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## **Why We Protect the Sea**

The sea has been a very important resource since the past. Many people have made a living as creatures of the sea, and in the past, culture developed across the sea, and now they bring in the underground resources of the sea to make up the development of technology. It must be a fact that the ocean has had a profound impact on our civilization and human beings. But until now, we lack interest in the sea. Most people recognize the sea as a simple tourist destination, and some may even recognize the sea as an open dump. But the sea is not like that. The sea is the home of many creatures and the environment that needs to be preserved, also the place where exist many resources we can develop in the future, ultimately the unknown world that we must explore. I would like to explain why we should protect the sea based on these contents in this essay.

First, the ocean is the environment we must protect, where various living things depend. Seventy-one percent of the Earth's surface is the ocean, and Korea alone has 4,874 species of marine life. In addition, it is not too much to say that land life depends on the sea for some of its life, so the sea is of high importance to life. Humans also have many industries through the sea, including fisheries and food. But we have a low sense of this. We think of the sea only as a place where fish live, also have very low respect for the sea environment. There are many cases which indiscriminately destroying coral reefs, and also there happened the recent case in Korean broadcasting that an entertainer indiscriminately dug out certain shells, an endangered species that lives in other countries' seas of other countries. Taking lessons from these examples, we should recognize the sea as the site of a common animal, such as land or jungle, and respect it.

Secondly, the sea is a new world of future development that can make a lot of progress. Marine life resources are a very important part of food resources, accounting for about one-sixth of the world's supply of animal protein, and it is well-known truth that there are many underground resources in the sea. Typically, not only petroleum but also natural gas, manganese, cobalt, and nickel exist, and seawater can be used as a resource in various ways, such as the converted fresh water or use of cooling. In addition, we can expect energy generation using tidal waves and temperature differences that we know well. Plus, we can use not only mudflats but also additional regional developments such as sea transporting, doing the ocean tour, making artificial islands for airports, power plants. As such, the ocean is a vast expanse of space for mankind to utilize and we must consider how to make progress while

keeping it sustainable.

Finally, the sea is an unknown world and a common goal shared by all. Much of the sea is currently lacking in research compared to land. There are various reasons, such as or difficulty to access or lack of skills, but there is also a lack of attention to marine development. In the future, deep research is needed for us to enter the sea. The sea is arbitrarily divided by country, but it is actually one in the world. When one country develops the ocean, it affects the ocean of another. We are well aware of this as a radiation leak in Japan. Therefore, we have to protect the sea as getting away from the view of the country and going in the view of the world, and that is why we need communicative cooperation between the countries.

For these three reasons, the sea is a very important place in the world. But we still lack a clear sense of awareness and effort for the sea, despite this importance. What should we do to protect and preserve these seas? We need to recognize the importance of the sea and make efforts to protect it. They should also share these rituals with the people around them and make practical efforts. This effort can range from the service an individual can do to a national partnership agreement. If these rituals and efforts continue, we will be able to achieve the preservation and sustainable development of the sea.