



The Big Story: Oceans. 'Who Owns the Sea?'

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Covers issues of both climate change and biodiversity: loss of fish stocks, plastic pollution and role of oceans as climate regulators, and dangers of planned seabed mining. These issues are framed by a legal and political analysis of the Law of the Sea, the role of the International Seabed Authority and the negotiations between 190 countries in the Intergovernmental Conference on the Protection of Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction, intended to lead to a new Global Ocean Treaty.

There are a number of timelines on the evolving scientific research and the political context of climate change:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-15874560> [1](1712-2013)

Sources for the evolving scientific understanding of climate change include:

IPCC Reports (comprehensive assessment reports, special reports on specific issues and methodology reports); there are also summaries for policy makers. The IPCC releases very much shorter summaries to the press.

NASA provides climate change and global warming information on its website: climate.nasa.org

The *Scientific American* carries material on the science and politics relating to climate change.

www.scientificamerican.com [2]

The *New Scientist* provides accessible news reports and analyses on scientific issues, including climate change.

<https://newscientist.com> [3]

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