



It All Adds Up to a Healthier Ocean

Large marine protected areas designated around the globe

Global rank	Marine reserve	Country	Location	Size (sq km)	Size (sq mi)	Year designated
1	Ross Sea Region Marine Protected Area	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources	Southern Ocean	2.06 million	618,000	2016
2	Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument	United States	Pacific Ocean	1.5 million	583,000	2006
3	Pitcairn Islands Marine Reserve	United Kingdom	Pacific Ocean	830,000	320,000	2016
4	Rapa Nui Marine Protected Area and Motu Motiro Hiva Marine Park	Chile	Pacific Ocean	720,000	278,000	2018
5	Chagos Marine Reserve	United Kingdom	Indian Ocean	640,000	247,000	2010
6	Palau National Marine Sanctuary	Palau	Pacific Ocean	500,000	193,000	2015
7	Johnston Atoll [†]	United States	Pacific Ocean	464,000	179,000	2009
8	Wake Atoll [†]	United States	Pacific Ocean	433,000	167,000	2009
9	Phoenix Islands Protected Area	Kiribati	Pacific Ocean	408,000	158,000	2008
10	Jarvis Island [†]	United States	Pacific Ocean	318,000	123,000	2009
11	Nazca-Desventuradas Marine Park	Chile	Pacific Ocean	297,000	115,000	2016
12	Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve*	Australia	Pacific Ocean	252,000	97,000	2012
13	Revillagigedo Archipelago National Park	Mexico	Pacific Ocean	148,000	57,000	2017
14	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	Australia	Pacific Ocean	115,000	44,000	1975
15	South Orkney Islands Southern Shelf Marine Protected Area	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources	Southern Ocean	94,000	36,000	2009
16	Monumento Natural das Ilhas de Trindade e Martim Vaz e do Monte Columbia	Brazil	Atlantic Ocean	69,000	27,000	2018

17	Macquarie Island Commonwealth Marine Reserve	Australia	Southern Ocean	58,000	22,000	1999
18	Palmyra Atoll and Kingman Reef [†]	United States	Pacific Ocean	54,000	21,000	2009
19	Howland Island and Baker Island [†]	United States	Pacific Ocean	52,000	20,000	2009
20	Monumento Natural do Arquipélago de São Pedro e São Paulo	Brazil	Atlantic Ocean	47,000	18,000	2018
21	Mariana Trench	United States	Pacific Ocean	42,000	16,000	2009

Note: All numbers are rounded. Because of rounding and differences in the projections used in spatial analyses, the total area of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument in this table may be larger than other estimates.

[†] Collectively designated through the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument.

^{*} Pending final management plan from the Australian Parliament.

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