

The International Tribunal for The Law of The Sea delivers historic legal victory for the Small Island States

We stand at a crucial moment in history with the recent ruling by the Hamburg-based International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS). This groundbreaking decision states that nations must take immediate and decisive action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and safeguard our marine ecosystems from the catastrophic impacts of climate change.

This landmark ruling unequivocally declares that greenhouse gas emissions are a form of pollution, and as such, they must be urgently addressed. The commitments made under the Paris Agreement, while significant, are not enough. Countries are now legally obliged to take all necessary measures to prevent, reduce, and control marine pollution caused by global warming.

Our coral reefs are currently experiencing their fourth global bleaching event, a phenomenon driven primarily by rising ocean temperatures. This serves as a stark reminder that urgent action is needed to protect these vital ecosystems.

Though not legally binding, this decision has the potential to revolutionize global climate policies. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that governments act urgently to cut carbon emissions, restore degraded marine habitats, and support those vulnerable nations that are most affected by the impact of climate change.

Marevivo is more determined than ever to lead the change in marine conservation. We urge world leaders to recognize the severity of the situation and take immediate measures to protect our precious marine environment. Wait is no option: the time for action is now. We must act decisively for the future of our planet and generations to come.

Together, we can make a difference. Let's act united for a sustainable future and the preservation of our oceans.