

IUCN WCPA/SSC Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force

2018 Report



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Mission statement

The goal of the Marine Mammal Protected Areas (MMPA) Task Force is to facilitate mechanisms to encourage collaboration, sharing information and experience to access and disseminate knowledge and tools for establishing, monitoring, and managing MMPAs and promoting effective spatial solutions and best practices for marine mammal conservation.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By bringing to the attention of managers, decision makers and the general public the presence and whereabouts of important marine mammal areas (IMMAs), we are facilitating the consideration of marine mammal habitats in decisions concerning marine spatial planning and the planning of human activities at sea that have or can have a negative impact on marine mammal status. IMMAs have also been brought to the attention of policy makers, having been the subject of Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) Resolution 12.13. Most of this work, however, is still potential given the recent date in which IMMAs have been made public.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Act

Conservation actions: complete Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMA) identification in the tropical and temperate Indian and South Pacific Oceans.

Network

Membership: increase Task Force membership through addition of regional group coordinators.

Synergy: improve streamlining between the IMMA and the Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) processes.

Activities and results 2018

Act

Conservation actions

i. We have identified IMMAs in two regions: the North East Indian Ocean/South East Asian Seas, and the Extended Southern Ocean. (KSR #26)

Network

Membership

i. We brought in four new members within the regional group coordinator roles.

Synergy

i. We continue to work with our member Charlotte Boyd to facilitate integration between IMMAs and KBAs. (KSR #29)

Blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*) spouting, one of the main species found in the North East Indian Ocean and South East Asian Seas
Photo: Lucy Molleson, Courtesy Whale and Dolphin Conservation



Identifying Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) at the Third IMMA Workshop: Regional Workshop for North East Indian Ocean and South East Asian Seas, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, 12-16 March 2018
Photo: Erich Hoyt, Whale and Dolphin Conservation; IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force

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Summary of activities 2018

Species Conservation Cycle ratio: 2/5

Act **1** |

Network **2** ||

Main KSRs addressed: 26, 29

KSR: Key Species Result