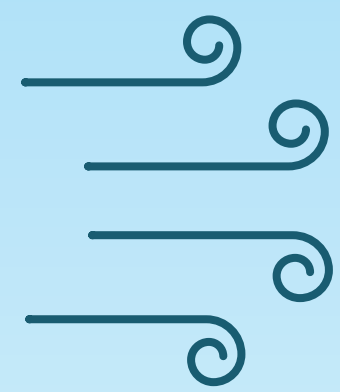


OUR WORLD OCEAN

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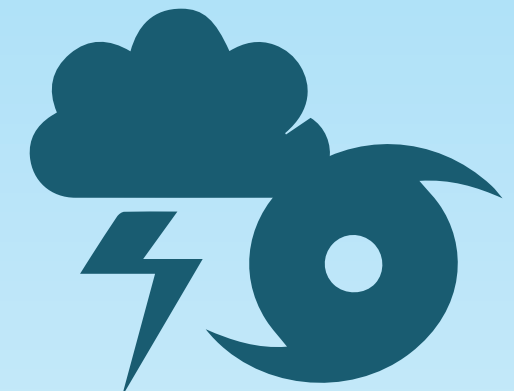
THE AIR WE BREATHE



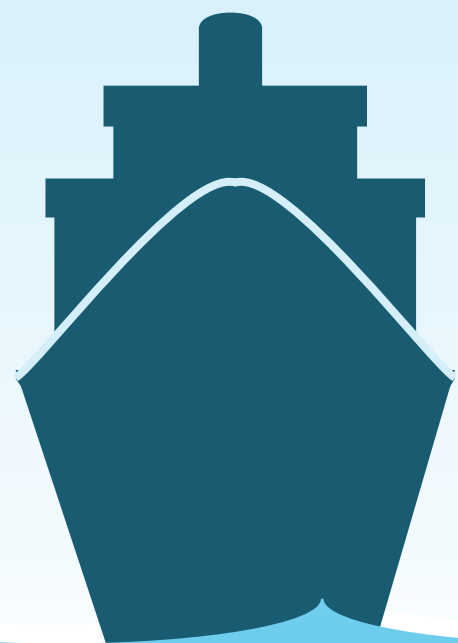
>50% The ocean produces over half of the world's oxygen and stores 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere.

CLIMATE REGULATION

70% Covering 70% of the Earth's surface, the ocean transports heat from the equator to the poles, regulating our climate and weather patterns.



TRANSPORTATION



76% Percent of all U.S. trade involving some form of marine transportation.

RECREATION



From fishing to boating to kayaking and whale watching, the ocean provides us with so many unique activities.

ECONOMY



\$282 billion Amount the U.S. ocean economy produces in goods and services. Ocean-dependent businesses employ almost 3 million people.

FOOD

The ocean provides much more than just seafood. Ingredients from the sea are found in surprising foods such as peanut butter and soymilk.



MEDICINE

Many medicinal products come from the ocean, including ingredients that help fight cancer, arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, and heart disease.

