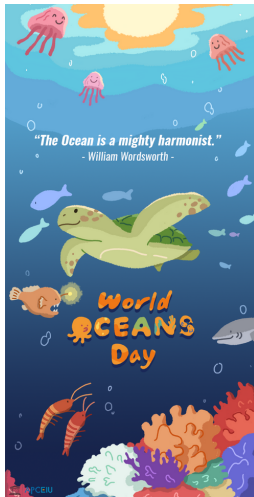# WORLD OCEANS DAY

"The Ocean is a mighty harmonist."
– William Wordsworth –

Why do we mark this day?

World Oceans Day is celebrated on June 8 annually to mark the significant role of oceans in our lives. It reminds everyone about the pollution and contamination of the ocean by human activities. Such issues possess a threat to marine lives and thus, need protection and safety.

The day is observed with the purpose to raise awareness about the negative impacts of human activities on oceans and remind everyone that oceans are needed for the survival of human beings. Oceans are one of the major sources of food and water for humans, animals, and plants. In this way, the ocean plays an important part in our lives, and protecting the ocean is a duty of every person.

Questions for Discussion

• What is the importance of oceans on the earth?

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• What can we do to help protect our oceans?

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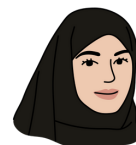
AZRAQ   Wafa Alkatheeri

Azraq is a non-profit organization aiming to conserve and protect the marine ecosystem in the United Arab Emirates. The word 'Azraq' means 'blue' in the Arabic word, defining the marine environment the organization serves. Azraq aims to educate people and community, motivate citizens, and activate them by offering activities on, in and around the ocean so that they can join and act on.

Being a board director of Azraq, Wafa Alkatheeri is passionate about protecting oceans from pollution. She is working with Azraq and youth on the protection, defense, and conservation of marine life. Alkatheeri believes that protecting the marine ecosystem and species is necessary for saving the whole world where oceans are the homeland of many fishes and animals.