

International Issues and Challenges

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DYING OCEANS



Summary

I. Why are oceans important to humans

II. Why are oceans dying ?

III. What can we do to save oceans ?



I. Why are oceans important to humans ?

- Oceans : 72% of the Earth's surface
- Role in social, economic and environmental balance
- The ocean releases more oxygen into the atmosphere than all the world's forests
- A vital source of animal protein for billions of people
- 90% of international trade goods move by sea
- Provides work to 140 million people (fishing, navigation, tourism, ...)
- Paramount importance in political and military strategy



II. Why are oceans dying ?

- 80% of the marine population is directly or indirectly related to human activity
- Sources of problems: waste, agriculture, oil spills, sewage, noise pollution...
- Our waste due to human activity is poisoning the oceans and impacting the entire food chain
- Climate change (greenhouse gases) causes water to rise, ice to melt and seawater to expand due to the increase in temperature



10 WAYS TO HELP OUR OCEAN

at home

around town

on the water



1

Conserve Water
Use less water so excess runoff and wastewater will not flow into the ocean.



2

Reduce pollutants
Choose nontoxic chemicals and dispose of all chemicals properly.



3

Reduce waste
Cut down on what you throw away.



4

Shop wisely
Choose sustainable seafood. Buy less plastic and bring a reusable bag.



5

Reduce vehicle pollution
Use fuel efficient vehicles, carpool or ride a bike.



6

Use less energy
Choose energy efficient light bulbs and don't overset your thermostat.



7

Fish responsibly
Follow "catch and release" practices and keep more fish alive.



8

Practice safe boating
Anchor in sandy areas far from coral and sea grasses. Adhere to "no wake" zones.



9

Respect habitat
Healthy habitat and survival go hand in hand. Treat with care.



Volunteer

Conclusion





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