

# Marine Protected Areas

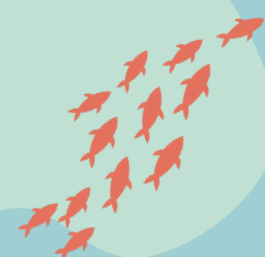
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## What are they?



A Marine Protected Area (MPA) is any area of the marine environment where human activities are limited or prohibited to achieve long-term conservation of marine life, habitats, ecosystems, or cultural heritage.



**30 X 30**

Today, approximately 3% of the global ocean is protected in MPAs.



A key ambition in the world of marine conservation is 30x30: to safeguard 30% of the world's ocean by 2030, whether as marine protected areas (MPAs) where human activity is restricted to a certain extent, or other types of conservation area.

**MORE FISH**

**MORE SPECIES**

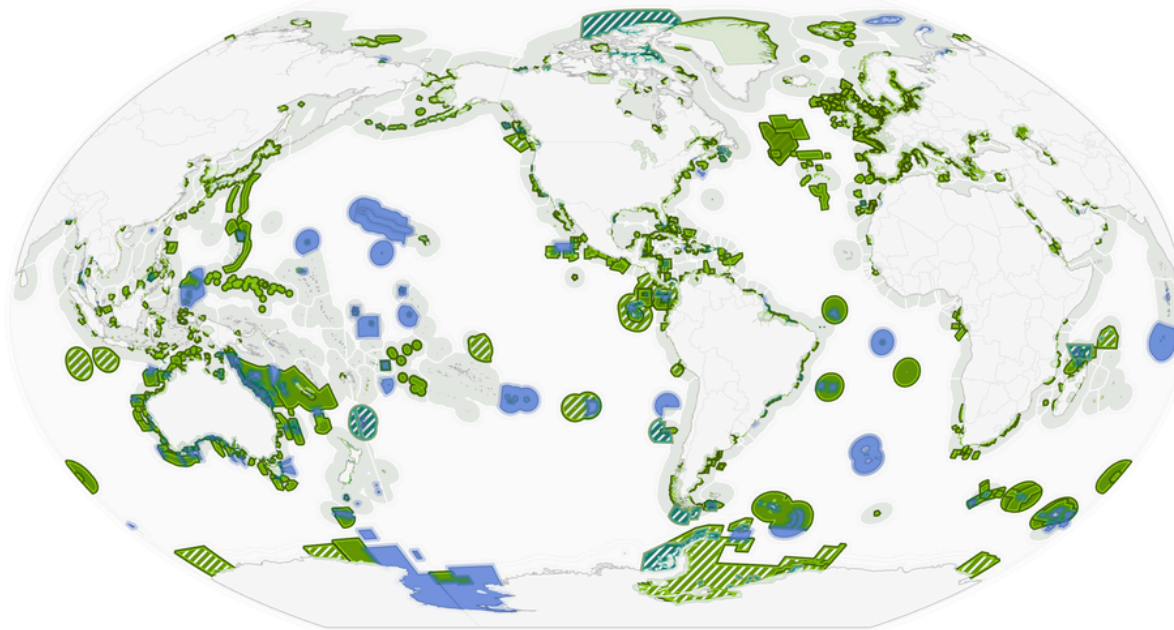
**BIGGER FISH**

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# Where are the MPAs?

## MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AROUND THE WORLD



### Marine Protected Areas

Level of Protection

-  Highly-Fully Protected Zones
-  Less Protected Zones / Unknown
-  Pending Implementation / Proposed



MARINE  
PROTECTION  
ATLAS

### Fully Protected / "No-Take" Zone

No fishing, drilling, or taking anything out allowed. It's a complete marine reserve.

*This is the most effective protection, allowing nature to heal completely.*



### Partially Protected / Multiple-Use Zone

Some activities are allowed, but the most destructive types (like large-scale dredging) are banned.

*These protect specific resources while allowing local people to continue some traditional activities.*



# TOP 5 BENEFITS OF MPAS

1

Safeguard biodiversity and protect at-risk species and habitats

2

MPAs help to support healthy coastal communities

3

MPAs can help mitigate against climate change

4

Increase the commercial & recreational fishing catches in surrounding areas

5

Provide opportunity for co-governance and protect culturally important sites

## But, can they be controversial?

### Potential “Negatives”:

- Cultural impact
- Community resistance
- Long-term data to support decision making.
- Fast-tracked decisions based on external deadline pressures

MPAs can affect local communities and nations in various ways. Understanding these outcomes provides many opportunities to enhance MPA management, and can also help to boost engagement with local communities and other stakeholders.

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