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## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What is the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal SDG #14 – Life Under Water?

In 2015 the United Nations created a blueprint that would guide member countries toward a better more sustainable future. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice and life below water. The 17 goals are all interconnected, and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve them by 2030.



## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development, if followed, will guide us to a future with dignity, peace and prosperity for people and the planet.

A few years into the agenda, we see civil society, the private sector, and governments are translating this shared vision into national development plans and strategies. We can no longer work as independent nations, we must come together internationally if we are going to thwart new and growing challenges facing our blue planet.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14

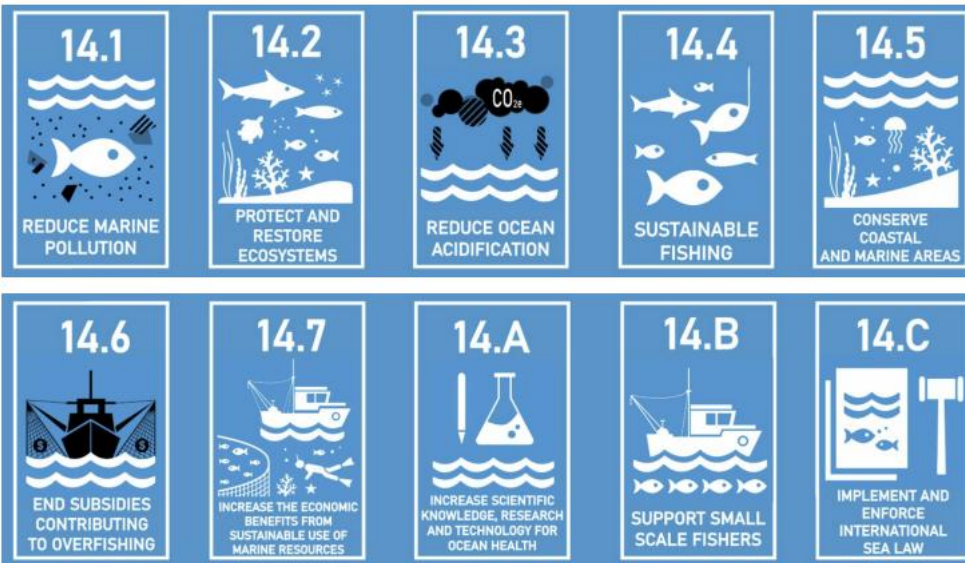
Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

One of the Sustainable Development Goals, #14 Life Under Water, mandates the conservation of our worldwide oceans while also supporting sustainable use of resources. "Our oceans do not recognize political boundaries." If we are going to bring about true change, we must reach across borders and work collectively with the international community." states Sea Save director, Georgienne Bradley.

This is not always easy we must work with science , economics and an understanding of the many cultures and traditions held by member states. But we all want the same thing, a healthy, vibrant future for planet Earth and for future generations of human all flora and fauna.



### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Oceans are beautiful and support rich and differing ecosystems around the world. The marine environments provide important natural resources including food, medicines, biofuels and other items humans depend upon. Intact coastal areas can assist with the breakdown and removal of waste and pollution and act as buffers reducing storm.

Oceans act as climate change mitigator. Many people rely on oceans for their livelihood through fishing, Great place for tourism and recreation.

SDG #14 protects a stunning variety of beautiful creatures and lush coral reefs, if successful it will provide a path forward for one of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet.



## Why is Sea Save Critical?

Sea Save Foundation has been working with CITES and the United Nations for over a decade. We have attended every United Nations SDG#14 Ocean Conference meeting. These gatherings happen every three years and Sea Save Foundation is an official attendee at this year's meeting in Lisbon. At these conferences we work with the United Nations member nations working to set ambitious goals to protect oceans around the world.

Sea Save Foundation merges science, economics and a strong understanding of local culture and economic dependencies when molding proposed solutions. We need to be on top of ocean conservation now. We guide conversations and convince leaders to complete initiatives BEFORE current deadlines.

## What Can You Do?

# SEA SAVE'S INVOLVEMENT

Knowledge is power, you can be the best possible ocean ambassador if you are informed. Receive a weekly digest about ocean issues through our "Ocean Week in Review" [Click Here](#).

Track what is happening with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, SDG#14 Life Underwater and our posted action requests by signing up for our newsletter: [Click Here](#).

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