The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected.

A.1. Humans and the ocean are both part of the same natural system
A.2. The ocean provides the basic support for life including human life.
A.3. As part of a natural system the ocean has hazards.
A.4. The ocean provides air, food, water, energy, aesthetics, etc., for humans.
A.5. Tsunamis, hurricanes, winter storms can be hazardous to humans.
A.6. We live near the ocean because it brings us pleasure in the form of inspiration, recreation & beauty.
B.1. Humans use the ocean
B.2. Over 50% of the world’s population lives within 100 miles of the coast.
B.3. The ocean has influenced human history through isolation, settlement and warfare.
B.4. We use the ocean for transportation and extraction of resources, which in turn provide jobs and trade commerce.
B.5. Putting chemical pollution into the ocean can poison fish and the people that eat them.
C.1. Humans impact the ocean.
C.2. What we put into the environment can affect the ocean, its life, and life on land.
C.3. Ocean resources are finite and should be respected and cared for by people.
C.5. Pollution from cars & factories contributes to global warming.
C.6. Overfishing can lead to extinction of species.
D.1. People can protect the ocean.
D.2. There are national and international laws mandating ocean protection.
D.3. Public opinion can greatly affect the choices that are made about the ocean.
D.4. Individuals can take action to protect the ocean.

For more on the water cycle & watersheds, see Principle 1.