



# TeachBlue Newsletter #1

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## Report on the current situation of Marine and Ocean Literacy on early childhood education

We are excited to share that we have recently completed the "State-of-the-Art Report on the Current Situation of Marine and Ocean Literacy in Early Childhood Education (ECEC)". This comprehensive report explores the latest findings and practices in fostering ocean literacy among young learners. The report combines insights from desk and field research carried out across partner countries. Desk research reviewed academic literature, official reports, educational curricula, and policy guidelines, while field research engaged children aged 4-8 through creative approaches like drawings and storytelling. The final version is available as an eReport, translated into multiple languages (EN, PL, EL, PT) to ensure broad accessibility and inclusivity.

The report is now available on our project website for you to download and explore. We invite you to visit [\[insert website link\]](#) to learn more about our findings and how they can contribute to enhancing marine education.



Interactive lessons, storytelling, lesson gamification and hands-on activities like beach cleanups or creative projects about marine ecosystems can make environmental education engaging and impactful.

The TeachBlue project offers a range of innovative tools to bring marine and ocean literacy to life:

**Teacher's Curriculum & Handbook** - comprehensive modules crafted from extensive research findings.

**Educational Activities Guide** - a practical collection of lesson plans and resources, designed to make learning engaging and hands-on.

**TeachBlue Board Game** - an interactive and fun way for children to learn about marine and ocean literacy, fostering curiosity and awareness through play.

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

*- Nelson Mandela.*

## Marine and Ocean Literacy in Early Childhood Education

Early childhood is a crucial period for shaping values, behaviors, and habits that last a lifetime. By introducing concepts of environmental stewardship, such as reducing waste, conserving water, and protecting marine life, we can nurture a generation that values and actively contributes to the health of our planet.



# The Importance of Ocean Conservation Days

Global observance days dedicated to the protection of seas and oceans serve as crucial reminders of the vital role these bodies of water play in sustaining life on Earth. These commemorative days raise awareness about the threats facing marine environments, including pollution, overfishing, and climate change. They also inspire collective action, encouraging governments, organizations, and individuals to adopt sustainable practices, support marine conservation initiatives, and reduce their environmental footprint.

The most widely recognized ocean protection days include:

- **World Wetlands Day** – February 2nd
- **International Polar Bear Day** – February 27th
- **International Day of the Baltic Sea** – last Sunday in March
- **International Day for the Fight Against Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing** – June 5th
- **Coral Triangle Day** – June 9th
- **World Sea Turtle Day** – June 16th
- **International Seafarers Day** – June 25th
- **International Coastal Cleanup Day** – 3rd Saturday of September
- **World Maritime Day** – last Thursday of September
- **World Fisheries Day** – November 21st

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World Oceans Day



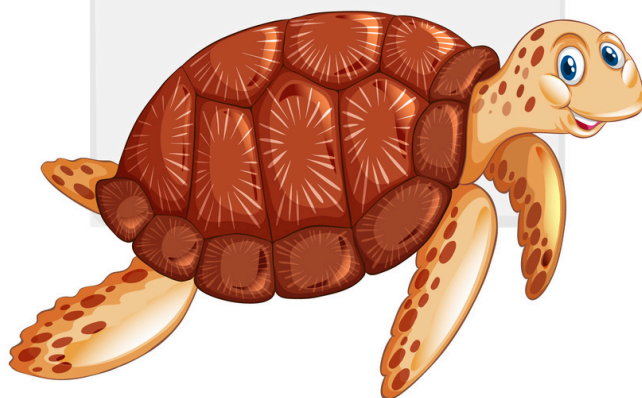
*"The ocean is not just water; it's the heartbeat of our planet."*

– Sylvia Earle

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World Sea Turtle Day



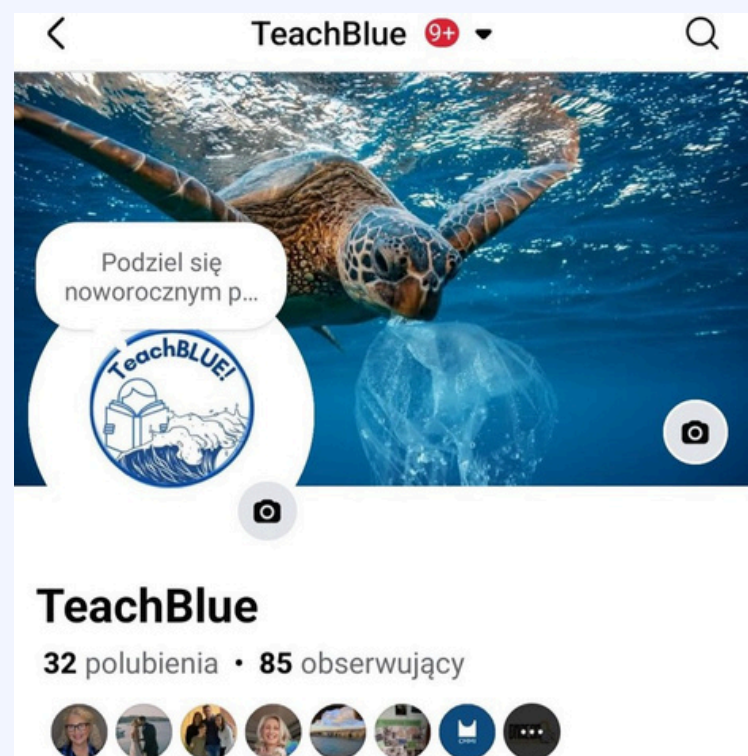
# TeachBlue - a Hub for Ocean Education Online and Across Social Media

The TeachBlue project has launched a dedicated website and active social media presence, creating a dynamic platform to support its mission of advancing marine and ocean literacy among early childhood educators. Aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources), these digital channels are key to fostering environmental awareness and inspiring action.

The TeachBlue website serves as a comprehensive resource hub, offering free access to the project's innovative toolkit, including lesson plans, activities, and multimedia content tailored for early education. Teachers can find user-friendly guides and downloadable materials designed to make ocean literacy engaging and accessible. On social media, TeachBlue amplifies its reach by sharing real-time updates, interactive campaigns, and thought-provoking content.

Platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter are used to engage a broader audience, sparking discussions on marine conservation and showcasing success stories from classrooms worldwide.

By combining a robust online presence with impactful educational resources, TeachBlue is driving a global conversation about the importance of protecting our oceans, ensuring that the next generation grows up with a deep respect for marine ecosystems and sustainable practices.



## TeachBlue's Online Outreach Channels

**Website:** [www.teachblue.eu](http://www.teachblue.eu)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/teachblue.project/](https://facebook.com/teachblue.project/)

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/teachblueproject/](https://instagram.com/teachblueproject/)

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