Healthy Oceans
Solutions to Human Impacts

Discussion Questions

1. What is an ‘invasive species’? What impacts can invasive species have on marine ecosystems?

2. Can invasive marine species impact people?

3. How do invasive species get to the new marine ecosystems that they invade? Why are they often so successful at invading?

4. What are some steps being taken to combat the issue of invasive marine species?

5. What is a ‘Marine Protected Area,’ or MPA? What is its purpose? How can MPAs differ?
6. What is nutrient pollution, and how does it get into the ocean? Where does it come from?

7. What impacts can nutrient pollution have on the ocean?

8. How do ‘dead zones’ form?

9. How could we reduce the size and prevalence of dead zones resulting from nutrient pollution?

10. What do you think is meant by the saying ‘think globally, act locally’? How does it apply to the issues you learned about in this video?

11. What are some individual actions you can take to tackle some of these issues?