

MGA Celebrates:

World Oceans Day



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One Ocean Unites us all:

Our world is connected by one ocean that covers 70% of Earth. The ocean is responsible for producing most of our oxygen, protein, and for regulating our climate. Our ocean is under threat! Our pollution leads to the degradation of delicate ocean ecosystems:

- About 8 Million tons of plastics end up in the ocean every year. Fertilizer and nutrient run off cause dead zones.
- Over fishing decimates much needed biodiversity.
- Roughly 80% of all waste water runs into the ocean without ever being treated.

POOR MANAGEMENT

The UN Environment estimates the annual cost of poor ocean management is:

\$200 Billion

Due to escalating climate change this cost will increase to \$322 Billion per year by 2050.

3 BILLION PEOPLE

At least 3 billion people currently depend of marine and coastal

Biodiversity

for their livelihood. Protected marine areas help reduce poverty by protecting biodiversity and healthy fish populations.

OCEAN ACIDITY

Since pre-industrial times, ocean acidity has increased by:

26%

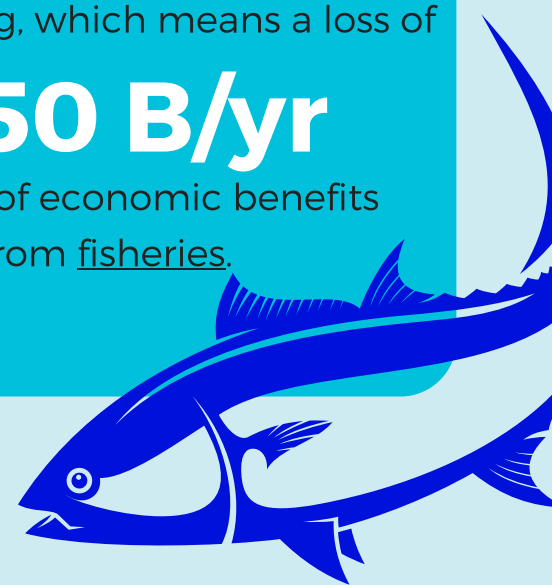
Ocean acidity will rapidly accelerate by 100-150% by the year 2100.

OVER FISHING

Improper management results in overfishing, which means a loss of

\$ 50 B/yr

in terms of economic benefits from fisheries.



Advocate:

- Join a Community of Ocean Action.
- Look for certified sustainable sea food..
- Share this infographic across your social media!
- Eliminate plastic usage in your life.

