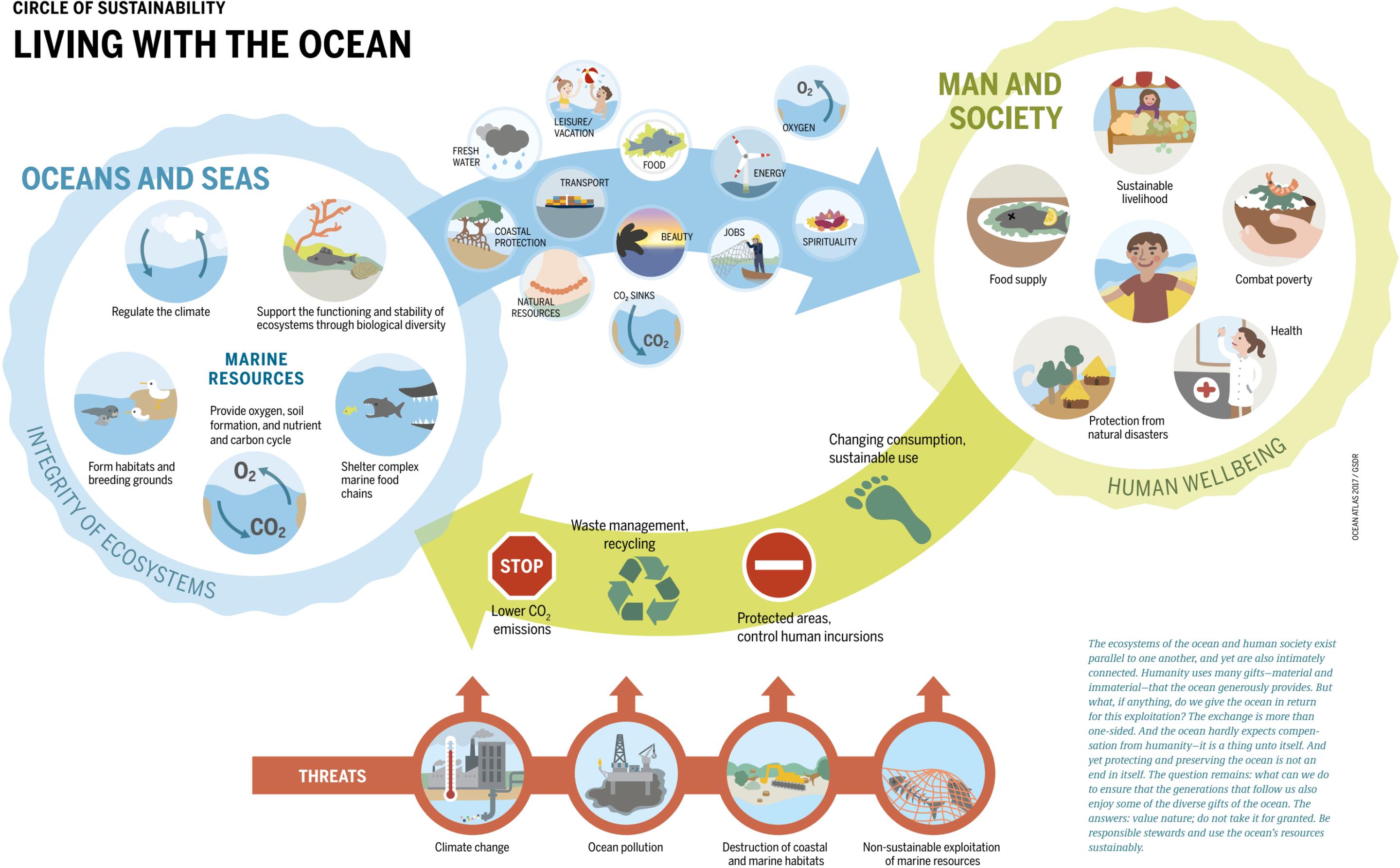


LIVING WITH THE OCEAN



The ecosystems of the ocean and human society exist parallel to one another, and yet are also intimately connected. Humanity uses many gifts—material and immaterial—that the ocean generously provides. But what, if anything, do we give the ocean in return for this exploitation? The exchange is more than one-sided. And the ocean hardly expects compensation from humanity—it is a thing unto itself. And yet protecting and preserving the ocean is not an end in itself. The question remains: what can we do to ensure that the generations that follow us also enjoy some of the diverse gifts of the ocean. The answers: value nature; do not take it for granted. Be responsible stewards and use the ocean's resources sustainably.