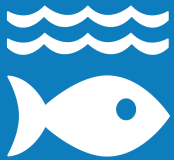


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SDG 14 aims to conserve oceans and ensuring their sustainable use by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS. This includes the safeguarding of marine and coastal ecosystems, conserving at least 10% of coastal and marine areas as well as preventing and reducing marine pollution and the impacts of ocean acidification.

The EU focuses on monitoring progress in ensuring healthy oceans, in advancing marine conservation and in fostering sustainable fisheries.

Surface of marine sites designated under Natura 2000 in 2018
551 899 km²
+ 119.4 % since 2013

Trends in fish stock biomass (1)
136 Index, 2003 = 100
+ 26 index points since 2012

Overfishing (1)
42.7% of fish stocks
- 10.3 pp since 2012

Bathing water quality in 2017
86.3% of coastal bathing sites with excellent water quality
+ 4.1 pp since 2012

Ocean acidity in 2016
8.06 pH value
- 0.1% since 2011

