



Marine Protected Area
Agency Partnership

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MPA Program(s) Description or Highlights:

- Active management of 58 Australian Marine Parks located in offshore waters around Australia covering a total area of 2.8 million square kilometers. Completion of fisheries assistance and license buy-out to fishers directly affected by the new parks. Deepening partnerships with state and Australian Government agencies, research organisations and community group in assisting to deliver park management actions.

Key Program Challenges/Priorities:

- Challenge: management of a vast area of remote marine parks with constrained resources.
- Priorities: Cost effective science and monitoring programs to improve knowledge and management of parks; citizen science including knowledge of fishing sector and Indigenous Australians to improve understanding of marine parks. Efficiency in compliance through remote technologies.