



Global Fishing Watch

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Interactive Dialogue 6: Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology

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More than two-thirds of the Earth's surface is hidden from view. From the millions of boats plying the seas unmonitored to the sprawl of marine construction, we can't see the true scale of human activity at sea and its impacts. Ocean managers are operating in the dark.

Recent advances in satellites observing the ocean and artificial intelligence have the potential to illuminate human activity at sea and revolutionize how we manage the marine environment. But taking advantage of these technologies and new streams of ocean data requires effective partnerships.

Global Fishing Watch believes that information about the ocean, our global commons, should be common knowledge. Our purpose is to create and publicly share knowledge about human activity at sea to enable sustainable use of our ocean. Led by our commitment to open data and collaboration, we've cultivated an ocean research collaborative that is rapidly advancing understanding of humanity's impact on the ocean.

Our ocean research collaborative connects machine learning experts with leaders in the scientific community to produce new datasets, publish impactful research and empower others to use our data. In just five years, this collaborative has published a rolling wave of high-impact new scientific insights on illegal fishing, forced labor, transshipment, vessel traffic and other human activity at sea. And everything created through these partnerships are shared freely with the world to enable locally developed solutions that are being harnessed to better govern our ocean.

We are pleased to commit to expand our ocean research collaborative, inviting partners from science, government, nonprofits and traditional communities to join us in openly sharing their data and advancing ocean research. We urge stakeholders to embrace greater transparency in fishing and other human activity at sea so we can scale up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal-14.