

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP MITIGATE AND ADDRESS CLIMATE-OCEAN CHANGE?

Reduce your personal 'carbon footprint' and contribution to carbon dioxide emissions.

Support leaders and proposals that advocate for integrating ocean actions across climate policies, risk assessments and funding mechanisms.

Challenge yourself to include ocean and coastal issues when speaking about, hosting events, or crafting proposals related to climate change solutions and impacts.

Learn about climate-ocean science, projections and research taking place in your area. Join relevant learning exchanges in your region like those supported through GOA-ON or NOAA coastal acidification networks.

Assess your special relationship to the ocean, including coastal and marine environments. Can you describe how a healthy ocean contributes to your daily life, whether you live near salt or fresh water, in the desert, in the city, the country or mountains?

Support policies that aim to achieve net-zero emissions by reducing greenhouse gas and carbon dioxide emissions.

Reach out to your local leaders, relevant industries or community groups about their process for determining the value of ocean, coastal and marine resources—and what actions are needed to sustain them.

Take responsibility for understanding how the impacts of climate change and climate-ocean change relate to social justice, racial justice and equity. Take actions to support communities that experience compounded inequities.

Participate in identifying local marine priorities that are important to you through appropriate mechanisms.

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY TO INCREASE AMBITION FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND ENSURE THE RESILIENCE OF MARINE ECOSYSTEMS AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES.

Even taking one or two actions can help collectively turn the tide of climate impacts on our ocean.

If you represent a government, business, association, institution, coordinating body or NGO, join the OA Alliance and draft an OA Action Plan!