

## Preserve the blue PROTECT THE EARTH

## IMPORTANCE

- 71% of the Earth's surface is made up of oceans. It controls our climate and contains abundant, and it gives us necessities like food, materials, energy, and transportation.
- In 2010, the value of the ocean economy was estimated to be US 1.5 trillion, or 2.5% of the global gross value added.
  By 2030, this contribution is expected to double.





- The productivity and health of the ocean are under threat from land-based pollution, climate change, unsustainable resource extraction, and habitat degradation.
- Studies indicate that by the year 2050, the quantity of plastic in the oceans could surpass the total number of fish.
- The protection and sustainable use of oceans, sea, and marine resources are vital for worldwide well-being and the progress of social and economic objectives. Preserving the oceans is fundamental in realizing the 2030 Agenda, particularly for small island developing countries.





 Marine resources are of considerable importance to coastal areas, accounting for 37% of the world's population in 2010. Oceans are a source of livelihood and provide benefits to sectors including fisheries, tourism, and beyond.

