

The background is a stylized, layered illustration of an ocean scene. It features two dolphins in the upper left, a sea turtle in the center, and various types of coral and seaweed scattered throughout. The colors range from light blue to dark blue, with white highlights for some elements like coral and bubbles. The overall style is clean and modern.

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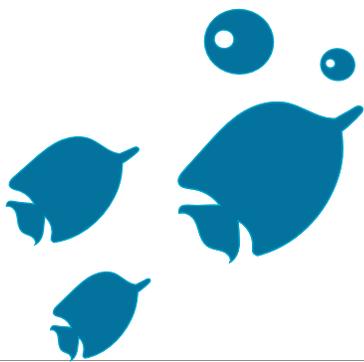
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# THE OCEAN DECADE ACTION KIT 2, 2024



## THE OCEAN DECADE ACTION KIT 2024 - 2

The Ocean Decade is a global initiative that aims to raise awareness about the importance of the oceans for our planet and promote actions to protect and use them sustainably. There are several reasons why it is crucial to have a decade dedicated to the oceans:

1. **Importance for the global climate and weather:** The oceans play a crucial role in regulating the global climate. They absorb much of the excess heat from the atmosphere and help stabilize the Earth's temperatures. In addition, the oceans influence weather patterns through ocean circulation and sea currents.
2. **Biodiversity and marine ecosystems:** The oceans are home to an incredible biodiversity, with millions of different species, many of which have yet to be discovered. These marine ecosystems are essential to the health of the planet, providing food, climate regulation, oxygen production and fundamental ecosystem services.
3. **Source of food and livelihood:** The oceans are a vital source of food and resources for millions of people around the world. Many coastal communities depend on marine resources for their livelihoods and economic sustenance. However, overfishing and marine habitat degradation threaten the food security and livelihoods of these communities.
4. **Regulating the water cycle:** The oceans play a fundamental role in the water cycle, influencing evaporation, precipitation and global weather patterns. They are an important source of fresh water through evaporation and subsequent precipitation on land.
5. **Economic importance:** The oceans are a significant source of economic resources, including fishing, tourism, maritime transportation, renewable energy and marine biotechnology. Protecting and managing these resources sustainably is essential to ensure their continued use and long-term economic benefits.
6. **Challenges and threats:** Despite the importance of the oceans, they are facing a number of challenges and threats, including marine pollution, ocean acidification, habitat loss, overfishing, climate change and rising sea levels. These problems require global action and collaboration to mitigate their impacts and protect the oceans for future generations.

