

Who is NPA?

Established in 1957, National Parks Association of NSW (NPA) is a non-government environment group that is dedicated to improving the protection and understanding of our natural environment.

The NPA Marine Campaign

National Parks Association is campaigning for a comprehensive system of well-managed marine sanctuaries that protects at least 20% of all marine habitat types across NSW.

These areas then act as refuges for all the marine plants and animals found within these sanctuaries.

By protecting our sponge gardens, kelp forests, rocky shores, coral reefs, sandy bottoms and open oceans we will help conserve our marine biodiversity and ensure that our fisheries are healthy and productive.

How can YOU help?

Let the government know you care!

Your voice DOES make a difference. The NSW Government needs to hear that you want a marine environment that you and your children can enjoy. Without your support the NSW Government will not give marine sanctuaries the priority they deserve.

Help National Parks Association of NSW fight for marine sanctuaries. Write to the NSW Government, and/or send a donation to the NPA's Marine Campaign.

In your letter to the NSW Government:

- Demand a comprehensive system of well managed marine sanctuaries that protects at least 20% of all habitat types.
- Demand that all critical habitats of threatened marine species are fully protected in marine sanctuaries.
- State why you enjoy the marine environment, why you are concerned about the health of oceans and why you think it is important to have marine sanctuaries.

1. Write to the Government

- Premier of NSW, The Hon. Bob Carr
- And copy your letter to:
 - Minister for Fisheries, The Hon. Eddie Obeid
 - Minister for the Environment, The Hon. Bob Debus

Post your letters to: Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000.

2. Support our Marine Campaign

Yes! I would like to help NPA's Marine Campaign.

Please accept my tax-deductable donation of:

\$60 \$120 \$ _____

Enclosed is my cheque or money order

or Bankcard/MasterCard/Visa Card No:

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Expiry date : _____ / _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Donation in the name of: _____

Address: _____

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- Please send me information on how to join NPA.
- I would like to know about leaving a gift for the NPA in my will. Please send me information.

Please make cheques payable to National Parks Association of NSW.

Address: PO Box A96, Sydney South 1235

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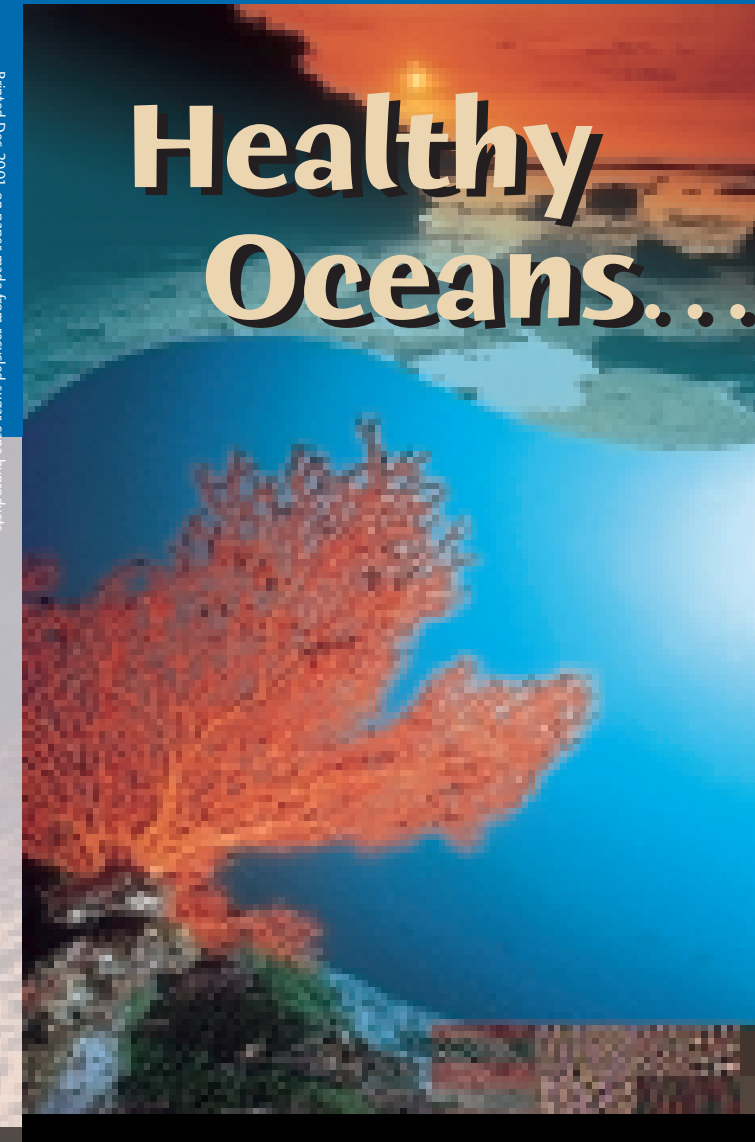


