

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Pressures and threats

The ocean is getting busier as pressures in the marine environment diversify and expand.

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turtle species are threatened

37% of South Africa's seabirds are threatened

30% of South Africa's endemic seabreams are threatened

55 species of invasive alien plants and animals have been found in our ocean

300 exploratory offshore oil and gas wells have been drilled

As the demand for a healthy fish diet increases so does pressure on fish stocks increase.



Photo: Jean Tresfon



Photo: Judy Mann

Climate change and plastic pollution are threatening many marine species.

The increase in coastal development threatens coastal ecosystems, and puts pressure on natural processes.



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The effects of shipping and marine mining pose serious threats to ocean ecosystems.

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