



SDGs In Focus: Goal 14

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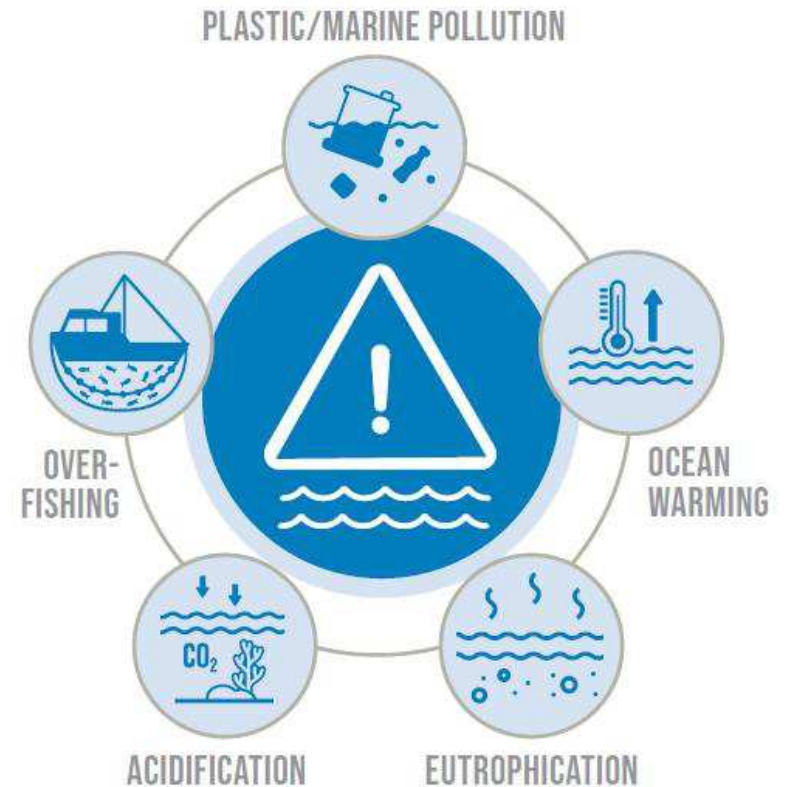
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Human activity is
endangering the planet's
largest ecosystem
– **our oceans and seas** –
and affecting the livelihoods
of **billions of people**

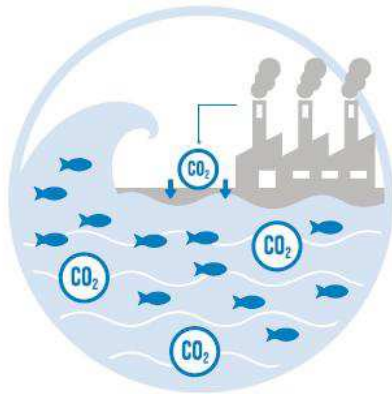


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LIFE
BELOW WATER



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INCREASING ACIDIFICATION
IS THREATENING MARINE LIFE AND
LIMITING THE OCEAN'S CAPACITY
TO MODERATE CLIMATE CHANGE

THE OCEAN ABSORBS AROUND 1/4
OF GLOBAL ANNUAL CO₂ EMISSIONS



**Our understanding of ocean
acidification has improved**

Over the last two years, the
number of observation
stations reporting on ocean
acidification has almost
doubled, **from 178 in 2021**
to 308 in 2022.



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The proliferation of plastic, nutrient run-off and other forms of waste is killing marine life

PLASTIC POLLUTION IS CHOKING THE OCEAN

**17+ MILLION METRIC TONS
OF PLASTIC ENTERED
THE OCEAN IN 2021**

PROJECTED TO DOUBLE OR
TRIPLE BY 2040

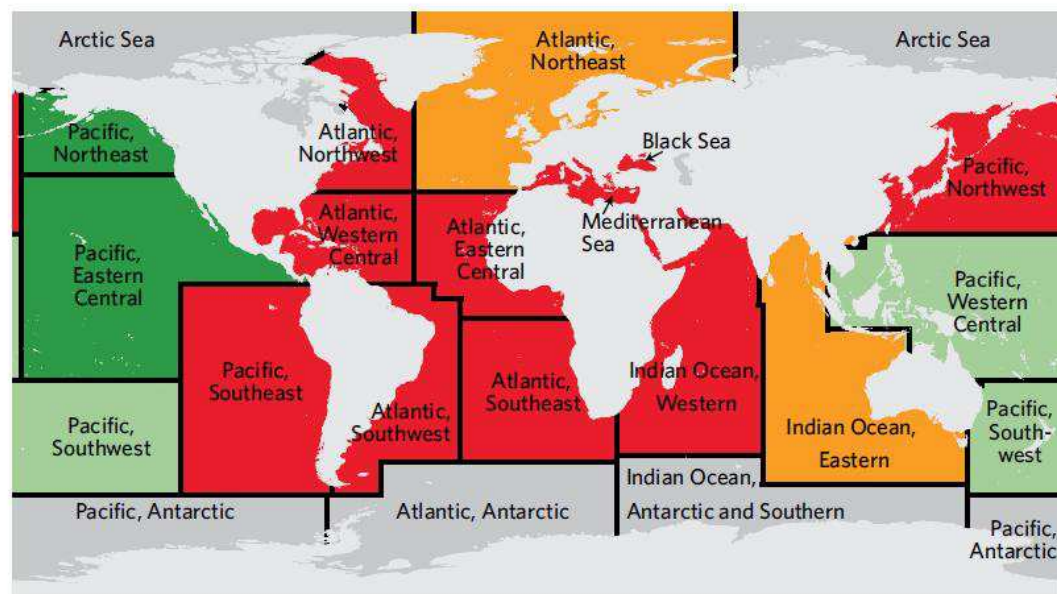


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Global fish stocks are still under threat

More than a third
(35.4 per cent) of global stocks
were overfished in 2019, up
from 34.2 per cent in 2017 and
10 per cent in 1974.

Proportion of fish stocks at biologically unsustainable levels, by major fishing areas as defined by the FAO, 2019 (percentage)



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