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Under FAO's lead, six UN agencies form the core partnership with other UN agencies contributing ocean-related information from their areas of expertise. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity also supports the Atlas as do national agencies like the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the United States.

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD'S OCEANS

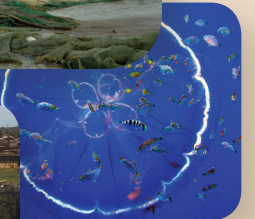
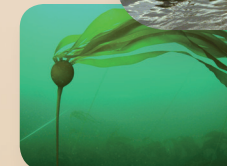
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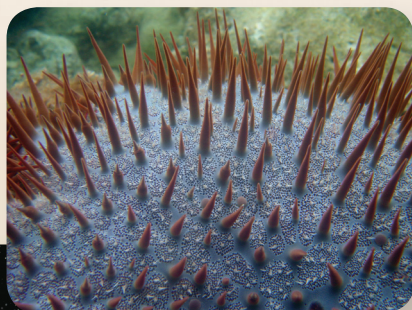
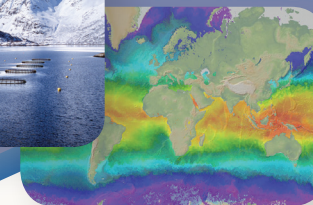
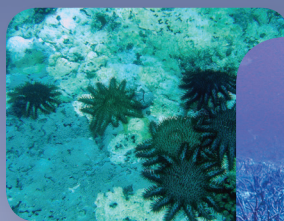




## THE UN ATLAS OF THE OCEANS

is an Internet portal providing information relevant to the sustainable development of the oceans.

It is designed for policy-makers who need to become familiar with ocean issues and for ocean industry, scientists, students and resource managers who need access to knowledge and facts related to ocean sustainability.



### ABOUT THE OCEANS

- How oceans were formed
- How oceans are changing
- Maps and statistics and online databases
- Ocean dynamics
- Physical & chemical properties
- Ocean-atmosphere interface
- Biology
- Ecology
- Coasts & coral reefs
- Monitoring & observing systems
- Research
- Education & training
- International cooperation
- Early explorations

### ISSUES

- Climate change
- Economics
- Emergencies
- Food security
- Governance
- Human health
- Pollution & degradation
- Safety
- Sustainable development

### USES

- Fisheries & aquaculture
- Recreation & tourism
- Transportation & telecommunication
- Human settlements on the coast
- Offshore oil, gas & mining
- Energy
- Marine biotechnology
- Non-consumptive uses
- Ocean dumping and ship wastes
- Disposal of waste from land

### GEOGRAPHY

- Africa
- America
- Antarctica
- Asia
- Europe
- FAO Fishing Areas
- Marine areas
- Oceania
- Pacific Ocean islands