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In full alignment with the themes of UNOC3, and specifically with Ocean Action Panel 2 - Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity building, marine technology and education to strengthen the science-policy interface for ocean health,

MAREVIVO'S CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MARINE BIODIVERSITY CATALOGUING AGREEMENT

Despite covering over 90% of Earth's livable space, the ocean's biodiversity remains vastly unexplored. Fully supporting the agreement Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), Marevivo urges the international community to invest in a coordinated global effort to systematically study and catalogue marine life and ecosystem functions, adhering to an **International Marine Biodiversity Cataloguing Agreement**.

Today's efforts are fragmented and chronically underfunded, especially when compared to sectors like space exploration. To reverse this trend, Marevivo advocates for comprehensive species inventories, beginning within marine protected areas and using both traditional methods and advanced genetic tools, combined with ecological analysis. It is also critical to achieving one of the UN Ocean Conference's core goals: strengthening and widely sharing marine scientific knowledge to support informed decision-making.

Marevivo is convinced that fully understanding and cataloguing marine biodiversity is essential not only to protect ocean life, but also to safeguard the future of humanity.

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