

# **Global Governance of the Earth's Oceans**

**2.2.10**

**An ocean issues case study**

# Specification content

An ocean issues case study exploring the different geographical scales of governance and the way they interact, for example the local / regional / national / international / global strategies for Arctic Ocean conservation, or a UNESCO marine heritage site

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Your case study should be an in-depth study of an ocean issue which highlights the different geographical scales of governance and the way they interact with one another. This means you should be able to write at length about it with plenty of place-specific details.

The specification has two suggestions:

- **Strategies for Arctic Ocean conservation** – this could tie-in nicely with the Ecosystems work on the Arctic biome and could have overlaps with Glaciated Landscapes, too.
- **A UNESCO marine heritage site** – this is covered in the Student Guide with some details about The Great Barrier Reef – but you'll need to do additional research.

## Task:

Research one of these. The key here is the idea of a *multi-scalar* approach to governance – i.e. governance at different scales.

- Identify what these approaches are and the scale at which they operate.
- Why they're necessary.
- Why a multi-scalar approach is appropriate.
- How successful these different scales of approach have been (and how this might relate to the scale).
- *If choosing Arctic Ocean, try and link this to injustices to indigenous peoples as well.*