



Marine Protected Area  
Agency Partnership

# Mexico

Comisión Nacional de  
Áreas Naturales  
Protegidas (CONANP)



## Participants:

- **Regional offices**

1. Península de Baja California y Pacífico Norte
2. Noroeste y Alto Golfo de California
3. Occidente y Pacífico Centro
4. Frontera Sur, Istmo y Pacífico Sur
5. Planicie Costera y Golfo de México
6. Península de Yucatan y Caribe Mexicano

- **Central offices**

International Cooperation, Climate Change,  
Priority Species, Ramsar & wetland sites in PA

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## MPA Program(s) Description or Highlights:

- 182 protected areas = 90,839,521.55 hectares
- 32 marine protected areas (MPA) = 69,458,750 hectares / 22.05% of the national territory
- Island conservation (98% of the territory within MPA )
- 54% of the country's mangroves are protected
- 90% of the coral reefs are protected (over 1,000 hectares)
- Deep sea: there are MPA with depths greater than 4,000m in the Pacific and 3,000m in the Caribbean

## Other instruments for protection and conservation of marine species:

- Fishing shelters (0.24%)
- Official Mexican Standards (NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2010)
- International designations: UNESCO, 11 MAB, 89 coastal-marine Ramsar sites

## Key Program Challenges/Priorities:

- **Challenges:** Annual Budget\*: \$35,015,298 USD = \$40 cents (USD) per hectare of PA  
People living in Protected Areas: 1,480,684

\*not considering coming shortages due COVID 19 crisis

**Main Priority** = Effective Management in MPA / wellbeing of local communities