



# Principle 6

## Principle 6: The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected.

Uses of the Ocean – A					Where People Live – B	Human Impact on the Ocean – C				
Humans benefit from the ocean.					People inhabit many different areas of Earth, but most live near the coast.	Humans impact the ocean.				
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	C1	C3	C5		
The ocean is a place where people go for recreation.	The ocean provides much of the food we eat.	The ocean is a major source of the water in the water cycle, which provides precipitation for plants and animals, including people.	The ocean is a place where people work.	People use the ocean for transportation.	Living near the coast has benefits, but also risks from storms.	Human activities, both inland and on the coast, can change the shape of beaches and other shorelines.	Human activities sometimes pollute the ocean.	People can keep the ocean healthy.		
						C2	C4	C6	C7	C8
						Beaches may be made bigger or smaller by activities, such as the construction of river dams, harbors, and houses.	Storm drains and rivers carry pollutants, trash, and sediments from inland and coastal areas to the ocean.	People can keep the shoreline clean by not littering, by picking up litter and recycling.	People can protect ocean animals and seaweeds by not collecting them, and by keeping their habitats safe and healthy.	Ocean resources are limited, so people need to use these resources wisely.