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Ocean science for development in SIDS

Oceans cover 71% of the Earth. They contain 96% of the Earth's living space, 80% of living organisms and 99% of the biosphere.

Under threat from environmental challenges, how can ocean monitoring help Small Island Developing States?

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Our spotlight asks and provides into questions such as: how can ocean data help sustainable management and what should governments do to ensure effective use of scientific tools?

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