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Oceans, Seas and Coasts

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Introduction

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Oceans and seas cover most of the Earth. They are large areas of salty water.

Oceans and seas are important to us in different ways.

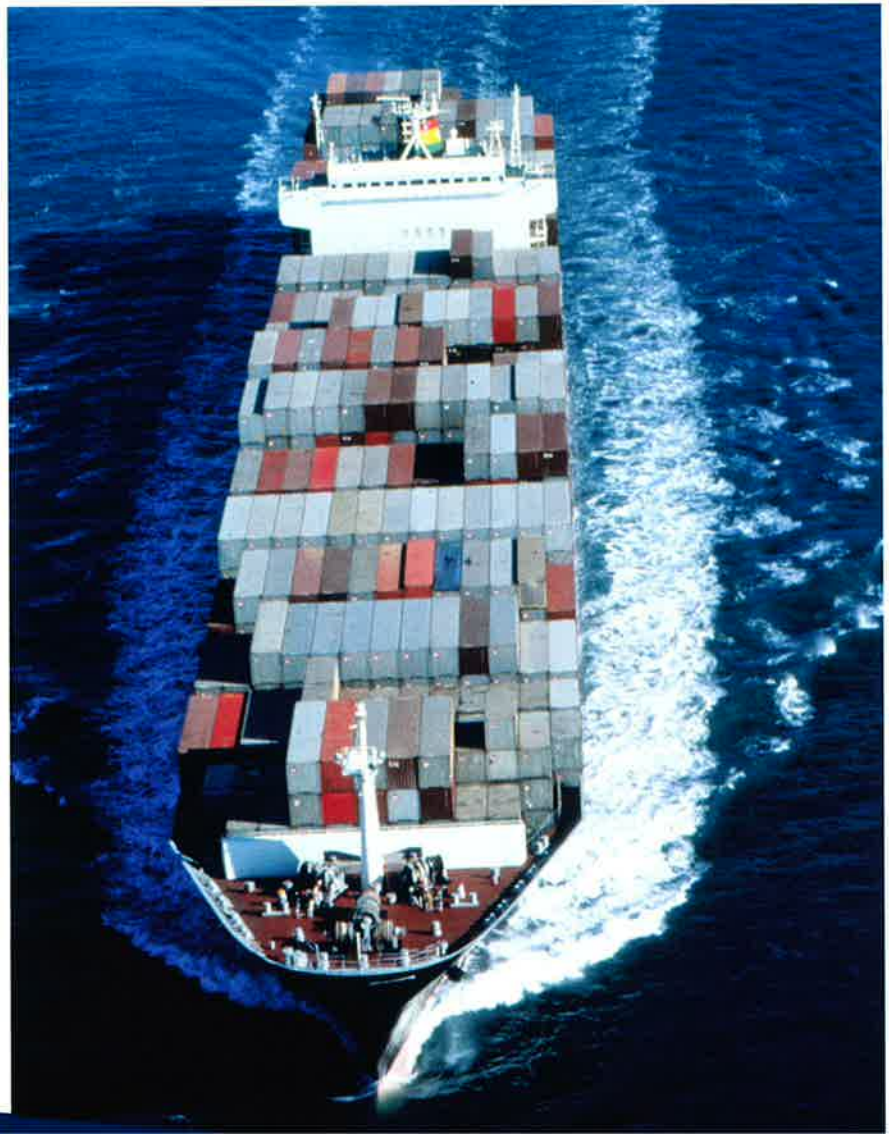


DID YOU KNOW?

The Pacific Ocean is the biggest ocean on Earth.

We get fish and other foods from the sea.

Ships sail across the oceans,
carrying heavy cargoes of food and other goods
from one country to another.



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Oceans

Oceans are shallow near land,
and very deep further out.
It is cold and dark
in the deepest parts of the ocean.

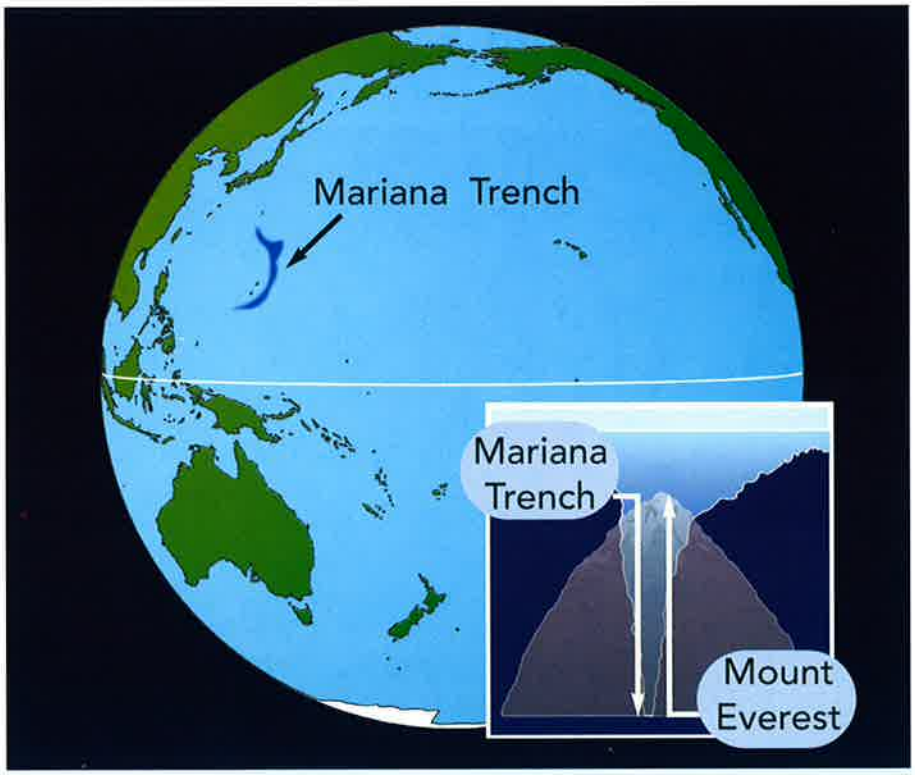
Some oceans have colourful reefs
where many different fish live.



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The bottom of the ocean is not flat.
In some places there are deep trenches.

The Mariana Trench is the deepest trench of all.
It is in the Pacific Ocean.



DID YOU KNOW?

The depth of the Mariana Trench is almost the same as the height of Mount Everest.

Seas

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Seas are not as big, or as deep, as oceans. There is more land around seas than around oceans.

Many seas open into an ocean.

