

## **Marine Protected Areas**

Safeguarding special areas of the ocean

Increased human activity is putting pressure on the oceans, ecosystems and marine life.



It is crucial that we set aside areas where these activities and their impacts are reduced.

Marine protected areas (MPAs) create legal safeguards to conserve and restore marine ecosystems.

Legally-protected MPAs:

- allow marine life to thrive
  - increase food security
    - benefit coastal communities
      - provide homes for diverse species
        - buffer against climate change...and more.

## Strong MPAs can save our seas.



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