

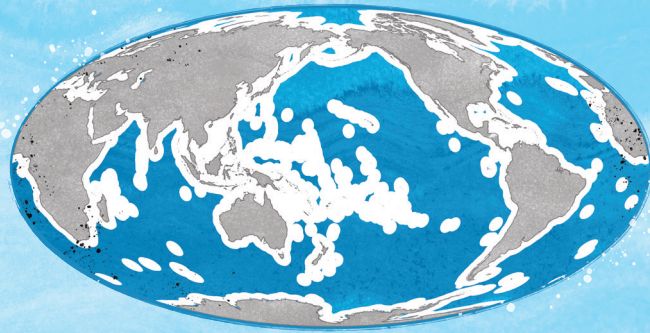
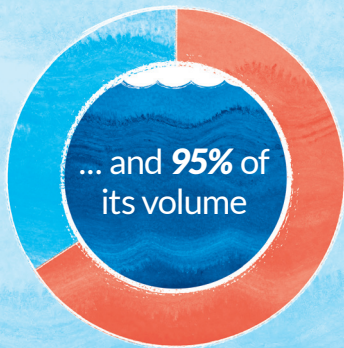


What Are the High Seas?

Far from shore, the high seas are home to a vast array of species that help to support life on Earth. We need a global mechanism to protect marine life in these international waters.

The high seas are *most of the ocean*

They make up nearly **2/3** of the world's ocean ...



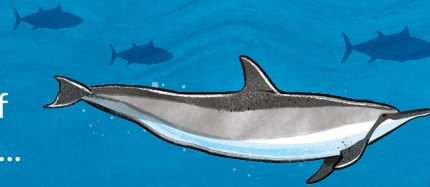
They cover nearly **half** the Earth's surface and include all seas beyond **200 miles** from shore

The high seas are *bursting with life*

They represent **95%** of Earth's occupied habitat



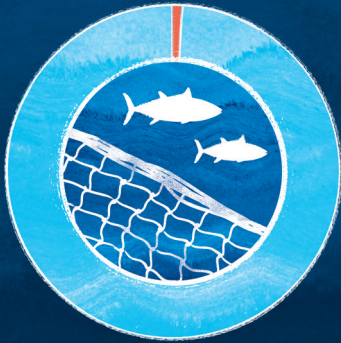
Migrations here span **thousands** of unprotected miles ...



... and tiny marine plants produce **half** of Earth's oxygen

But the high seas are *mostly unprotected*

Less than **1%** of the high seas are protected



21 organizations oversee patches of the high seas—with mixed results



Most of these groups manage **extractive activities**, such as fishing and seabed mining, as well as international shipping

The United Nations is considering its **first** treaty to protect the high seas. It's time for governments to step up and defend ocean health.

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