



THE SOCIETY FOR OCEAN SCIENCES

*“Raising student, teacher and public awareness of the marine environment.
Bridging the gap with education, research and conservation.”*

Our Mission

The primary mission of The Society for Ocean Sciences is to inform the public of the delicate relationship between humans and the world's oceans. The Society aims to instill a deeper understanding of the current issues affecting our oceans and marine resources.



Ghost fishing. A sea Turtle caught in a lost net. One of the many issues highlighting the unfortunate association between humans and the oceans. Photo Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council.

Ocean sciences are a unique interplay among biology, chemistry, geology and physics, and thus form a framework from which to enhance the entire scope of science education. We seek to spark the interest of students in science, ocean science in particular.

“Being underwater was more exciting than I had ever imagined... I had walked through some woods without seeing a single squirrel or badger, but here wild animals came out to meet me.” Trevor Norton - Professor and author.



Photo by Claire Hibson



Photo by John Hanson

Did you know...

That more than 50% of the US population lives in a coastal community

Only 5% of the oceans have been explored

A recent study has shown that over 40% of the ocean is significantly impacted by human activities

Every year, 27 million tons (1.8 million dump truck loads) of fish are caught as by-catch

In the Chesapeake Bay region, land subsidence and global warming have caused sea level to rise as fast as 2 inches per year. (100 times faster than in the previous 1000 years)

The Society's activities:

Marine Field Research
Conservation
Research
Education
Educator workshops



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