

# Endangered

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If someone were to say that our ocean was endangered what would you think? I would guess that a lot of people would think “What? An ocean can't be endangered. It's not a living thing. And if it were a living thing it's not endangered, there's plenty to go around.”

Well even though you are correct that an ocean can't be endangered, think of all the living organisms in the ocean. Think of all the animals that their habitat is in the ocean. 228,450 and 91%. You're probably wondering what those numbers has anything to do with this. Well that 228,450 is how many species live in the ocean that we know of. And that 91% is what scientists estimate of the species we don't know that live in the ocean. So, if our ocean were endangered that's 228,450 (at least) added to the endangered list.

Also there actually isn't “plenty to go around” because of all the pollution and carbon in the ocean. And the ocean wouldn't be the ocean without all the life living in it so, if all the life in it dies then the ocean itself dies. But I don't want you to think that the ocean is going to die before we know it so here are some things you can do to help. Eat sustainable seafood, reduce energy use, use reusable plastic products, use less fertilizer, pick up garbage and litter near beaches. And that's just some stuff you can do to help. You probably don't feel like doing it because you don't have to but once you do, I promise it feels great.