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## UNDERSEA DIPLOMACY



As the Arctic Ocean's sea ice cover diminishes, shipping routes that were once impassable most of the year are opening up. EKATERINA ANISIMOVA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES, ILLUSTRATIONS VIA GETTY

### Power struggles for finite natural resources call for creative solutions

Jonas Gamso and Hossain Ahmed Taufiq  
Arizona State University | THE CONVERSATION

Oceans shape everyday life in powerful ways. They cover 70% of the planet, carry 90% of global trade, and support millions of jobs and the diets of billions of people. As global competition intensifies and climate change accelerates, the world's oceans are also becoming the front line of 21st-century geopolitics.

How policymakers handle these challenges will affect food supplies, the price of goods and national security.

Right now, international cooperation is under strain, but there are many ways to help keep the peace.

The tools of diplomacy range from formal international agreements, like the High Seas

#### Overfishing

- In 2025, a critical mass of countries ratified the High Seas Treaty, creating protected areas in international waters that could give species a chance to recover.



Treaty for protecting marine life, which went into effect on Jan. 17, to deals between countries, to efforts led by companies, scientists and issue-focused organizations.

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## 'We want to talk to anyone'

### Clinton depositions show changed Democratic Party

Zachary Schermele  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – In late February 2016, Hillary Clinton cruised to an overwhelming victory in the South Carolina Democratic presidential primary – an unambiguous statement of the former first lady and secretary of state's dominance over her party as she sailed to a historic nomination many expected would make her the first female president.

On the same week 10 years later, she confronted a very different reality.

Sitting inside a performing arts center in Chappaqua, New York, the woman who was, not long ago, her party's unequivocal standard-bearer was forced, in part by those within it, to answer questions about her husband's ties to a dead alleged sex trafficker.

A group of congressional Democrats stood outside the building ahead of her deposition about Jeffrey Epstein. They underscored that although there was no evidence she even knew the disgraced financier, they wanted to send a message of political neutrality.

"From Day 1, we have said that we want to talk to anyone, any person, with information about Jeffrey Epstein," said Rep. Robert Garcia, D-California, the top Democrat on the House Oversight Committee. "We will talk to

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Rep. Robert Garcia, D-California, joined by Democratic members of the House Oversight Committee, speaks to reporters Feb. 26 before a closed-door deposition with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Chappaqua, New York.

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## Government drone shot down over Texas

### Aides: Coordination between FAA, Pentagon lacking

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REUTERS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. military shot down a government drone with a laser-based anti-drone system, an accident that prompted the Federal Aviation Administration to bar flights on Feb. 26 in an area around Fort Hancock, Texas, congressional aides told Reuters.

Congressional aides told Reuters the

Pentagon used the high-energy laser system to shoot down a Customs and Border Protection drone near the Mexican border, in an area that often has incursions from Mexican drones used by drug cartels.

The Pentagon, Federal Aviation Administration and Customs and Border Protection issued a statement saying the military used a "counter-unmanned aircraft system ... to mitigate a seemingly threatening unmanned aerial system operating within military airspace."

The statement added the incident "took place far away from populated areas and there were no commercial air-

craft in the vicinity. These agencies will continue to work on increased cooperation and communication to prevent such incidents in the future."

Reps. Rick Larsen of Washington, Bennie Thompson of Mississippi and Andre Carson of Indiana, top Democrats on committees overseeing aviation and Homeland Security issues, criticized the lack of coordination in the drone shootdown.

Reuters first reported the incident.

The FAA, which cited "special security reasons" in its notice about the

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