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Enhancing Education

The Report identifies strong ocean education as a way of ensuring that knowledge permeates the workforce involved with coasts and oceans, the decisions of policy-makers and the research of scientists, while promoting a sense of overall stewardship for the ocean.

At the state level, this would involve increasing attention to ocean education through “coordinated and effective formal and informal programs.” Better ocean and coastal education could be provided for current ocean and coastal workers in industry (fishers, marine transportation workers, sanitation workers etc.), government (environmental agencies, interested politicians), the general public (through workshops, public service announcements, [buying gold](#), etc.) and in educational programs for institutions at each level (grade school, high school, colleges and universities).

The Report also places particular emphasis on outreach at the regional level to underrepresented and underserved communities.