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UN Sustainable goal 14 “Life below water” and involvement of youth

Life started in the ocean and ends there. Oceans and seas give us water, food, oxygen, climate and so on. It is a closed ecosystem that feeds for itself and for 7 milliards of people and countless number of animals and plants also. And a human being tries to bring into that harmonious system his own rules... The oceans and seas suffer, and they give us signals to stop! To stop to pollute water, the house for hundreds living creatures; to use water resources unsustainably.

The beautiful quote of Sylvia Earle, American marine biologist, only confirms the importance of comprehensive and thorough examination of UN sustainable goal №14 “Life below water”. She answered to the question “Why should I care about the ocean?” as follows: “[The ocean] is the blue heart of the planet - we should take care of our heart. It’s what makes life possible for us”.

Everyone has the chance to help our “planet’s heart”. Everybody has the capacity to do something. Someone may put in place policies, laws to protect the oceans and seas. But absolutely every human being may modify his own behavior in way to protect the cornerstone of earth’s life. Our future depends on what we do!

I guess, youth as a young generation, generation of high technologies with a free access to all necessary information, plays the main role in this process. We possess more info than older generation and we must give an example for future one.

Except primitive actions like modification of ordinary life (to take public transport; to turn off electricity, gadgets; to reduce consummation of plastic materials and so on), our main way to tell the world about the problem of unsustainable using of water resources is our voice. The education campaign in schools, in factories to promote the importance of marine life and its protection is a one of examples. I also find the brilliant idea to gather young people together on the sea sides for summer camp. During such camp young explorers can not only get some information about marine life but also clean up seashores from plastic trash, help with a fishing farming in order to revive some fish’s stocks. To provide for volunteers an opportunity such as volunteering in the far islands with the purpose to keep and to maintain the marine life there. Of course, such volunteering implies the involvement of the youth and its specific education in this domain.

Anything won’t get better unless we take the action and inspire others to do the same thing!

“No water, no life. No blue, no green.” – Dr. Sylvia Earle