



Ocean Dedication
 A Teaching Tool by the
 International Holistic Tourism Education Centre (IHTEC)
 for



Ocean Day on 8 June 2012

I
 from (school/community) dedicate myself to protecting the ocean, knowing that there is only one ocean on Earth. I understand that sea grasses and plankton in the ocean, are now dying due to increasing ultraviolet light and pollution from chemicals. These basic species produce 70-80% of the oxygen that all species need to live on Earth. Ocean dead zones produce no oxygen, and are now producing many jelly fish. Carbon dioxide being put into the atmosphere gets into the ocean slowly through contact between the ocean and atmosphere. This is killing the ocean. So to protect the ocean for all species, I will:

1. Keep pollution out of all rivers, lakes and seaways that enter the ocean.
2. Collect and dispose safely all garbage found on beaches, and prevent it returning to the ocean. (If there are dangerous substances, adults must supervise.)
3. Prevent all plastics from reaching waterways, especially balloons and plastic bags.
4. Preserve all fish species in the ocean.
5. Eat fish only if it is harvested in a sustainable way.
6. Throw back small fish that I might catch.
7. Ask fishermen what they are doing to protect the ocean.
8. Protect coral reefs when I swim near them.
9. Leave all live species I find in rock pools, where they are.
10. Protect sand dunes and replant under supervision of knowledgeable people.
11. Maintain awareness that CO2 emissions into the atmosphere are the prime cause of ocean becoming less alkaline and of its species die-off.
12. Ask all resorts and cruise liners, how they are protecting the ocean?
13. Enjoy recreational activities that are non-polluting near or on the ocean.
14. Work with my politicians and the media to share what has been achieved.
15. Create methods of tracking, identifying and monitoring ocean species with local marine and ocean specialists.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Instructions: Contact IHTEC email: ihtec@3web.com Go to www.ihtec.org OceanDedication.wpd
 IHTEC's "Ocean Dedication" is a great example of action on ocean sustainability for Ocean Day, June 8 annually. Teachers and students can use it for encouraging action in their communities. They can distribute, read, sign, keep and frame the dedication. They can also dedicate themselves in their International School Peace Garden to ocean conservation. Date: 6/7/2012