

NOMINATE A BLUE PARK™

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International Awards for Effective Marine Conservation

Designating and implementing effective marine protected areas (MPAs) is crucial to revitalizing our ocean and conserving marine biodiversity. The prestigious [Blue Park Awards](#), announced annually at high level international meetings, celebrate the governments, communities, managers, and partners that have contributed to implementing successful MPAs that meet the highest standard for marine conservation.

The Blue Park Standard

We use the science-based [Blue Park Standard](#) to evaluate how well MPAs are set up to produce conservation benefits. Blue Parks are:



Designed for biodiversity conservation



Equitably and durably governed



Protected from harmful activities



Actively managed with an evidence-based approach



Respected and maintained with a compliance strategy

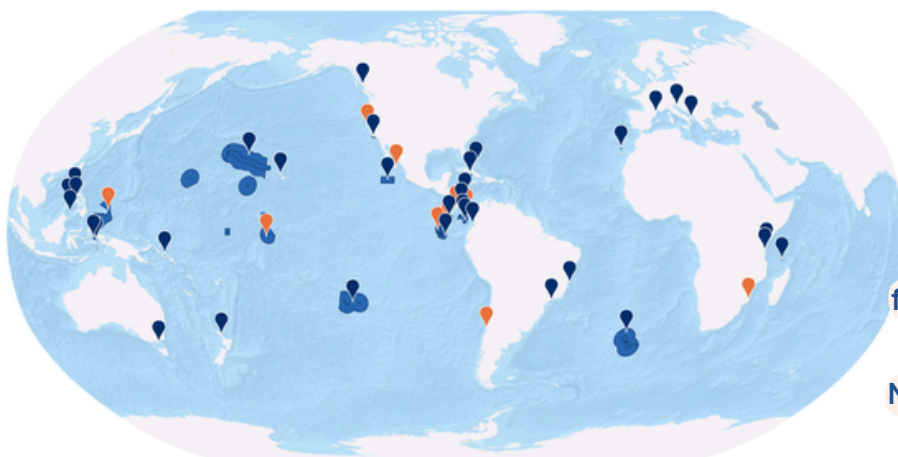


Implemented with adequate capacity

Nominate

Learn how to nominate an outstanding MPA for a Blue Park Award today at <https://blueparks.org/nominate/>. Blue Parks staff work with nominators and MPA managers to complete the evaluation process. Eligible nominees are reviewed by the Blue Parks Science Council. The awards are announced at high profile international events with high-level international participation. Blue Park Award winners join the global network of Blue Parks.

Join the Blue Parks Network



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International recognition

Local pride

Eco-tourism, funding leverage

Network grants & opportunities



2025 BLUE PARK AWARDS
UN Ocean Conference, France

Blue Sparks

Nominees that do not yet meet the Blue Park Standard may choose to collaborate with the Blue Parks team as they work towards achieving the Standard. These [Blue Sparks](#) will be tomorrow's Blue Parks.

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