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## **Sustainable Ocean Alliance Statement on President Biden’s Executive Climate Action**

SAN FRANCISCO – (July 20, 2022) – **Sustainable Ocean Alliance** applauds President Biden for addressing these deadly heat waves and the climate crisis – and now, we require direct action to solve the underlying issues facing our planet. The funding of cooling zones, for example, is indicative of solving for a symptom rather than treating the underlying condition of our planet. Our generation demands bold action – such as investments in alternative energy, divestment from fossil fuels, and a true commitment to advancing the Blue Economy. We need all global leaders to declare national climate emergencies worldwide, and to provide dedicated funding, resources, and attention at this critical moment in history. More than [250,000 people are projected to die every year](#) as a direct result of climate change. There is no time for delay. Our environment – and specifically our ocean – cannot afford for elected officials to continue acting at a glacial pace, while the ice caps melt, wildlife dies, temperatures become untenable and environmental disasters threaten our communities. I call on others in the private and social sectors to join the global youth activists mobilized by the Sustainable Ocean Alliance who are collectively fighting to mitigate climate change and restore the health of our ocean. Now more than ever, urgent and concerted efforts to combat the climate crisis are essential. Sustainable Ocean Alliance will continue working with our network of [more than 6,500 diverse young ocean leaders in 165 countries](#) to support those most impacted by inaction, driving innovative solutions and fueling the Blue Economy.

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### **About Sustainable Ocean Alliance**

SOA is a global organization created for youth – by youth – dedicated to restoring the health of the ocean in our lifetime. We were founded in 2014 by Daniela Fernandez during her first year of college, after she attended a United Nations meeting on climate change – and was stunned to realize none of the experts had a plan to stop it. Since then, SOA has grown into the world’s largest network of young ocean leaders, innovators, and policymakers, and we have accelerated 222 solutions to the greatest threats facing our ocean. These solutions include for-profit startups and community-led nonprofit projects around the world.