

Strengthening marine protected areas with the

Blue Park Standard for Effective Marine Conservation

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Advancing Effective Marine Conservation



Set a science-based MPA standard



Create incentive & elevate models of success



Collaborate to accelerate progress



The Blue Park Standard

for Effective Ocean Conservation



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The Blue Park Standard: a science-informed MPA benchmark

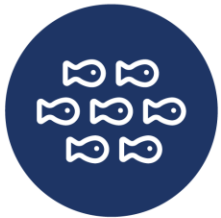
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The Blue Park Standard



Reflecting a synthesis of marine protected area science, the Blue Park Standard identifies a benchmark for conservation effectiveness with criteria organized around six themes.

Blue Parks are:



Designed for
biodiversity
conservation



Equitably
and durably
governed



Protected
from harmful
activities



Actively managed
with an evidence
-based approach

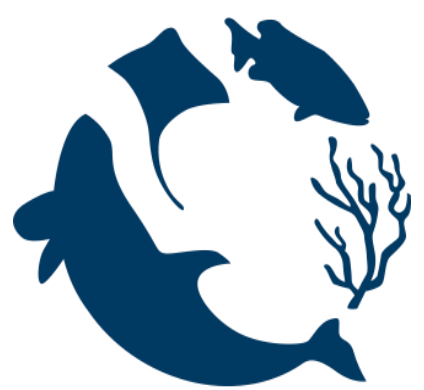


Respected and
maintained with a
compliance
strategy



Implemented
with adequate
capacity

Download the complete Blue Park Standard from <https://blueparks.org/standard>



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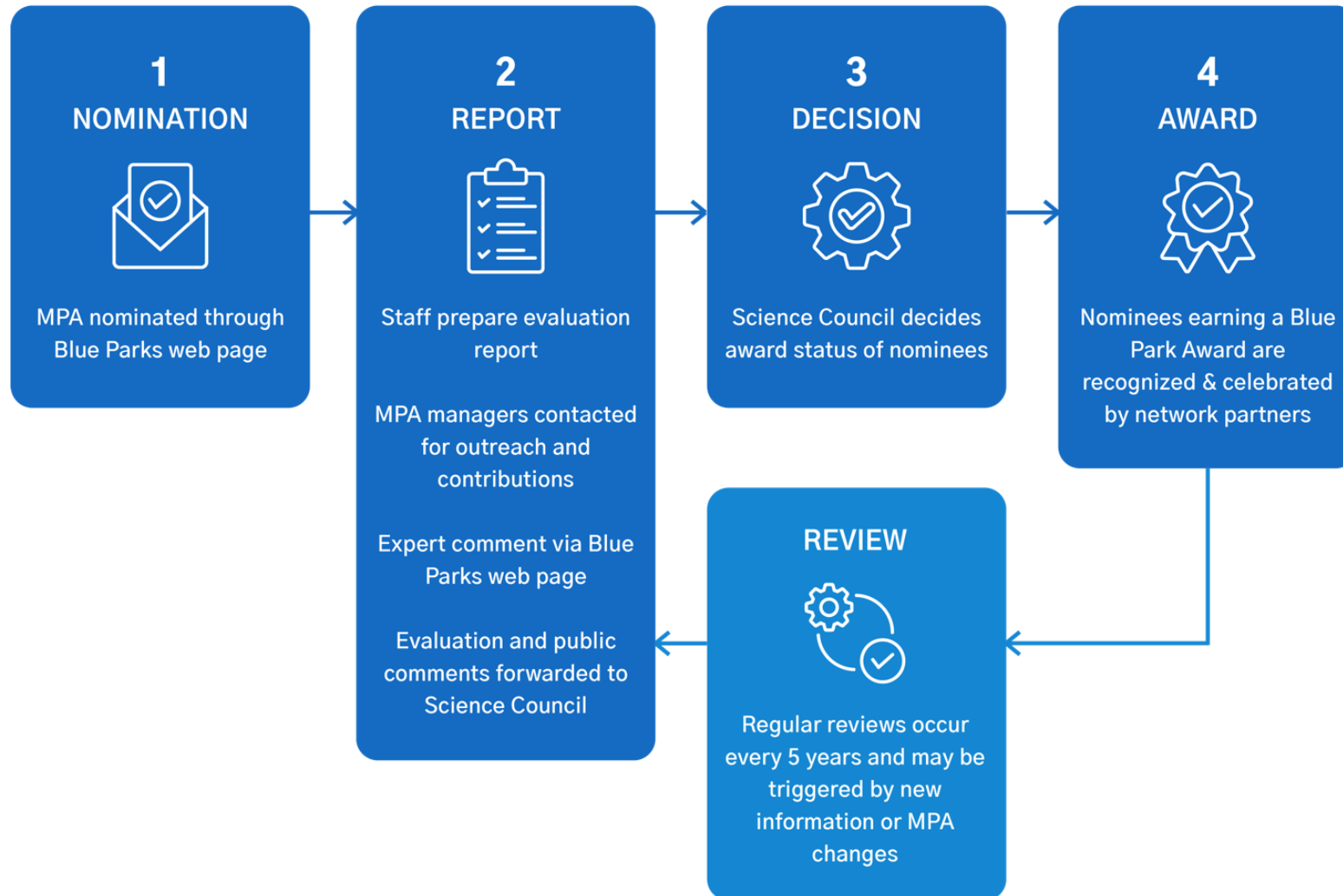
Award effective MPAs

