



It All Adds Up to a Healthier Ocean

Highly protected marine reserves around the globe

Global rank	Marine reserve	Country	Location	Size (sq km)	Size (sq mi)	Year announced
1	Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument	United States	Pacific Ocean	1.5 million	583,000	2006, expanded in 2016
2	Pitcairn Islands Marine Reserve	United Kingdom Overseas Territory	Pacific Ocean	830,000	320,000	2015
3	Chagos Marine Reserve	United Kingdom Overseas Territory	Indian Ocean	640,000	247,000	2010
4	Easter Island Marine Park*	Chile	Pacific Ocean	631,000	244,000	2015
5	Kermadec/Rangitāhua Ocean Sanctuary*	New Zealand	Pacific Ocean	620,000	239,000	2015
6	Coral Sea Marine National Park*	Australia	Pacific Ocean	503,000	194,000	2012
7	Palau National Marine Sanctuary	Palau	Pacific Ocean	500,000	193,000	2015
8	Johnston Atoll†	United States	Pacific Ocean	464,000	179,000	2009, expanded 2014
9	Wake Atoll†	United States	Pacific Ocean	433,000	167,000	2009, expanded 2014
10	Phoenix Islands Protected Area	Kiribati	Pacific Ocean	408,000	158,000	2010
11	Jarvis Island†	United States	Pacific Ocean	318,000	123,000	2009, expanded 2014
12	Nazca-Desventuradas Marine Park	Chile	Pacific Ocean	297,000	115,000	2015
13	Ascension Island Marine Reserve*	United Kingdom Overseas Territory	Atlantic Ocean	234,000	90,000	2016
14	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	Australia	Pacific Ocean	114,000	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	Macquarie Island Commonwealth Marine Reserve	Australia	Southern Ocean	58,000	22,000	1999
17	Palmyra Atoll and Kingman Reef†	United States	Pacific Ocean	54,000	21,000	2009
18	Howland Island and Baker Island†	United States	Pacific Ocean	52,000	20,000	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.

* Proposed; pending final designation.

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

Sources: The Sea Around Us project at the University of British Columbia Fisheries Centre, the government of Australia, The Pew Charitable Trusts, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, MPAtlas, UNESCO, the Natural Environment Research Council, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service