



# Argentina

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## MPA Program(s) Description or Highlights:

- Young system with 2 oceanic MPAs, 12.917.061 has / 8,05%
- APN recently became MPAs National System authority (2017)
- Marine Protected Areas National Direction recently created in APN
- Ongoing participative strategic planning processes (Management Plans)
- Advisory Standing Committee (National Agencies) running.

## Key Program Challenges/Priorities:

- Increase budget (Fund raising)
- Expand governance: provincial and municipal actors support
- Complete biophysical baselines; greater ecosystem representativeness Increase political support
- Address conflict of interests: increasing off shore hydrocarbon operations Cross-border MPA management with Chile