



87%

of marine ecosystem types are represented in our MPA network

5% of the ocean around South Africa is protected

# MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

## What are MPAs?

Just like national parks on land, marine protected areas help safeguard areas of the ocean and marine animals.

42 MPAs

are found in the ocean around the South African mainland and islands.

57 736 km<sup>2</sup>  
of the ocean around South Africa is protected

MPAs are an insurance policy for healthy oceans and ocean economies. They are an investment in our future well-being.



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MPAs protect marine ecosystems and marine biodiversity.



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No-take MPAs allow populations of fish and invertebrates to increase and restock adjacent fished areas.



70 years of helping people to care for our ocean

<https://www.marineprotectedareas.org.za/iconic-species>

