

World Oceans Day, 2022

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In news—World Oceans Day is observed every year on June 8 to raise awareness of the role played by the oceans in human lives.

About World Oceans Day-

- **Oceans Day was first declared on 8 June, 1992 in Rio de Janeiro at the Global Forum**, a parallel event at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) which provided an opportunity for NGOs and civil society to express their views on environmental issues.
- The Declaration was inspired by an event organized on that day by the Oceans Institute of Canada and **supported by the Canadian Government: “OCEANS DAY AT GLOBAL FORUM – THE BLUE PLANET”**.
- The programme featured international experts, opinion leaders and those in a position to speak for the oceans' contributions to sustaining the Blue Planet.
- After 16 years, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution in 2008 to designate 8 June as World Oceans Day.
- In 2009, the **inaugural observance was organised** and the **theme was ‘Our Ocean, Our Responsibility’**.
- The **theme for 2022 is “Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean.”**
- **In 2021, the theme** was “The Ocean: Life & Livelihoods”.

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- As per the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD) report, **plastics make up at least 85% of marine litter**.
- The **oceans receive most plastic trash from land**.
- The **majority of river-borne plastic enters the ocean from just 10 rivers and eight of these are in Asia**.

- The **Yangtze in China** contributes 1.5 million metric tonnes of plastic a year.
- **India's per-capita generation of plastic waste has almost doubled in the past five years** – generating about 3.5 million tonnes of plastic waste each year.