



Geography Knowledge Organiser

How has global tourism affected the



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world's oceans?



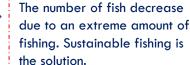
Oceans cover about 70% of Earth's surface and is home to 94% of our planet's life.

It's built of billions of tiny organisms, known as polyps. It's a complex ecosystem. The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef.

Overfishing



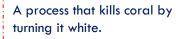


















The ocean absorbs heat, which causes ice to melt, loss of marine life and marine heatwaves that bleach and kill large amounts of coral.

Plastic pollution



Single-use plastic left in our oceans kills wildlife.
Microplastics are tiny pieces of plastic that animals ingest.

Vocabulary Tier 2

Rivers
Settlement
Economic
Trade Links
Natural resources
Illegal fishing
Overfishing
Dredging
Trawling
Ocean systems
Communities

Why is the ocean important?

- It helps to regulate our climate and its currents affect the weather.
- They are used for trading and transport between countries, and provide jobs.
- Coral reefs act as a buffer to natural disasters, like flooding.
- Coral reefs are home to a quarter of marine species.
- · Coral reefs give us ingredients for medicines.
- Provides a source of renewable energy.

Vocabulary Tier 3

Habitats Marine life

Coral reef

Climate zones
Vegetation belts
Biomes
Distribution
Sustainable fishing
Bycatch
Microplastics
Bleaching
Coral

