

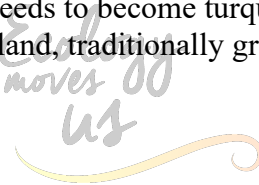
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Of all the things that connect us all as humanity, the ocean is the most central for our lives. There is only one ocean, but it serves infinite purposes, as the climate engine, a source of food, biodiversity pool, creates jobs, makes life on Earth possible, and many more. And after giving us so much, and us taking out so much, our ocean needs us.

Ocean action needs to be collaborative and cooperative, taking into consideration all the voices, from the youth to the elder, from the indigenous people to the scientists, from the global north and south. And ocean action cannot occur in a silo. It is essential to recognize the interlinkages between SDG14 (life below water), SDG 15 (life on land), SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation), and SDG 13 (climate action), without forgetting SDG 5 (gender equality), and SDG 17 (partnerships for the goals).

Collaborations between terrestrial and marine scientists need to be enhanced and encouraged, and funding towards researching the nexuses should be increased. Policy makers also need to approach regulations taking into consideration both land and ocean, since the policy sphere must also reflect those nexuses. And parties need to work on implementation from the nexus perspective.

Ocean action, traditionally blue, needs to become turquoise, by recognizing the indissociable linkage with life on land, traditionally green. As Dr. Sylvia Earle says, “no water, no life, no blue, no green.”



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