

Ocean Trends

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In 2021, the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development will be launched.

We, scientists, have a forefront role to play. The UN Decade is an unprecedented and unique human enterprise towards a more sustainable world for the common good. It will engage scientists, engineers, policy-makers, NGOs, and civil society in a common frame to bridge knowledge and catalyze transformation for the welfare of humankind.

We are scientists, but also global citizens and

we have a responsibility to help find solutions to problems where we have part of the answer. With the knowledge that we have, actions can already be taken locally to enable transformative changes. Other ocean issues, such as acidification, are more difficult to tackle and will require global action and profound changes in the society.

The UN Decade is a big challenge, but it is also a fantastic opportunity to collectively mobilize to make our ocean great again!