

WORLD OCEANS DAY

Together we can
make a difference!

- JUNE 8th -

Oceans Day is a time to remember the life-giving role of the oceans worldwide.

This international celebration, declared in 1992 at the United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, has grown from a ripple into a tidal wave of awareness about ocean health.

Bermuda was discovered, settled and developed through the assistance of the sea, so we have a special connection to the ocean. Many species that live in the ocean are being threatened by our actions such as over-fishing and habitat damage.

PROTECTION OF OUR OCEANS STARTS WITH YOU!

Here are a few steps that we can all take to help save our oceans:

Comply with the fish pot ban. Participate in the success of helping our local fish populations make a comeback.

Comply with Lobster Season. September through March. Licensed Divers may take no more than two lobsters per person per day. You can help maintain a healthy lobster population in Bermuda for now and the future.

Respect Bermuda's Marine Conservation Areas. Protecting fish breeding areas is essential to maintaining our local fish populations. Be a part of making it a continued success.

Abide by Bermuda's year round seasonal bag limits on fish. This is a good way to ensure plenty of fish for the future.

Respect the ocean by not using it as a garbage dump. Biodegradation (time it takes to break down) is longer than you think:

Aluminum Can: 200 years
Six Pack Holders: 400 years
Plastic and Disposable Diapers: 450 years
Mono filament Fishing Line: 600 years

Preserve our coral reefs. By not removing, damaging, or touching the corals, you can help protect this 'home' and food source for a large variety of marine organisms. (Remember to watch where you place your anchors)

Value all of Bermuda's Protected Species. Including sea turtles, marine mammals and shells. By not harming, harassing, or collecting them, do your part in protecting their breeding areas and help sustain the ocean's food chain.

Support Billfish Populations. By tagging and releasing when sport fishing. Be a data provider for scientists conducting research worldwide to help understand billfish migration and populations.

Protect our endemic marine life. By not releasing exotic marine life. Help by not introducing exotic marine life (from home aquariums) into local waters which may destroy local food chains.

Monitor the type of Seafood you eat. Visit BUEI, pick up a FREE Sea Watch Card and learn which seafood you can eat to help sustain our oceans.

BUEI MISSION: TO ADVANCE THE UNDERSTANDING, APPRECIATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE OCEAN AND TO ENCOURAGE THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

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