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A call for deep ocean stewardship

two-thirds of the planet, and untold quantities of untapped energy and mineral resources reside in its depths. race is already on to exploit them.

In the May 16 issue of *Science*, Environment [Ocean Program](#) Co-Director, Dr. Kathryn Mengerink, and co-largest living space striking a balance between wise use of vast resources and maintaining the now, before permanent loss occurs.

Co-author Dr Ana Lara-and Antarctic Studies, said the deep ocean remains largely unexplored.

reveals vastly diverse life forms and habitats important to the health of our planet. Slow growing species are the norm, and some ecosystems once injured may never recover.

resources it holds. We need to move from a frontier mentality and looking at sectors

Dr Lara-Lopez said the paper proposes an approach to deep ocean stewardship built on protection and mitigation, research, and collaborative governance.

scientists, regulators, the private sector, and civil society together to provide guidance on environmental management of the deep ocean.

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