

**CNS MESSAGE**  
**ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD OCEANS DAY – 2022**

United Nations 'World Oceans Day' is celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> of June every year. Since the oceans play a significant role in our daily life they deserve our attention to protect them for sustainable use and exploitation of marine resources. Importantly, human activity on land has a direct effect on the oceans and the life that flourishes within.

The aim of World Oceans Day is to raise awareness among populace to protect the oceans and their resources, both living and non-living, for sustenance and socio-economic development. The Day provides us an opportunity to focus on the challenges our oceans face in maintaining an ecological balance in the environment.

The theme selected by UN for World Oceans Day-2022 is, '**Revitalization: Collective Action for the Oceans**'. This offers an opportunity to shed light on the communities, ideas and solutions, working together to protect and revitalize the oceans and everything they sustain. The areas of focus for safeguarding our oceans are ecosystems, biodiversity and building climate change resiliency. There is a need to work together to create a new balance with the oceans that no longer deplete their bounty but instead restore their vibrancy and bring them to new life.

On the eve of World Oceans Day, we acknowledge the challenges that are eroding the integrity of our waters - pollution, extreme climatic changes and threats to survival of marine species. As the challenges to the oceans continue to grow, so does the need for novel solutions to fight these challenges. We need to conserve our enormous marine resources for our future generations.

To commemorate significance of the World Oceans Day, Pakistan Navy is playing a lead role in promoting safe and sustainable use of ocean resources. Some of major PN initiatives include beach cleaning, construction of harbour debris collection barges, intensified mangroves plantation, tackling oil pollution at sea and coordination with domestic and industrial community to reduce waste disposal that causes marine

pollution. A number of events and activities have been arranged to mark the day and raise awareness about oceans and their resources. An active and forthcoming participation, with due regard to the prevailing COVID-19 situation, by all Marine community will help promote the essence of the day.

On this Day, let us re-affirm our commitment and resolve to stem and reverse the damage done, and save our oceans from degrading further. Only together, we can protect Earth's key and ultimate source of life; *The Oceans*.