- International recognition
- Seal of approval → funding leverage
- Eco-tourism opportunities
- Growing marine conservation network



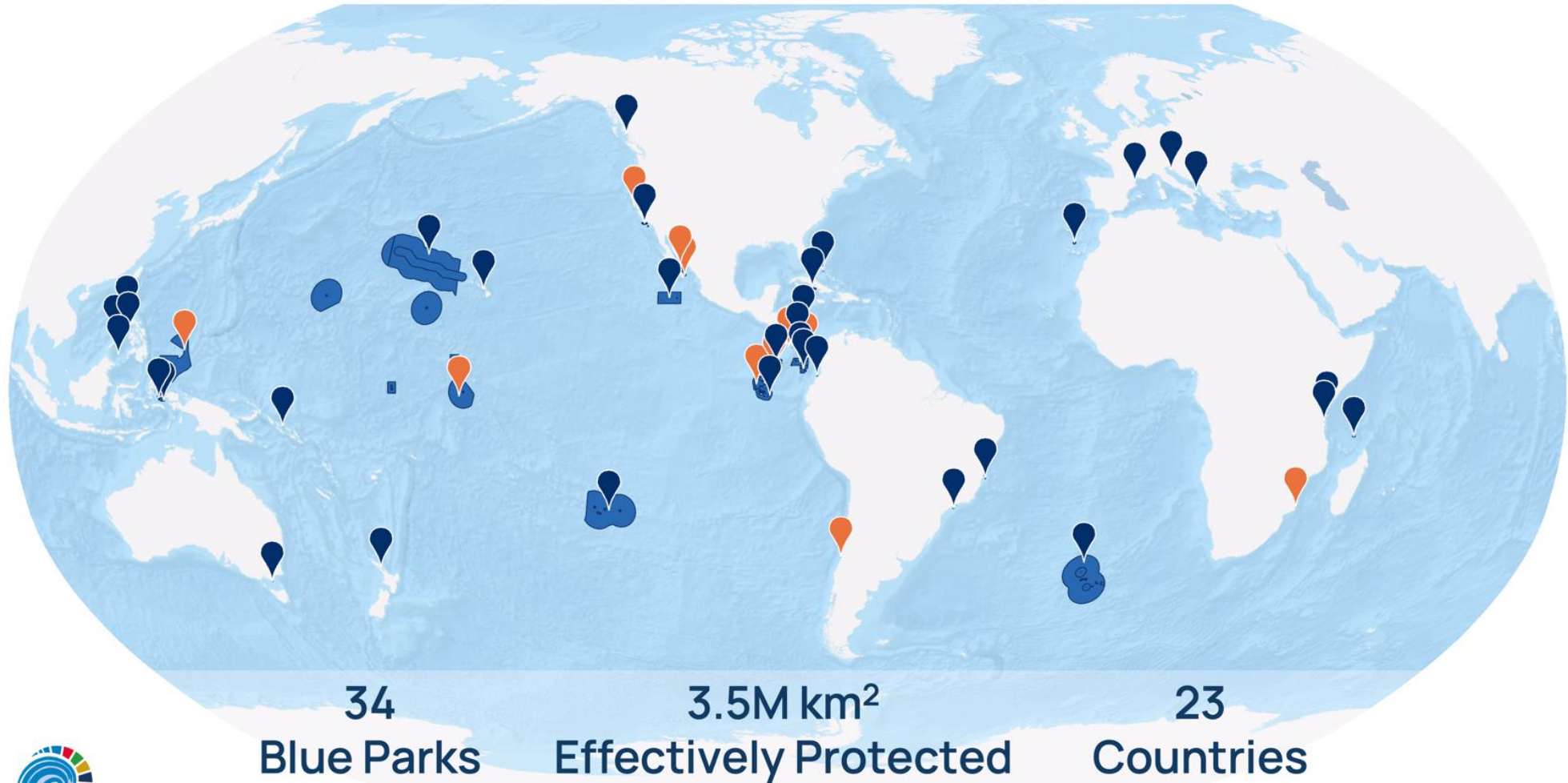
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2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

 Blue Parks  Blue Sparks



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Conservation
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Blue Sparks: Tomorrow's Blue Parks

Blue Sparks are collaborations between Marine Conservation Institute and MPA champions to ensure that new and developing MPAs meet Blue Park standards for conservation effectiveness.

Blue Sparks: Tomorrow's Blue Parks



“In Inhambane Bay we are using traditional knowledge from our elders and the most modern marine science to conserve our bay.

We hope to serve as a model for other coastal communities of Mozambique and around the world. We appreciate the help from Marine Conservation Institute to move our efforts forward; and we thank our elders, village councils, government partners, Ocean Revolution and Bitonga Divers for their great leadership.”

Antonio de Sacramento Cabral

Program Director, Ocean Revolution Mozambique



Sidika, Inhambane Bay Community Conservation Network

Opportunities & Assistance

Marine Conservation Institute offers three ways to engage with the Standard:

- (1) informational sessions;**
- (2) answers to specific questions about the Standard; and**
- (3) nominations for the Blue Park Award, which includes assessment and feedback.**

Nominate the next Blue Park!

NOMINATE AN MPA AT

[HTTPS://WWW.BLUEPARKS.ORG/NOMINATE](https://www.blueparks.org/nominate)

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