

MESSAGE BY CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF
ON WORLD OCEANS DAY- 8 JUNE 2017

World Oceans Day is celebrated globally to highlight the significance of oceans and to promote awareness for sustainable use of oceans and marine resources. The theme selected this year to promote the spirit of the day is "**Our Oceans, Our Future**". Life on earth is dependent on oceans and healthy oceans are crucial for marine life and billions of people living on this planet. Oceans are immense resource of minerals and food which offer unlimited benefits for living beings. Today these oceans are under great pressure due to human activities. World Oceans Day reminds us to pledge for the protection of oceans from various perils as our future is strongly tied to the oceans.

Pakistan Navy also observes this day regularly with an aim to promote importance of oceans in Pakistan. Pakistan is blessed with over 1000 KM coastline and a large Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf with abundance of living and non-living resources. However, our living resources are endangered due to over exploitation and illicit practices. Pollution in coastal waters is another peril that needs to be addressed collectively by people and the concerned authorities. Pakistan Navy has remained cognizant of the need for sustainable usage of oceans so that our future generations can also benefit from this treasure trove. A number of events and activities have been arranged by PN to highlight the significance of the Day and to raise awareness about oceans and marine resources. An active and forthcoming participation by all under Command will help promote the essence of the day.

On this day, let us re-affirm our commitment for the sustainable use of oceans while endeavoring to protect its precious resources for our future generations. PN will continue to play an important role in the global and national efforts to protect and preserve the oceans.