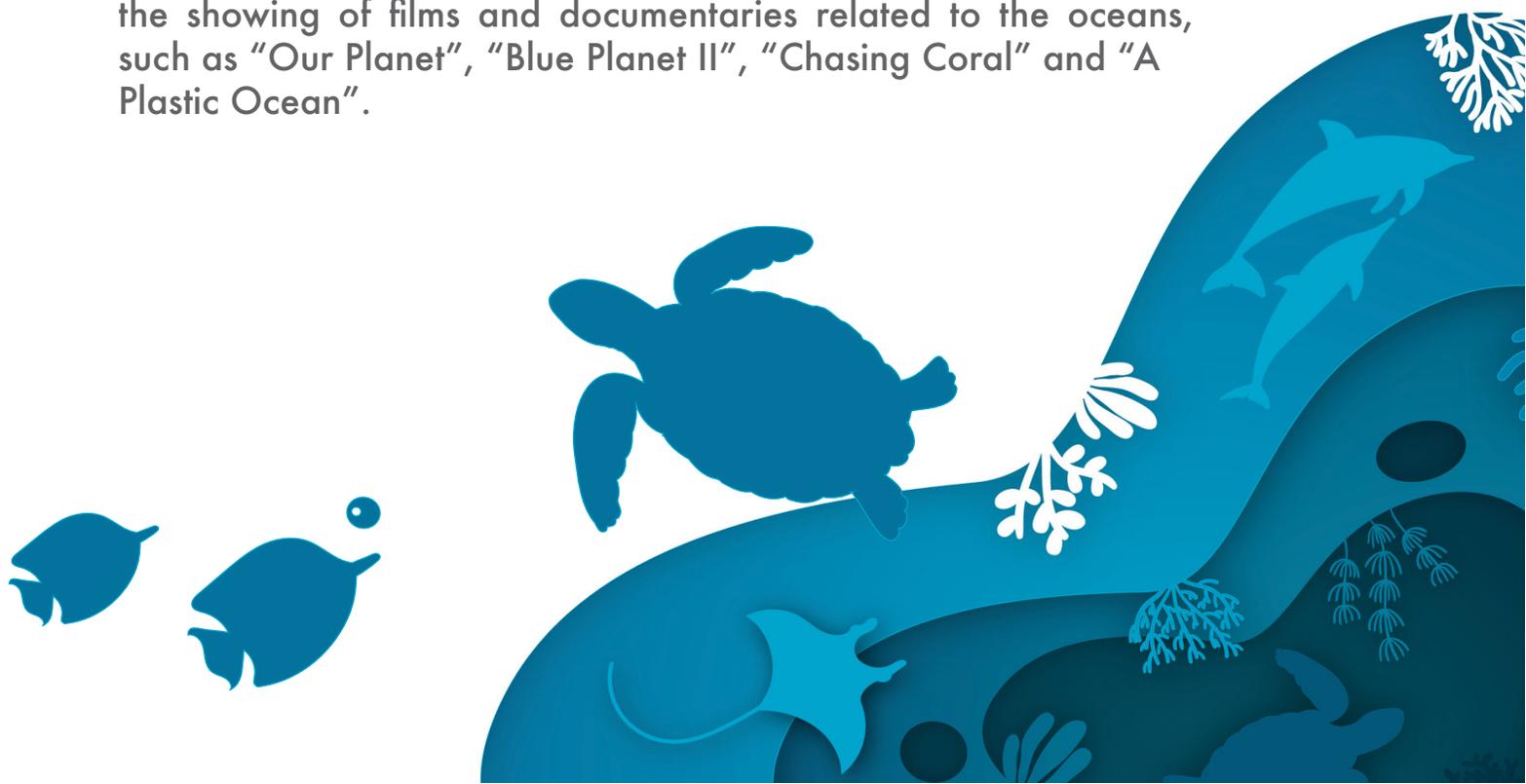


The Ocean Decade therefore offers a crucial opportunity to raise awareness of these issues and promote concrete action to protect and conserve the oceans for the future.

For World Ocean Day, we suggest that the scout groups organize an event for the scouts and the surrounding community. This event could take place in different places.

There are a number of events that scout groups can organize to raise awareness among young people and the community about the importance of protecting the oceans and the Ocean Decade. Here are some suggestions:

1. Lectures and workshops: Invite experts in oceanography, marine biology, marine conservation and other related fields for lectures and workshops on topics such as marine biodiversity, ocean pollution, climate change and human impact on the oceans.
2. Exhibitions and fairs: Organize ocean-themed exhibitions and fairs, highlighting issues such as coral reefs, endangered marine species, plastic pollution and sustainable solutions to protect the oceans.
3. Beach clean-ups: Carry out practical activities, such as local beach clean-ups, to get scouts involved in cleaning up plastic waste and other debris that can harm marine ecosystems.
4. Film and documentary screenings: Promote movie screenings with the showing of films and documentaries related to the oceans, such as "Our Planet", "Blue Planet II", "Chasing Coral" and "A Plastic Ocean".



5. Art and essay competitions: Hold art and essay competitions with ocean-related themes, encouraging young people to express their ideas and concerns about marine conservation.
6. Visits to aquariums and conservation centers: Organize visits to aquariums, marine conservation centers and research institutions so that young people can learn more about marine life and ongoing conservation efforts.
7. Raising awareness on social media: Encourage young people to create awareness campaigns on social media, sharing information, facts and tips on how to protect the oceans and take part in the Ocean Decade.
8. Talks by local people: Invite local community members, fishermen, environmentalists and others involved in marine conservation to share their experiences and perspectives on the importance of the oceans and the actions that can be taken to protect them.

These activities not only raise awareness about the importance of the oceans, but also encourage young people to get actively involved in protecting and conserving these precious ecosystems.





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