The proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels declined from 90% (1974) to 67% (2015).

Ocean acidity has increased by 26% since pre-industrial times. It is expected to rapidly increase by 100–150% by 2100.

The increase in ocean acidity is a negative phenomenon. It impacts the ability of the ocean to absorb CO₂ and endangers marine life.

17% of waters under national jurisdiction are covered by protected areas.

87 countries signed the Agreement on Port State Measures, the first binding international agreement on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.


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