

# SDG 14: LIFE BELOW WATER





End extreme poverty. Fight inequality and injustice. Fix climate change. Whoa. The Global Goals are important, world-changing objectives that will require cooperation among governments, international organizations and world leaders. It seems impossible that the average person can make an impact. Should you just give up?

### No! Change starts with you!

On 1 January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit — officially came into force.



## Goal 14: Facts and figures

- Oceans cover three quarters of the Earth's surface, contain 97 per cent of the Earth's water, and represent 99 per cent of the living space on the planet by volume;
- Over three billion people depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihoods;
- Globally, the market value of marine and coastal resources and industries is estimated at \$3 trillion per year or about 5 per cent of global GDP;
- Oceans contain nearly 200,000 identified species, but actual numbers may lie in the millions;
- Oceans absorb about 30 per cent of carbon dioxide produced by humans, buffering the impacts of global warming;
- Oceans serve as the world's largest source of protein, with more than 3 billion people depending on the oceans as their primary source of protein;
- Marine fisheries directly or indirectly employ over 200 mil. people;
- Subsidies for fishing are contributing to the rapid depletion of many fish species and are preventing efforts to save and restore global fisheries and related jobs, causing ocean fisheries to generate US\$ 50 billion less per year than they could, and
- As much as 40% of the world oceans are heavily affected by human activities, including pollution, depleted fisheries, and loss of coastal habitats.

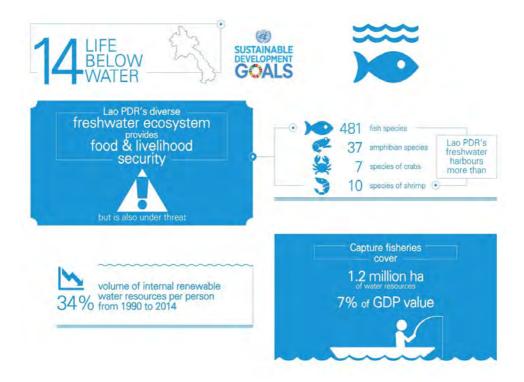


## **GOAL 14: Targets**

- By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution;
- By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans;
- Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels;
- By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics;
- By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information;
- By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and refrain from introducing new such subsidies, recognizing that appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the World Trade Organization fisheries subsidies negotiation;
- By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism;

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- Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries;
- Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets, and
- Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UN-CLOS, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want.





# CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEA AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

#### **BEFORE COVID-19**

OCEAN ACIDIFICATION CONTINUES TO THREATEN MARINE ENVIRONMENTS AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



A 100-150% RISE
IN OCEAN ACIDITY IS PROJECTED BY 2100,
AFFECTING HALF OF ALL MARINE LIFE

#### **COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS**

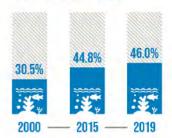
THE DRASTIC REDUCTION M HUMAN ACTIVITY

BROUGHT ABOUT BY COVID-19

MAY BE A CHANCE FOR OCEANS TO RECUPERATE



# GLOBAL MARINE KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS COVERED BY PROTECTED AREAS INCREASED



SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES CONTRIBUTE TO GDP



10x THE GLOBAL AVERAGE

97 COUNTRIES SIGNED THE AGREEMENT ON PORT STATE MEASURES, THE FIRST BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING



Oceans are our planet's life support and regulate the global climate system. They are the world's largest ecosystem, home to nearly a million known species, containing vast untapped potential for scientific discovery. Oceans and fisheries continue to support the global population's economic, social and environmental needs. Despite the critical importance of conserving oceans, decades of irresponsible exploitation have led to an alarming level of degradation. Current efforts to protect key marine environments and small-scale fisheries, and to invest in ocean science are not but meeting the urgent need to safeguard this vast, yet fragile, resource. The drastic reduction in human activity brought about by the COVID-19 crisis, while rooted in tragedy, is a chance for oceans to recuperate. It is also an opportunity to chart a sustainable recovery path that will ensure livelihoods for decades to come in harmony with the natural environment.





Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing threatens the social, economic and environmental sustainability of global fisheries; it also hinders countries' ability to manage their fisheries effectively. Adopting and implementing relevant international instruments is key to curbing this destructive practice.

As of 14 February 2020, the number of parties to the Agreement on Port State Measures – the first binding international agreement that specifically targets this type of fishing – increased to 66 (including the European Union), up from 58 the year before.



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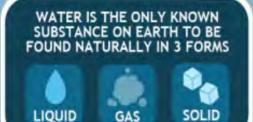
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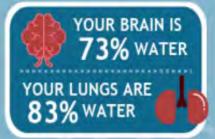


71% OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE IS

WATER-COVERED









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From marine and coastal biodiversity

# OVER THREE BILLION PEOPLE DEPEND

for their livelihoods!

