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MPA Program(s) Description or Highlights:

- 42% of the EEZ under MPAs: marine reserves, parks and multiple uses areas.
- Most of the surface represents few offshore large-scale MPAs.
- MPAs are managed by the Fishery Agency and the Ministry of the Environment.
- Design of surveillance/enforcement and biological monitoring programs.

Key Program Challenges/Priorities:

- Approve a bill in the Congress to create the new Biodiversity and Protected Areas Service
- Budget constraints
- Lack of staff at the territories
- Learning process on MPA planning.
- Improved and create new MPA regulations