

VOTE ON THE TOP 3

BENEFITS OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Select with an [X] the 3 benefits of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) you find most important:

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Protection of marine life and biodiversity
In MPAs marine life can recover, grow, reproduce, and thrive. Over time, the number of species can also increase.
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Habitat recovery
MPAs provide marine ecosystems with the necessary time and conditions to regenerate.
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Fight climate change
The ocean stores excess heat and CO₂ emissions. When protecting ecosystems that can store large quantities of carbon, the ocean becomes a strong ally in the fight against climate change.
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Benefits for fisheries
An increase in the number of marine animals in MPAs can allow fish to move to surrounding areas, thereby increasing fishing stocks.
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Coastal protection
When habitats like mangroves, reefs, and salt marshes are protected, they can act more efficiently as barriers to protect coastal areas from storms, flooding, erosion, and currents.
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Tourism and local economy
A healthy ocean attracts more visitors who appreciate nature. Sustainable tourism creates new job opportunities and higher income for communities.
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Preservation of cultural heritage
Many MPAs include areas of cultural and historical significance to local communities, preserving traditional practices and heritage.
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Health and wellbeing
The ocean contains important medicinal value, provides spiritual and mental wellbeing, and opportunities for leisure activities.

Your vote is very important. Thank you!