Life Beyond Borders
The high seas, ocean areas beyond national jurisdiction, fall outside countries’ exclusive economic zones.

The high seas cover nearly 64% of the ocean’s surface; that’s 43% of the Earth’s surface.
Today, the high seas are governed by numerous international, regional, and sectorial agreements and organizations. A new high seas treaty would help to organize and coordinate conservation and management pieces.

Protected Areas and Reserves
Very little of the open ocean is protected. To conserve the ocean’s biodiversity, the high seas need modern management tools, particularly legally required and globally respected marine protected areas and reserves.

Endgame: A Treaty to Protect the High Seas
Before it’s too late, world leaders should address management gaps and protect biodiversity in waters beyond national jurisdiction through a robust, legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

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