Global commitments of relevance to seabirds and MPAs

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Why do we need agreements?

Why cooperate?
A Race to Extract the Benefits of Biodiversity

The high seas provide countless benefits and are home to some of the ocean’s most interesting and valuable species.

Human activities—including pollution, overfishing, mining, geoengineering, and climate change—have negative impacts.

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Global ocean governance

Management Adrift
Today, the high seas are governed by numerous international, regional, and sectorial agreements and organizations. A new high seas treaty would help to organize and coordinate conservation and management pieces.
Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) - FAO
Conventional on Migratory Species (CMS)

"Good news! Our lobbyist got us on the endangered species list."

Appendices I and II
Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA)
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

PoW Protected Areas
PoW Marine and Coastal Biodiversity
Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)

Scientific collaboration among dedicated experts to better understand marine biodiversity and support country efforts to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
EBSAs criteria

1. Uniqueness or Rarity
2. Special importance for life history stages of species
3. Importance for threatened, endangered or declining species and/or habitats
4. Vulnerability, Fragility, Sensitivity, or Slow recovery
5. Biological Productivity
6. Biological Diversity
7. Naturalness
Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
Protected Areas and Reserves

Very little of the open ocean is protected. To conserve the ocean’s biodiversity, the high seas need modern management tools, particularly legally required and globally respected marine protected areas and reserves.

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