

CAMDEN CONFERENCE DISCUSSION SERIES

Oceans at Risk

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Reading List

Essential Articles and Videos

1. [Future of America's Oceans: Better or Worse?](#) (2013) Article from The Pew Charitable Trusts, 3 pages.

This is an assessment of how we're doing a decade after Pew's landmark study on the health of oceans.

Note: To print out this article, click on the small printer icon that appears just above the title.

2. [Oceans in the Balance - The crisis facing our waters.](#) (2013) Greenpeace – 20 pages, excluding pictures.

This report is a comprehensive catalog of the current threats facing our oceans.

Note: To print out this report, simply print the page using your computer's print command. **Be aware that the report is 44 pages long because it contains a number of graphic pages.** If you want to print just the text pages, save the Web page as a PDF to your computer, then open the PDF with Adobe Reader and print just selected pages.

3. [Climate change indicators in the United States – Oceans.](#) (2012) Environmental Protection Agency, 4 pages.

This article contains charts showing trends of Ocean Heat, Surface Temperature, Sea Level and Acidity

Facilitator's note: to view the individual charts, click on the various links found in the sidebar of "Indicators."

Note: At the bottom of each indicator page is a link to a printer-friendly PDF of the text and figures.

4. [Ocean Health Index.](#) (2013) Greg Stone, 3 pages.

This Web site contains a country index of the world's ocean health ranked by 10 socio-ecological objectives; we are 63rd.

5. [The Global Oceans Regime.](#) (2013) Council on Foreign Relations, 9 minutes.

This video takes a broad sweeping look at international efforts to protect the health of the world's oceans.

Facilitator's note: to view the overview video, click on The Oceans image. You can access additional information and resources using the numbered links directly above the image.

Optional Readings

1. [Oceanic Revolution and Pacific Asia.](#) (2011) The Fletcher School - Tufts University, 7 pages.

This article presents the history of man's use of the oceans.

Note: To print out this article, click on the small printer icon that appears at the end of the article.

2. [Monsters of the Deep: Jellyfish Threaten the World's Seas](#). (2013) ABC News, 6 pages.

Jellyfish blooms everywhere are indicators of overfishing and pollution

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3. [Our Ravaged Seas: Globalization Is Destroying the World's Oceans](#). (2008) Der Spiegel, 8 pages.

The oceans are a primary source of food for mankind, and fishing provides 200 million people with income, as meager as it may be. But growing demand and the industrial-scale exploitation of the seas are destroying global fish populations. The European Union's quota system is partly to blame.

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4. [More than Climate change threatening Maine fisheries](#). (2013) Portland Press Herald, 2 pages.

Scientists at a Portland symposium say further study is needed to determine what is causing problems in the ocean.

Note: To print out this article click on the "Print This Story" link that appears just above the title of the article.

5. [The Ocean's Compact](#). (2013) United Nations, 7 pages.

The Secretary General's framework for dealing with threats to our oceans.

Note: To print out this report, simply print the page using your computer's print command.

6. [National Ocean Policy](#). (2013) National Ocean Council, 32 pages

This report details the Obama administration's Ocean Policy implementation plan.

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