

# WE MUST PROTECT MARINE ENVIRONMENTS

The ocean covers more than 70% of planet Earth and supports humankind.



OXYGEN TO BREATHE



FISH AND SEAFOOD TO EAT



SEAWAYS FOR TRANSPORTATION



LEISURE AND HEALING PLACES TO VISIT

Unregulated and excessive human activities and climate change are reducing biodiversity and threatening ecosystem services.



HABITAT DEGRADATION AND LOSS



COASTAL DEVELOPMENT



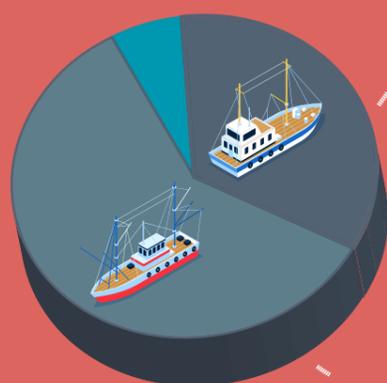
INVASIVE SPECIES



ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS



CLIMATE CHANGE



Most fisheries stocks are fully exploited: more than 90% of marine stocks are either overfished (34.2%) or fished at maximum sustainable levels (59.6%).

The ocean has absorbed 30% of total anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

# WORLD ACADEMIES URGE WORLD LEADERS TO IMPROVE OCEAN HEALTH



by stopping habitat destruction and the spread of environmental contaminants, fighting climate change and overexploitation, and adopting science-based policies.