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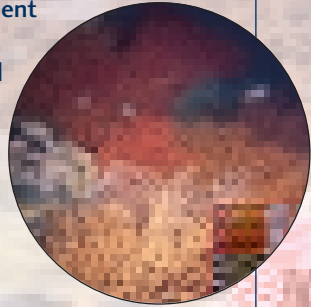
Our Oceans – Our Responsibility

With 85% of Australians living near the coast, it's easy to see why we have a unique connection to the marine environment. We walk along the beach, enjoy leisurely swims, surf, sail and dive. The ocean is there for us all.

But pressure on our marine environment is increasing. Many of our marine species and the habitats they depend on are under threat from human activities. Pollution, fishing, mining and global warming are all taking their toll.

National Parks Association of NSW (NPA) believes our ability to enjoy a healthy and diverse marine environment is under threat.

One of the ways of minimising the threats to the marine environment is by having areas of the sea that are fully protected. Just like national parks on land, we need marine areas where life is safe from human exploitation.



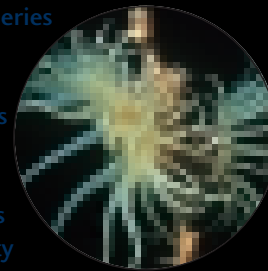
What are Marine Sanctuaries?

Areas of water that are protected from extractive uses come under many names including marine sanctuaries, sanctuary zones, marine national parks, no-take zones, highly protected areas and fully protected areas. But they all mean basically the same thing—everyone is allowed to visit but fishing and mining are banned.

What are the benefits of Marine Sanctuaries?

Marine scientists have proven that marine sanctuaries give us many benefits. These include:

- Maintenance of biodiversity
- Protection of critical habitats of threatened species
- Increased productivity of fisheries
- Areas for research and education
- A refuge for exploited species
- Protection of breeding and feeding grounds
- Protection of aesthetic values
- Protection of cultural diversity
- Places for recreation and tourism



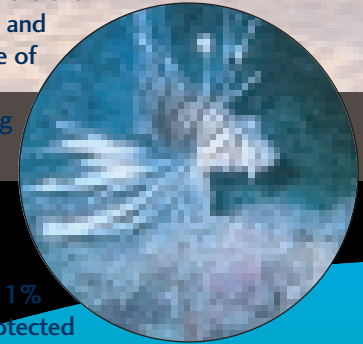
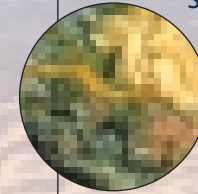
How much of NSW waters are protected as Marine Sanctuaries?

Most people think that marine protected areas such as the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park in Queensland and the Solitary Island and Jervis Bay marine parks in NSW are fully protected. Unfortunately, this could not be further from the truth.

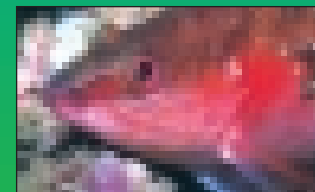
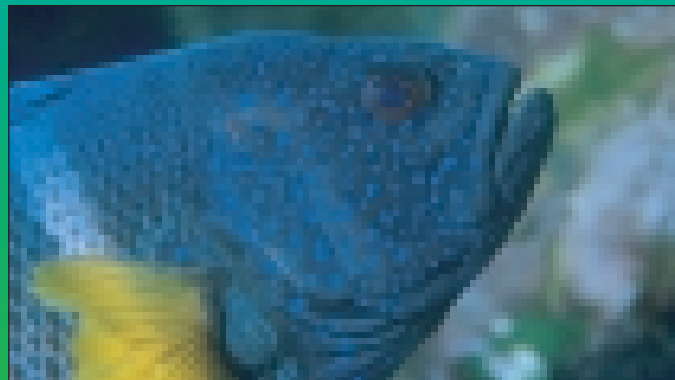
Unlike national parks on land where the recreational and commercial take of plants and animals is prohibited, most existing marine protected areas offer only minimal and patchy protection from these activities.

Sadly, in NSW less than 1% of marine waters are protected in marine sanctuaries.

In 2001 the total area of marine sanctuaries in NSW represents an area about the size of Centennial Park in Sydney.



To date, less than 1% of NSW waters are protected in marine sanctuaries!



From seahorses to whales, the NSW coast is a treasure chest of life. The protection of this treasure chest is essential for its future survival.

We need to act now to save our oceans for the future.