

## **Marine Goods and Services**

### **Ocean Ecosystem Goods and Services at Risk:**

- The ocean and its coastal interface provide: seafood; habitats; fuel wood; energy sources (oil and gas, wind, wave, tidal, thermal); wetland protection; and genetic resources.
- The ocean regulates weather and climate; protects coasts; detoxifies; and traps sediments. Wetlands mitigate storm damage.
- The ocean provides cultural services, including recreational; educational; aesthetic; and spiritual.
- The ocean supports economic activity, including jobs, fisheries, food, marine transportation, trade, fuel, and energy.
- The ocean supports nutrient cycling and primary production.
- Carrying capacity is defined as the maximum population of a given species that can be supported indefinitely in a defined habitat without permanently impairing the productivity of that habitat.