

WGMPAS

Working Group on Marine Protected Areas and Other Spatial Conservation Measures



Human Activities, Pressures and Impacts Steering Group (HAPISG)

RESEARCH FOCUS

- Enhancing biodiversity conservation outcomes in multi-use Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) & Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECMs).
- Developing a decision-making framework to assess the effectiveness of conservation measures.
- Employing evidence-based methods to measure the impact of MPAs on ecosystems using structural and functional indicators.
- Examining the impacts of climate change on MPAs and MPA Networks and developing practical advice to promote resilience.

OUR OBJECTIVE

- Gather scientific knowledge and literature reviews to demonstrate how MPAs and OECMs contribute to ecosystem resilience and function.
- Assess trade-offs between conservation effectiveness and human uses.
- Develop assessment approaches and guiding principles to optimize operational design and monitoring of MPAs.

OUR EXPERTISE

- Conservation practitioners representing diverse perspectives.
- Expertise on site- and network-scale conservation science and practice.
- Conservation practitioners, empirical scientists, modellers, social sciences, ocean policy, and economics.

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