

- The concept of World Ocean Day was established in 1992 at the United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, as a way for us to reflect on the ocean's importance in our lives and take time to do something good for our blue planet.
- We need to pay attention the health of the ocean that provides so many resources for native and non-native groups in Hawaii.
- Most of the world's important coastal habitats and coral ecosystems are disappearing due to climate change and man-made pollution.
- The report by Architecture 2030 called "Nation Under Siege" projects a rise in sea level by 1 ¾ meters within 20 years. This means that the newly designated Hawaii Cultural Heritage Area in downtown Honolulu will be submerged.
- It's up to each of us to help ensure that the ocean is protected and preserved for future generations.
- There are currently major efforts encouraging the celebration of World Ocean Day underway at many leading aquariums, zoos, museums, and conservation organizations and agencies.
- The Hawaii Girl Scout Troop 401 requests your support for SB 412 by designating June 8th as World Ocean Day for the State of Hawaii. We hope you will make Hawaii the first in the nation to observe this important day.

Mahalo for your support!

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