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## **FFI responds to IPCC special report on the oceans and cryosphere**

Fauna & Flora International has responded to the IPCC Special Report on the Oceans and Cryosphere by urging the restoration of ocean health to aid the fight against climate change.

Joanna Elliot, senior director at Fauna & Flora International, said:

“This report is a vital wake-up call for policy makers. The ocean is a critical regulator of the global climate and has absorbed the vast majority of extra heat created by human emissions, but it won’t play that role forever if it continues to be heavily stressed.”

“Acting to reduce and remove the stressors harming the ocean is central to tackling the climate crisis as well as to ensuring sustainable livelihoods in coastal communities around the world.

“Nature-based solutions to combat climate change should now be front-and-centre of government thinking. The health of the ocean and the health of the climate are inextricably linked. Protecting and restoring ocean health is essential to avoid climate breakdown and ensure a climate-stable future.”

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