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#### **Opinion piece**

I recently watched a powerful video on ocean acidification, coral reefs, and climate change. I was shocked to learn that rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels are making oceans more acidic, turning vibrant coral reefs into ghostly skeletons. Coral reefs are not just beautiful — they shelter thousands of marine species, protect coastlines, and support millions of people worldwide. Losing them isn't just an environmental issue — it's a human crisis. I also explored an infographic on how climate change affects marine life. I learned that warmer oceans force fish to migrate, disrupt breeding patterns, and destroy habitats like mangroves and seagrasses. This affects food security, livelihoods, and the delicate balance of life beneath the waves. We, the youth, cannot sit quietly while our oceans suffer. Communities and leaders, the time to act is now. Each one of us has the power to make a difference. Protect Our Reefs by reducing single-use plastics, supporting sustainable seafood, and planting coastal vegetation. Save the Mangroves by volunteering for clean-ups, advocating for local conservation projects, and demanding policies that prioritize nature. Our oceans are alive with beauty and life, but they need our voices, our care, and our courage. Let's not wait until the reefs are gone to act. Share your knowledge, take action in your community, and inspire others to join this movement. Together, we can turn the tide.

**Fact to share:** Over 50% of the world's coral reefs have already been lost due to climate change and ocean acidification.

**Call to action:** Protect Our Reefs — start today with small changes that make a big impact.

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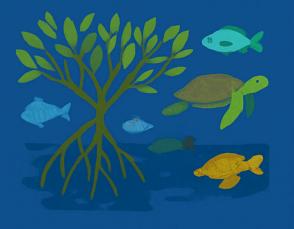
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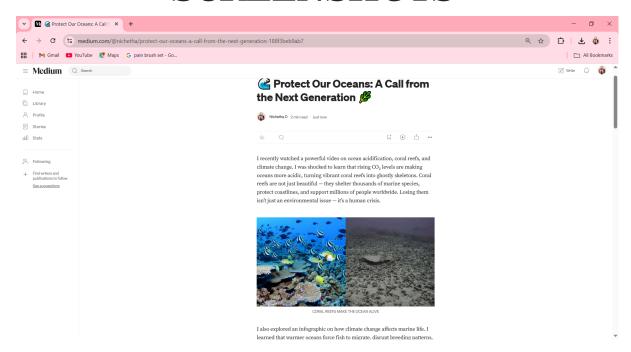
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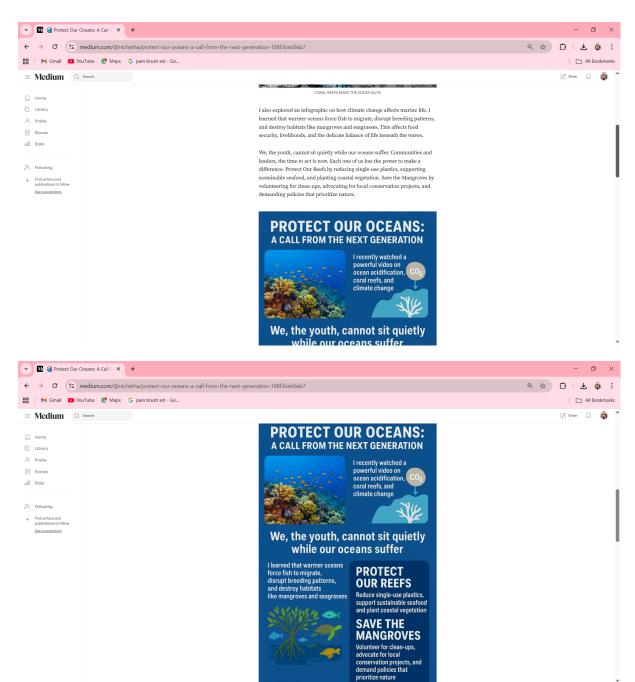
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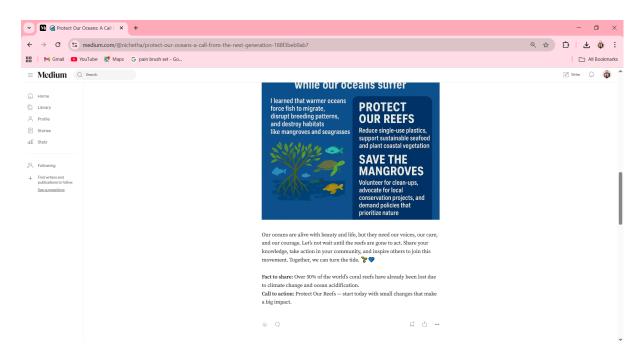
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