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GLOBAL ISSUES AND ENVIRONMENT

WORLD OCEANS DAY 2013

June 8, 2013

The world's oceans—which account for about 70 percent of the Earth's surface—are facing diverse challenges ranging from depleted fishery resources to the impacts of climate change, the deterioration of the marine environment, to issues of maritime safety and security, labor conditions for seafarers and the increasingly important issue of migration by sea.

June 8 marks World Oceans Day to raise global awareness of the current challenges faced by the international community in connection with the oceans.

OCEAN CONSERVATION AND U.S. COMMITMENTS

[U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's Remarks on World Oceans Day](#) (June 6, 2013) - "The United States, working domestically and with partners around the world, has taken significant action to strengthen ocean policy and conservation."

[NOAA Acting Administrator Sullivan at Oceans Week](#) (June 3, 2013) - In her keynote address at Capitol Hill Oceans Week in Washington, NOAA Acting Administrator Kathryn Sullivan notes progress and challenges in achieving better management of America's oceans and coasts.



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[Senator Lautenberg's Legacy Advances Ocean Conservation](#) (June 5, 2013) - The world's oceans lost a champion when U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg died June 3 of viral pneumonia.

[U.S. Partners with 10 Nations to Combat Illegal Fishing](#) (January 15, 2013) - The United States is working with officials in 10 nations to address illegal, unreported, unregulated (IUU) fishing in 2011 or 2012, or that had ineffective measures to prevent the unintended catch of protected species in 2012.

[Carbon Emissions Raise Arctic Acidity Levels](#) (May 13, 2013) - The Arctic Ocean covers roughly 9 percent of the Earth's surface and its chemistry is changing, growing more acidic in ways that will affect marine ecosystems.

[Threatened Fish Stocks Need More Management, Analysts Say](#) (January 15, 2013) - With climate change and illegal fishing threatening fish stocks and ocean health around the world, countries need to work together and with industry to manage access to fish, analysts say.

[Scientists Detect Signs of Life Deep Beneath Antarctic Ice](#) (February 11, 2013) - A scientific team has drilled through Antarctic ice to a subglacial lake system, recovering samples that they believe contain bacteria, a discovery that could open new doors in understanding the resilience of life.

[Space Satellite Collects Flood of Ocean Data](#) (March 1, 2013) - An international scientific collaboration to better understand the salinity of the world's oceans is yielding the first year of data gathered by a satellite instrument orbiting the planet.

[Sea Temperatures Linked to Indian Malaria](#) (March 5, 2013) - A multinational research collaboration links sea temperatures to malaria outbreaks in northwest India, a finding that may allow health officials to take greater measures to prevent epidemics.



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[Get to Know Our Oceans: The Indian](#)

[Get to Know Our Oceans: The Arctic](#)

[Get to Know Our Oceans: The Pacific](#)

[Get to Know Our Oceans: The Southern](#)

IN BRIEFS

[Conserving Our Oceans: Be Fish Friendly](#) - Be fish friendly: Buy only products that you know were sustainably harvested.

[Conserving Our Oceans: Recreate Responsibly](#) - When at the beach or out on the water to snorkel or fish, make sure you are not causing harm to the marine ecosystem.

[Conserving Our Oceans: Cut Carbon](#) - Increased carbon dioxide emissions are taking a toll on marine life and making the ocean more acidic.

[Conserving Our Oceans: Trim Down Trash](#) - Trash we "throw away" doesn't disappear. Prevent ocean pollution by curbing your family's trash output.

[Conserving Our Oceans: Be Water Wise](#) - Keep the oceans and other waterways healthy by reducing your family's use of chemicals both inside and outside your house.

[Study Sheds New Light on Arctic Sea Ice Losses](#) - New research combining records of ice measurements from NASA's ICESat, the European Space Agency's CryoSat-2 satellite, airborne surveys and ocean-based sensors shows Arctic sea ice has shrunk in volume over the last decade.

[NASA Antarctic Sub Goes Subglacial](#) - NASA designs and builds a robotic minisubmarine to descend an 800-meter borehole in an Antarctic glacier and explore a newly discovered lake.



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VIDEO AND PHOTO GALLERY

[Oceans](#) - Oceans are a huge and important ecosystem. While oceans support an abundance of marine life, their biodiversity is threatened by pollution, climate change and overuse by humans.

[Celebrate World Oceans Day](#) - This video was produced by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Information Programs in May 2013. The featured speaker is Philippe Cousteau, president and co-founder of Earthecho International.

WEB RESOURCES

[Bureau of Oceans and International and Scientific Affairs](#) (Facebook and Twitter)

Smithsonian's [Ocean Portal](#) (Including [educator's resources](#))

The White House [National Ocean Council](#)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) [Ocean Page](#) (Including [educator's resources](#))

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) [Oceanography](#)

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