

Hello, International Ocean Literacy Colleagues,

Happy New Year!

We are writing to let you know that Version 4 of the International Ocean Literacy Survey (we hope the final version!) is ready for testing! Please distribute the appropriate survey link below to educators who can administer the survey to students 15-17 years old. We are trying to obtain as many completed surveys as possible in each language by March 22, 2019. Once again, thank you so much for your support and participation in this large, community-based, volunteer effort.

Some background: As you probably know, we started this unfunded project 3 years ago when the need to measure progress in the development of Ocean Literacy in our respective countries was raised by the Ocean Literacy community. We recently published the [results from Version 2](#) of the International Ocean Literacy Survey (IOLS). These results helped us create Version 3 that we then submitted for review to our IOLS Advisory Board consisting of international marine researchers, communicators, teachers, and psychometricians. Their feedback led to Version 4 that has now been translated into 12 languages and is ready to be distributed and tested.

Here is what you can do: If you have access to any students ages 15-17 that are native speakers of the languages listed below, please have them complete the survey online. Attached are information letters for both parents and students, and a script to read to students before they take the survey. They can also be found at <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-instructions>. If you don't have access to students but still want to help, contact the teachers and informal educators you know, and ask them to give the survey to their students. We need at least 200 respondents in each language to be able to analyze the data.

Feel free to translate the attached letters and script if necessary when you distribute the survey.

Please be sure to send us an email telling us that you are helping so that we can acknowledge you in future publications.

What happens with the data? Data from this field test will be analyzed centrally at Lawrence Hall of Science. We will provide findings back to the community as soon as the analyses are complete. Partners (like you!) who help us distribute the survey will be able to access their own data. We will continue testing the survey until we are satisfied that we have a truly valid and reliable, open-source, comprehensive International Ocean Literacy Survey that can be freely used by educators around the world. We are very close to realizing this goal!

Links to the IOLS Version 4 in various languages:

1. Catalan: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-catalan>
2. Chilean: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-Chilean>
3. Chinese: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-chinese>
4. Dutch: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-dutch>
5. English: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-English>
6. Greek: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-greek>
7. Japanese: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-japanese>

8. Korean: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-Korean>
9. Polish: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-polish>
10. Portuguese: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-portuguese>
11. Spanish: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-spanish>
12. Tagalog: <https://tinyurl.com/IOLS-tagalog>

If you would like to translate the survey into another language, and you are confident that you can gather more than 200 responses, please contact us.

Thanks so much for your help!

And thanks to the IOLS partner organizations that support the development of the Survey:

Asia Marine Educators Association

Canadian Network for Ocean Education

Marine Conservation Society

Marine Learning Center of Japan

National Marine Educators Association

National Taiwan Ocean University

Partnership for Observation of the Global Ocean

Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile Centro de Conservación Marina

Surflife

The Hydrous

The Oceanographic Society of Japan

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