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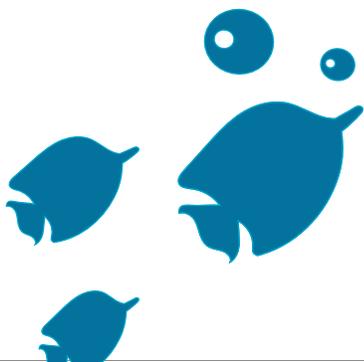
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## What it is?

The Ocean Decade, established by the UN, seeks to promote research and action to protect the oceans over the next ten years. This period highlights the vitality of the oceans and the challenges they face.

In 2017, the UN launched the “Ocean Decade” (2021-2030), seeking to advance ocean science and catalyse sustainable action for this vital ecosystem. The initiative is coordinated by UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO), which promotes cooperation in marine sciences among its 150 members. Its aim is to develop knowledge and action to achieve the UN’s 2030 Agenda.

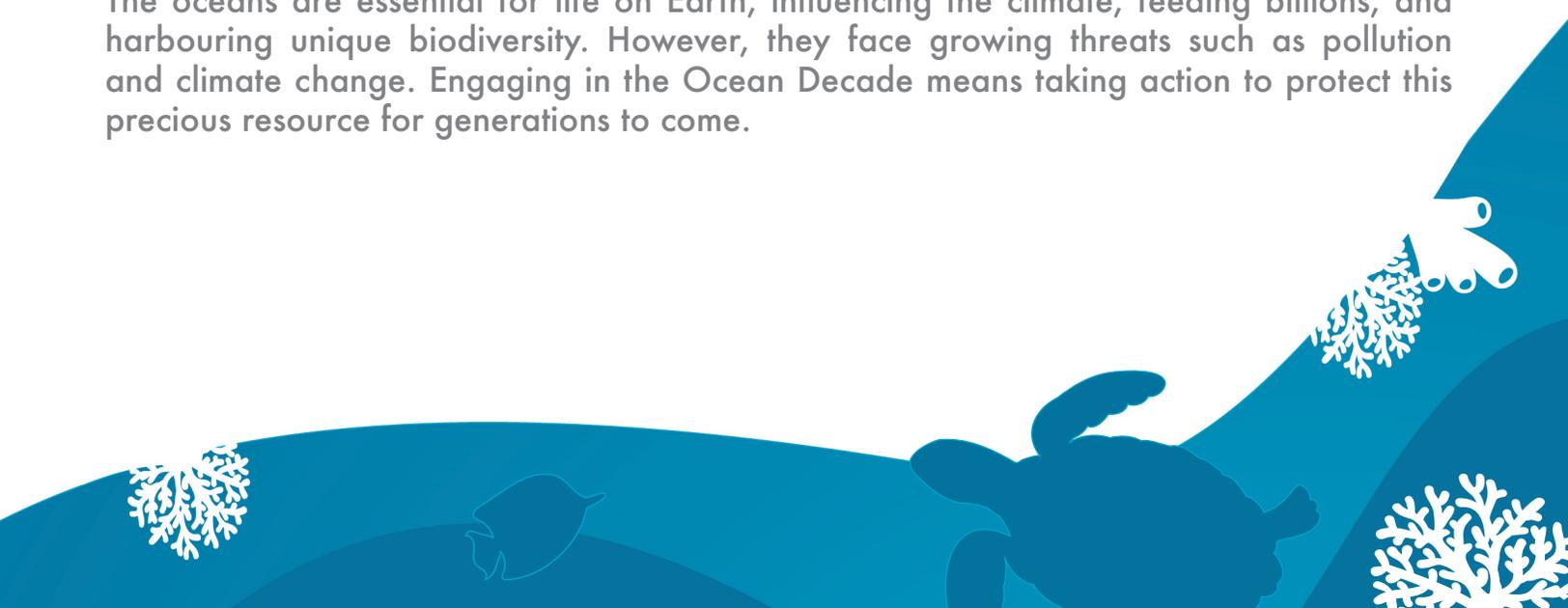
The main goal of the Decade is to strengthen science and collective action to protect the oceans. This is in line with SDG 14 of the 2030 Agenda, which focuses on marine conservation, reducing pollution and promoting sustainable fisheries.

By 2030, the Decade seeks clear outcomes, including an ocean valued by all and recognized in its vital role. Education is key to understanding and respecting the oceans. For example, plastic pollution, such as waste islands, is a growing challenge affecting marine life. It is therefore essential to educate and raise awareness about the importance of changing habits.

The proposal is for the Scouts of the Americas to take part in activities in the first half of 2024 on the theme and together we will celebrate Ocean Day on June 8 with activities in local Scout units and associations, including in cities that don’t have oceans.

## Why get involved?

The oceans are essential for life on Earth, influencing the climate, feeding billions, and harbouring unique biodiversity. However, they face growing threats such as pollution and climate change. Engaging in the Ocean Decade means taking action to protect this precious resource for generations to come.



## Who can take part?

All Scout associations and groups with young people and children of all age groups.

**Duration:** 02 hours

**Location:** decentralized

**Materials:** Paper, pencils, printed cards and internet access, cell phone to take photos

## Suggested activities

You can do any of these activities or create a new one on the theme to do with your group.

**Activity 1.** Ocean Guardians: Design an educational game in which players take on the role of ocean guardians, facing challenges such as pollution, illegal fishing and climate change, while learning about the importance of marine conservation. Divide participants into thematic groups and each group will discuss their topic and create a poster to present to the others.

**Activity 2.** Memory game: Print out cards with photos of marine ecosystems and complementary cards with information about these ecosystems, the animals that inhabit them and how they contribute to regulating the environment. Players must find the cards that match. In an attached file you will find the cards so that you can print them.

**Activity 3.** EcoFish: Develop a sustainable fishing simulation in which players manage their own fishing operations, ensuring that practices are ecologically sound and respect fishing limits.

**Activity 4.** Create a video, in the form of a report, that explains the importance of taking part in activities about the Decade of the Ocean and how to protect the oceans in different regions.

By participating in the Decade of the Ocean and incorporating its theme into games and other educational initiatives, we can raise awareness of the challenges facing the oceans and inspire positive action towards a more sustainable future. Don't forget to share photos of the activities using the hashtag #OceanDecade on your social media channels and tagging @Scoutiar on Instagram.

## Support and research materials:

<https://oceandecade.org/>





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