## YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS PROGRAMME TRUST



Greetings from Young Environmentalists Programme Trust! Nameste from India.

Ocean pollution is linked to Ocean ill Literacy. Ocean literate people are in a position to take more informed decisions, as the urgency grows to protect our Oceans, it is no more only about ocean illiteracy or literacy, it is a question of enforcing the education policy with compulsory ocean curriculum in tandem with environment education by our governments.

Not only in research or at university specialized segments of marine biology or oceanography but Numerous target areas like junior and senior high, young environmentalists, citizen scientists, communities and oceanic inhabitants need to know their ocean, it's worth, it's science and the dire need to conserve our oceans and pass it on intact to our next generation. Without ocean knowledge we will continue to raid the ocean, empty the oceans and pollute the oceans.

This is an urgent cry to all of us, for recognition of our responsibilities as ordinary citizens, to strategies and enforce the Ocean Literacy programs among the young to help sow the seeds of ocean based career options right from a young age. To involve fishermen enforcing inclusivity and bridging the gap between traditional knowledge and the Sciences. To involve outdoors ocean literacy specially among land locked communities far away from the oceans ..sometimes because ocean pollution starts from our backyards and kitchen. We need to keep up the momentum post the UNOC22 and pledge to make Ocean Literacy an education policy.

Thanking you,

Best regards,

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