The Decade of Ocean Empathy brings human elements like empathy, communication, and creative problem-solving into marine science and conservation to generate ocean connection and stewardship. Led by the non-profit The Hydrous, the Decade of Ocean Empathy leverages human-centered design, learning science, and emerging technologies to contribute to Decade Outcomes 6: an accessible ocean and 7: an inspiring and engaging ocean. Objectives of this programme are to 1) create - and build capacity for - immersive virtual ocean media, 2) lead world-class research on ocean learning and literacy and 3) build and foster an international community of multidisciplinary ocean solutionist fellows.

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- Meridian Treehouse

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