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# Oceans: Benefits and threats to living organis

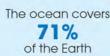
60% of the world's major marine ecosystems - that sustain the world's populations - have been significantly degraded or are unsustainably used

The ocean holds an estimated 80% of the Earth's mineral resources



The ocean carries 90% of world trade







It contains...

96% of the Earth's living space

80% of living organisms





99% of the biosphere





**Fisheries** support more than 170 million iobs



Under a 'business-as-usual' scenario, by 2100, emissions could result in the ocean becoming up to 2x more acidic (compared to pre-industrial levels) leading to the further loss of marine ecosystems



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Around 90% of the energy from warming of the Earth system has been stored in the ocean over recent decades



Warm ocean temperatures are the driving force behind tropical cyclones and monsoons



Mean sea surface temperatures have risen by about **0.7°C** over the past 100 years, and are likely to increase by over 3°C in some ocean regions by the end of this century







The ocean provides 60% of dietary protein in tropical developing countries



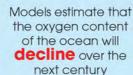


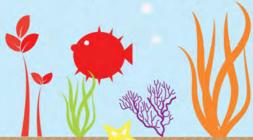
Marine and coastal tourism, aquaculture and other uses of marine environments (excluding fisheries) provide livelihoods for millions of people

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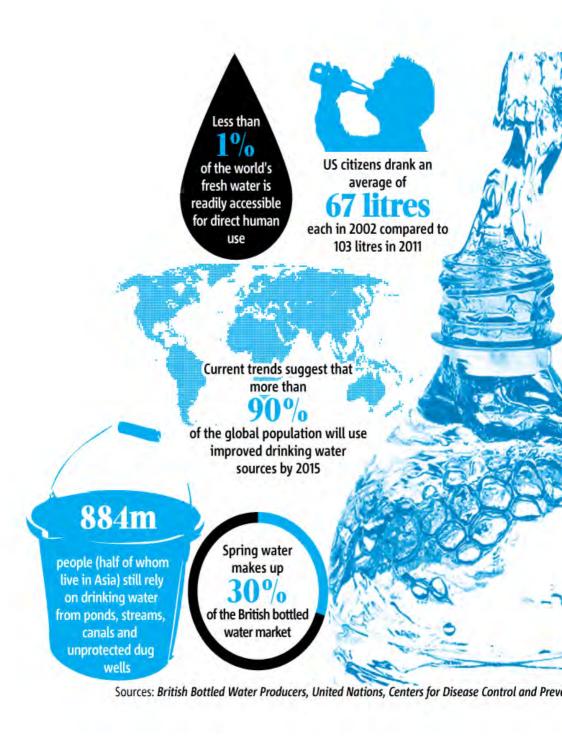
An estimated 90% of coral reefs will be threatened by 2030

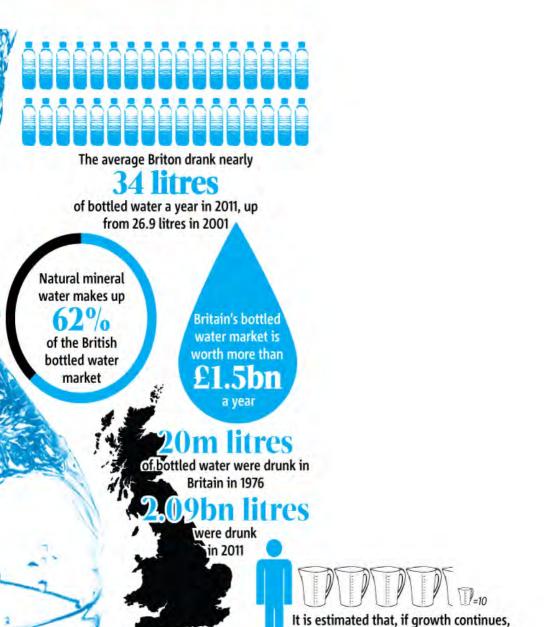












the average Briton will drink almost
41 litres of bottled water a year by 2021

ention, World Health Organization, Zenith International

# Life below water in the EU

# Marine conservation



Sufficiency of protected marine sites in 2013
55 %

# Sustainable fishery



Fish catches in 2015

5 144 thousand tonnes live weight + 2.9 % since 2010



Overfishing in 2015

**40.9** % of fish stocks -17.8 pp since 2010

# Ocean health



Bathing water quality in 2016

**87.0** % of costal bathing sites with excellent water quality + 5.7 pp in 2011



Ocean acidity in 2014

8.07 pH
Ocean acidity
is increasing



# WATER IS SUFFICIENT... THE SPIRIT MOVES OVER WATER

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