



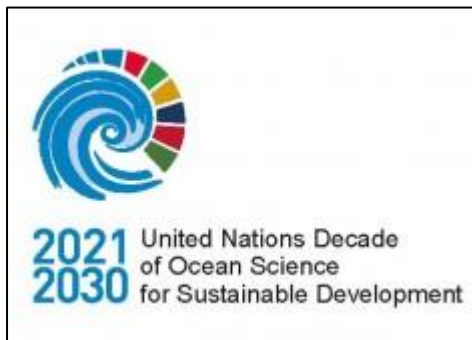
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## MEDIA RELEASE

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**RE: United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, 2021-2030**



The United Nations (UN) General Assembly has adopted the resolution that the next decade, 2021–2030, will be the [Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#). The UN has determined a global focus on ocean science is needed for the sustainable management of our shared oceans. Dr. Sue Barrell, Chief Scientist of the Bureau of Meteorology, explains [“the oceans are critical drivers of global climate and weather-related natural hazards. Deeper insights on ocean science, powered by enhanced ocean observing and data sharing systems, will dramatically advance understanding and modelling of the whole earth system and benefit all people, everywhere”](#).

The Decade aims to deliver several outcomes for society, including:

- Oceans cleaned of pollution
- Healthy and resilient marine ecosystems
- A better understanding of current and future ocean conditions
- Reduction of ocean hazards
- Sustainable food supply harvested from oceans
- Global transparency of ocean data, information, and technologies.

Together, we can all benefit from the better management of ocean resources and improved coastal livelihoods. Organisations and individuals can help by holding or participating in events, collecting and sharing ocean data, and encouraging community mobilisation. Get started by signing up here: <https://www.oceandecade.org/sign-up>. Also, follow the #OceanDecade hashtag on social media to keep up to date.

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