The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected

A.1. The ocean is essential for human life to exist, develop & thrive on Earth.

A.2. The ocean is a continuous body of water connecting all the land masses, which facilitates exploration, transportation, cultural exchange, & commerce.

A.3. The ocean has an incredible array of renewable & non-renewable resources necessary for life to exist on Earth.

A.4. The ocean is a source of inspiration, recreation, rejuvenation & cultural heritage.

A.5. The ocean influences human cultural development & evolution.

A.6. The ocean supports the global economy and offers a host of opportunities for careers, e.g., commercial jobs, scientific research and recreation.

A.7. Many of our medicines, chemicals & food products are extracted from, or derived from a variety of ocean life including algae, sponges, and fish products.

A.8. Marine fisheries provide a large proportion of food for humans.

A.9. Energy resources & raw materials are extracted from the sea floor including mineral ores, crude oil, & natural gas.

A.10. The ocean provides most of the fresh water & oxygen on Earth.

A.11. Most people live in coastal areas because of opportunities for recreation, transportation & the moderate climate & weather.

Carbon Cycle. See Principle 3.