

In 2008, the United Nations General Assembly decided that, as from 2009, 8 June would be designated by the United Nations as “World Oceans Day” (resolution 63/111, paragraph 171). Many countries have celebrated World Oceans Day following the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

The oceans are essential to food security and the health and survival of all life, power our climate and are a critical part of the biosphere. The official designation of World Oceans Day is an opportunity to raise global awareness of the current challenges faced by the international community in connection with the oceans.

UN website:

<http://www.un.org/en/events/oceansday/>

UN Oceans and Law of the Sea website:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/index.htm>

A message from CBD:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/speech/2010/sp-2010-06-08-ocean-day-en.pdf>

World Oceans Day Celebrated

<http://climate-l.org/2010/06/09/world-oceans-day-celebrated/?referrer=climate-l.org-daily-feed>

Summary of The eleventh meeting of the UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea:

<http://www.iisd.ca/vol25/enb2565e.html>