



# MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

## MPAs are important for people

**22**

commercial fisheries employ

**43**

thousand people in South Africa

The oceans are a source of employment, food security, inspiration, education and relaxation.

**500**

thousand

people go fishing for fun on South Africa's coastline

Healthy shores support  
**23** thousand small scale fishers

R **400** million was the direct value of marine and coastal tourism in 2013



Photo: Judy Mann

MPAs help protect our cultural heritage. Many people turn to the ocean for cleansing, worship, inspiration and rejuvenation.



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MPAs help to create sustainable jobs.



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Coastal resorts are popular holiday destinations. The pristine condition of MPAs attract people wanting to get close to nature.

<https://www.marineprotectedareas.org.za/benefits>



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