



MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

MPAs are important for people

The oceans are a source of employment, food security, inspiration, education and relaxation.

500 thousand people go fishing for fun on South Africa's coastline

22 commercial fisheries employ **43** thousand people in South Africa

Healthy shores support **23** thousand small scale fishers **R400** million was the direct value of marine and coastal tourism in 2013



Photo: Judy Mann

MPAs help protect our cultural heritage. Many people turn to the ocean for cleansing, worship, inspiration and rejuvenation.



Photo: E KZN Wildlife

MPAs are amazing outdoor classrooms. Students of all ages can explore and enjoy nature in our MPAs.



Photo: Judy Mann

MPAs help to create sustainable jobs.

Coastal resorts are popular holiday destinations. The pristine condition of MPAs attract people wanting to get close to nature.



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<https://www.marineprotectedareas.org.za/benefits>



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70 years of helping people to care for our ocean