



Deep-Sea Mining Declaration

Join the call for a moratorium on deep-sea mining

The deep-sea makes up 90% of our planet's habitable space and is home to countless species, many of which have yet to be discovered. The deep-sea plays an essential role in regulating the climate, nutrient cycling and supporting food production. The deep seabed is recognized as the common heritage of humankind.

Life in the deep-sea is slow growing and highly sensitive to disruption. Unlike other ecosystems, the deep-sea cannot be regenerated once damaged, and deep-sea mining operations are too costly to be effectively monitored by independent parties. Moreover, ensuring accountability on the High Seas is virtually impossible. The High Seas, which cover half our planet, do not belong to any one nation.

The High Seas are a shared heritage of all humanity, both now and for future generations.

Over two-thirds of global wildlife is gone. The climate crisis is accelerating this loss and wreaking havoc on the natural systems that sustain us.

If allowed to go ahead, deep-sea mining will cause irreversible damage to deep ocean life, create unknown consequences for the vital functions that sustain life, and risk releasing stored carbon. Deep-sea mining is incompatible with the circular and sustainable future we are striving to build. Science and technology already demonstrate successful, more resource-efficient, and less harmful alternatives.

We call on all world leaders to unite and safeguard the health of the ocean by securing a moratorium on deep-sea mining. In these challenging times, give us hope by demonstrating your readiness to prioritize people and the planet above all else.

Join the growing coalition calling on world leaders to secure a moratorium on deep-sea mining by endorsing the #DeepSeaMiningDeclaration today.