



2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development was born out of the recognition that much more needs to be done to reverse the cycle of decline in ocean health and create improved conditions for the sustainable development of the ocean, seas, and coasts.

Through stronger international cooperation, the Decade will bolster scientific research and innovative technologies to ensure science responds to the needs of society:

- A clean ocean where sources of pollution are identified and removed
- A healthy and resilient ocean where marine ecosystems are mapped and protected
- A predictable ocean where society has the capacity to understand current and future ocean conditions
- A safe ocean where people are protected from ocean hazards
- A sustainably harvested ocean ensuring the provision of food supply
- A transparent ocean with open access to data, information, and technologies
- An inspiring and engaging ocean where society understands and values the ocean

Further information and publications can be found on the Ocean Decade website at oceandecade.org.

The IOC of UNESCO is the United Nations body responsible for supporting global ocean science and services. This organisation enables its 150 Member States to work together to protect the health of our shared ocean by coordinating programmes in ocean observations, hazard mitigation, tsunami warnings and marine spatial planning.

What will the Decade deliver?

The Decade will provide a framework for achieving several high-level scientific outcomes, these may be clustered around:

- Comprehensive digital atlas of the ocean.
- Comprehensive ocean observing system for all major basins.
- Quantitative understanding of ocean ecosystems and their functioning as the basis for their management and adaptation.
- Data and information portal.
- Integrated multi-hazard warning system.
- Capacity building and accelerated technology transfer, training and education, Ocean literacy.
- Ocean in earth-system observation, research, and prediction, supported by social and human sciences and economic valuation.

In support of The Decade, 5W Foundation is committed to strengthening biodiversity conservation, and will endeavour to assist all the initiatives and projects we support in achieving conservation outcomes in line with The Decade's objectives.

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