

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE OCEAN!

Only one world ocean:



71%
of the **Earth's**
surface



97.5%
of the **planet's**
water

A vital ocean:



90%
of the extra heat
due to human
activities **absorbed**
by the ocean



50%
of the **oxygen**
we breathe
produced by
plankton



50%
of **cancer**
treatments issued
from marine
compounds

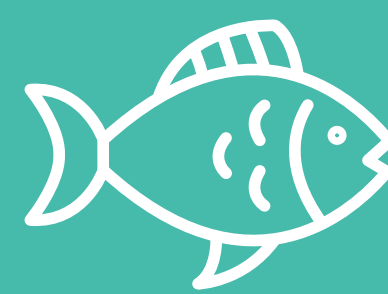
But an ocean under pressure!



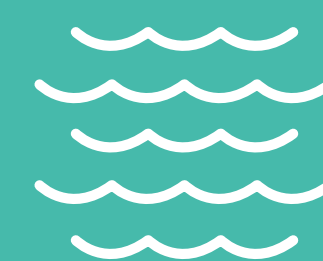
50%
of the world's
human population
lives on coasts



80%
of **maritime**
pollution
comes from
the land



30%
of fish stocks
are overfished
and **57%** fully
exploited



20 cm
rise in sea
level since
1901

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Europe is a maritime continent



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EU countries
have a coastline



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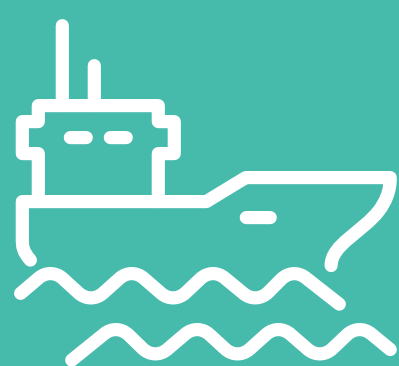
world's largest
maritime territory



~50%

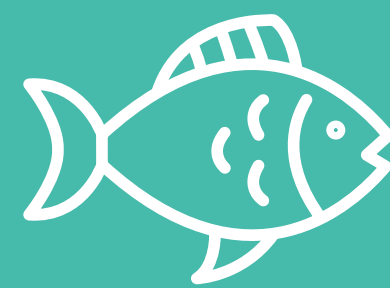
of EU population
lives in maritime
regions

European seas, the busiest in the world



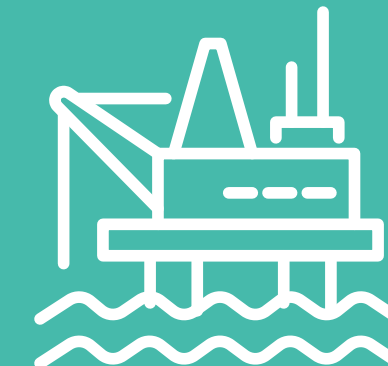
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growth in European
seaborne trade
predicted by 2030



4th

biggest **producer**
of fish worldwide



600+

offshore platforms
operate in European
continental shelves

Europe and ocean governance

The EU has identified five key areas with blue growth potential



Tourism



**Renewable
energy**



**Marine
mineral
resources**



Aquaculture



**Blue
biotechnology**

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