



SDG Goal 14 Life below water

SDG Target 14.3 Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including

through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels

SDG Indicator 14.3.1 Average marine acidity (pH) measured at agreed suite of representative sampling

stations

Time series Average pH-concentration in the German Bight

1. General information on the time series

• Date of national metadata: 17 December 2021

National data: http://sdg-indikatoren.de/en/14-3-1/

• Definition: The time series measures the average pH-concentration in the German Bight (North Sea).

• Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparison with global metadata

• Date of global metadata: February 2021

• Global metadata: https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-14-03-01.pdf

• The time series is not compliant with the global metadata, but provides additional information. The global metadata request the measurement of at least two of four defined parameters. This time series only depicts the average pH-concentration.

3. Data description

• The data is based on a special evaluation and depicts the ph.-values at the surface of the water. Furthermore it shows only the average value in January of each year in order to eliminate seasonal differences.

4. Accessibility of source data

Not available.

5. Metadata on source data

• Condition of the North Sea (only available in German): https://www.bsh.de/DE/PUBLIKATIONEN/Nordseezustand_Aktuell/nordseezustand_aktuell_node.html

6. Timeliness and frequency

• Timeliness: Not available.

• Frequency: Irregular

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7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: pH-value
- Calculation method:

Average pHis defined as the annual equally weigthed mean of multiple data points.

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