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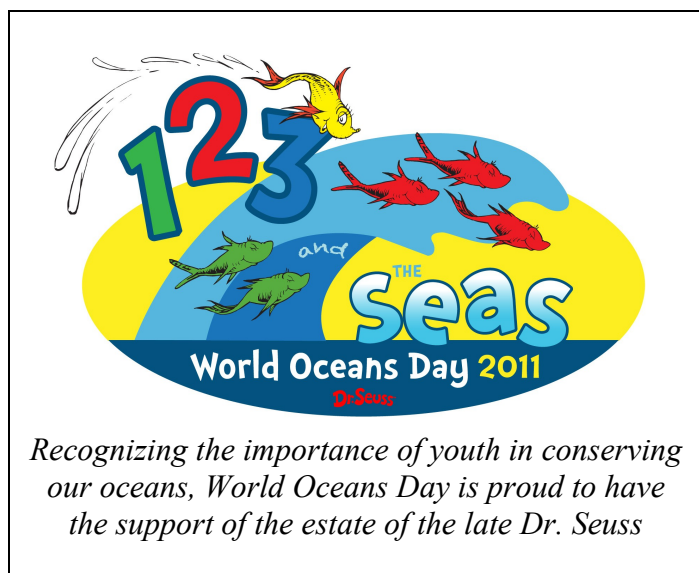**Contact**: **Cornelia E. Nauen, info@mundusmaris.org**

JUNE 8 IS WORLD OCEANS DAY!

A global celebration of the oceans and the efforts to conserve them

Brussels, 6 June 2011 -- *Mundus maris* asbl is proud to join with hundreds of other educational institutions, conservation organisations, and thousands of individuals in dozens of countries around the world in celebrating World Oceans Day, an opportunity to celebrate the oceans' wide array of wonders and resources, and consider ways that each of us can help with ocean conservation.

This year's theme, "*Youth: the Next Wave for Change,"* emphasizes the important role that 'tweens and teens in particular can play, and are playing, in conserving our oceans and helping to rebuild suffering marine ecosystems.

Recent research has revealed that youth, especially those between the ages of 12 and 17, are especially important to ocean conservation. According to reports from [The Ocean Project](#), youth not only have the highest level of concern about the problems facing the world's oceans, from oil spills and overfishing to climate change, but also are the most confident in their ability to make a difference, and increasingly looked to by the adults in their families for ways to be part of the solution by 'going green', or perhaps more appropriately, 'going aquamarine!'

Recognizing the importance of youth in conserving our oceans, World Oceans Day is proud to have the support of the estate of the late Dr. Seuss

This year, *Mundus maris* is enabling youth groups from 10 countries to show their work for protecting our oceans and against rampant overfishing in a youth exhibition 'SeeArt' in Hilden,

Germany, from 26 June to 17 July 2011. Contributors are from Belgium, Brazil, China, Fidji, Germany, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway and Senegal.

World Oceans Day is held every June 8th, and is coordinated by The Ocean Project (theoceanproject.org) and the World Ocean Network (worldoceannetwork.org).

For more information on *Mundus maris* activities around World Oceans Day in 2011 see what's happening around the SeeArt youth exhibition and other *Mundus maris* activities in the month of June.