

# Colombia

## National Natural Parks of Colombia (NNPC)



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### MPA Program(s) Description or Highlights:

- 128,171.81 Km<sup>2</sup> or 13,80% of marine territory protected, according to the National System of Protected Areas (SINAP) and the Subsystem of MPA (SAMP). 36 Marine and Coastal Protected Areas; 23 in Caribbean sea and 13 in Pacific ocean, from I to VI IUCN categories, with national, regional and local management. NNPC manages 20 MPAs, one is a UNESCO Heritage Site, and the country already achieved the Aichi target 11.

### Key Program Challenges/Priorities:

- Research on marine and oceanic environments, e.g. the "Deep Sea Corals National Park" or sea mountains in the "Malpelo Marine Sanctuary"
- Enhance control and surveillance (technology and new data).
- Designation and effective management of new MPA.
- MPA governance -joint work with fisheries and tourist sector-.
- MPA integration at regional and global level (large-scale conservation).