

Use oceans in a sustainable way

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Life on earth as we know it depends on the health of the world's oceans.

They cover over 70 per cent of the surface of the planet, power the climate and are home to the many species of fish which provide food and a livelihood for millions of people. But instead of nurturing this lifeline, people and companies overexploit its resources and treat it as a dumping ground for the waste of the world.

The result is dwindling fish stocks and significant changes in the global marine environment and climate.

World Ocean Day, which was observed on Monday, aims to highlight the urgency of using the oceans in a sustainable manner.

The slogan: 'Our oceans, our responsibility', is an effort to get governments - and most importantly, ordinary people - to work together to improve the state of the oceans. We must all take up this responsibility for the good of the world.