



**07.12.2015 - Halfway through the climate negotiations in Paris, UN Secretary-General (UNSG) Ban Ki-moon went aboard the research vessel Tara. Tara travels the world's oceans most of the time. However, currently it is docked on the Seine to act as an ambassador of the ocean at COP21.**

Welcomed by the crew and 15 children, the Secretary-General highlighted the significance of the oceans.

“It is important that we must preserve our oceans' health so that we can have a healthy and prosperous planet. Our planet is 70% oceans. It is the basis of our life,” Mr. Ban stressed.



[Ban Ki-moon's visit to the Tara Oceanographic Expedition's 5th anniversary](#)