

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

37%
of South Africa's seabirds are threatened

30%
of South Africa's endemic seabreams are threatened

Pressures and threats

The ocean is getting busier as pressures in the marine environment diversify and expand.

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turtle species are threatened

300 exploratory offshore oil and gas wells have been drilled

55 species of invasive alien plants and animals have been found in our ocean

As the demand for a healthy fish diet increases so does pressure on fish stocks increase.



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Photo: Judy Mann

The increase in coastal development threatens coastal ecosystems, and puts pressure on natural processes.



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The effects of shipping and marine mining pose serious threats to ocean ecosystems.



70 years of helping people to care for our ocean



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