

THE CASE FOR MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING

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How can we make a plan to get there?

WHAT IS IT?

A big picture approach to how we manage the ocean that balances all uses and helps to ensure sustainability.

WHY USE IT?

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HOW DOES IT WORK?

Science plus community priorities result in a map for what happens where in the ocean.



Comprehensive Zoning

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Marine Reserves

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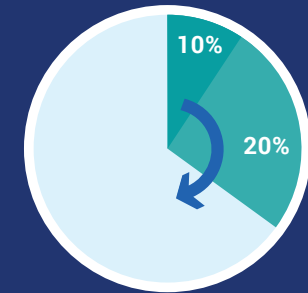
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- ✓ Science-based
- ✓ Stakeholder-driven
- ✓ Clear management objectives
- ✓ Transparent decision making
- ✓ Balance economic, environmental, security, social and cultural interests

BENEFITS

- + Reduce conflicts between users
- + Safeguard ecologically important areas
- + Develop commercial activity with certainty
- + Support international cooperation
- + Facilitate sustainable economic growth

CURRENT MARINE PROTECTION



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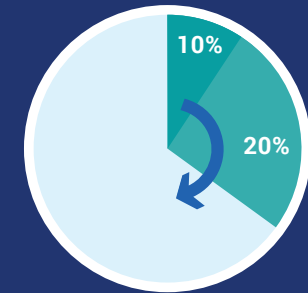
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