The Oceans

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

• APPS and SPA in the US

The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships researchs plastic pollution, while the Shore Protection Act regulates waste transportation and handling over water.

• Sustainable Ocean Alliance: "develops leaders, cultivates ideas, and accelerates solutions"

The SOA offers educational webinars, programs, grants, and summits that align with SDG #14.

• No non-biodegradable polythene bags in Rwanda

The plastic bags that are standard fare in American grocery stores are prohibited in Rwanda.

• Keep Belle Isle Beautiful (NGO) in the US

The Belle Isle Conservancy's campaign is to remove trash, plastics, and other littered items from land and waterways.

• The Green Fund

The fund supports public and private projects that have potential for transformative change and that support Rwanda's commitment to building a green economy.

• Green Politics

Rwanda's Ministry of Natural Resources was accredited by the GCF; which will help attract climate finance, enough to enable it to maintain rapid economic growth on a resource-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient path. A Green Climate Fund off-grid solar project will drive solar use in East Africa through a new investment fund, which provides equity to clean energy companies with expertise in household solar power.





SEA WHIP

Research but Respect

- cancers
- tumors
- leukemia
- swelling
- pain
- swifter healing



SPONGES

CONE SNAIL

Green Summits

 modeled after the Green Nephrology Summit of 2009

Topics Include:

- lower carbon emissions (a less acidic ocean)
- smaller amounts of packaging and plastic (a less polluted ocean)
- recycle water (a purer ocean)

Environmental Law

- Works to protect the health and resources of the oceans from rampant overuse
- EarthJustice
- Natural Justice

• Laws & Policies

- Magnuson-Stevens Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- $\circ~$ MPRSA of 1972
- UN Convention on the Law of the Sea

The ocean is the living blue engine that sets Earth apart from any other place in the Universe that we know of.

NARKE

If it is in trouble, so are we. It is, and we are. Once thought to be too big to fail, it is increasingly obvious that there are limits to what can be put into the sea, such as CO2, toxic and nuclear waste, plastic debris. There are limits to what can be taken out – oil, gas, minerals, wildlife – without serious consequences to things we care about: the economy, our health, security and, our existence.