

# **Ocean**<sup>†</sup>

#### **Objectives:**

Ocean+ is an initiative led by the UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), in collaboration with partners, which aims to catalyze partnerships to contribute to a step-change in access to and use of global, regional and national biodiversity data and information to support the transition to a healthy ocean.

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- · Develop an inventory of nationally-validated spatial data on ocean habitats;
- · Streamline intergovernmental calls for data, reducing duplication of effort; and
- Supportive development by identifying needs and contributing to scientific research, helping to overcome gaps in knowledge.

### Contribution towards the Sustainable Development Goals

- Ocean+ will help to inform Sustainable Development Goal 14 (life below water) and related goals and targets, including those on:
- sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems (Target 14.2);
- conservation of at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas (Target 14.5 ); and
- decision-making for sustainable development (e.g. locating sustainable infrastructure, Goal 9; regulating fishing, Target 14.4).

### Contribution towards Aichi Biodiversity Targets

- Ocean+ aims to provide baseline knowledge on the location and status of coral reefs and other habitats required to:
- inform assessments of rates of loss (Target 5 ) and ecosystem resilience (Target 15 );
- track anthropogenic pressures (Target 10);
- review ecosystem services associated with natural capital (Target 14 );
- inform National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (Target 17).

### Project's results :

- Since 2011, UNEP-WCMC has curated spatial data hosted on the Ocean Data Viewer (wcmc.io/ODV) to enhance access to data and information required to inform research and decision-making, with more than 30 datasets and 2.1 million km2 of habitats mapped, and around 1,000 users per month.
- In January 2018, launched Ocean+ Data (wcmc.io/oceandata), as the next evolution of the Manual on marine and coastal datasets of biodiversity importance (wcmc.io/MarineDataManual), directing users to more than 180 online resources.
- In July 2018, held a side event on Ocean+ Advice (SBSTTA) to seek partnerships.
   at the CBD's 22nd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological
- In November 2018, will launch Ocean+ Habitats, providing statistics and information on habitats globally
   , during a side event at the UN
  Biodiversity Conference.

Ocean+ Products (including the soon-to-be-launched Ocean+ Habitats)

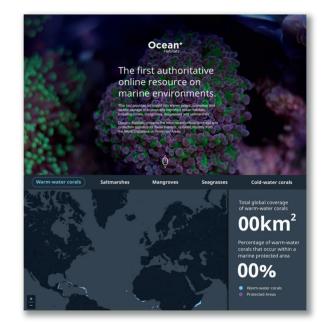
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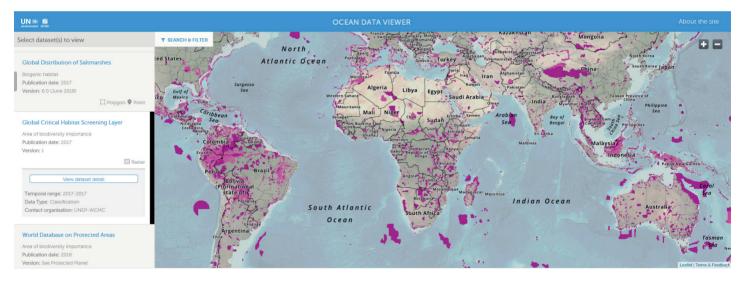
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Ocean Data Viewer







Links to websites for further information Ocean Data Viewer (wcmc.io/ODV) Ocean+ Habitats (wcmc.io/atlasbrochure)

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