



Let's talk about Marine Biodiversity

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Abstract

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Since its inception in 2018, **Thalass Ocean**, that I founded and lead has embarked on a mission to protect and enhance the ecological health of the world's oceans. This organization has made remarkable progress through various initiatives focusing on education, scientific exploration, and technological innovation:

Educational Impact: Over 300,000 children across 25 countries have been engaged in ocean literacy programs, fostering a new generation of environmentally conscious citizens.

Expeditions: The first major expedition in the French Mediterranean in 2021 marked significant milestones, including discovering six "Heroes of the Ocean" and raising awareness among more than 1,000 schoolchildren. The journey covered 1,000 nautical miles, showcasing the interconnectedness of ocean science, technology, and education.

Content Creation and Awareness: The production of internationally awarded documentary content (www.thalass-ocean.org/le-film/) and 16 captivating videos has highlighted marine biodiversity and the threats faced by these ecosystems. These resources have become critical tools in advocating for ocean preservation.

Technological and Scientific Collaboration: Partnerships with 15 engineering schools and three international scientific centers have advanced innovative solutions and deeper understanding of marine genetics and environments. This collaboration supports Thalass Ocean's commitment to exploring and sharing sustainable practices.

Global Outreach: Through a combination of scientific missions and outreach programs, Thalass Ocean has expanded its impact beyond borders, emphasizing the importance of ocean conservation globally.

Challenges and Future Goals: Despite losing key sponsorship in 2022, Thalass Ocean continues its pursuit to acquire an exploration vessel. This critical asset would enable further scientific discoveries and strengthen global advocacy for the oceans.

The achievements of Thalass Ocean reflect its steadfast dedication to creating a sustainable future for our oceans and inspiring collective action to safeguard marine ecosystems for generations to come.

