balloon releases in Gibraltar, has carried out the swim in order to raise awareness of the need to improve the protection of the Oceans, particularly in British waters.

He will be in Gibraltar in July next year to swim in BGTW during the Natwest International Island Games. The Games will for the first time ever be linked to an international island environmental initiative which Lewis will be supporting in person.

A copy of the letter is attached.