Valuing the global importance
Of
EU Overseas' marine conservation efforts

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European Overseas Marine Protected Areas

Overview of Marine Protected Area Networks in European Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories

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An overview and perspectives for the future

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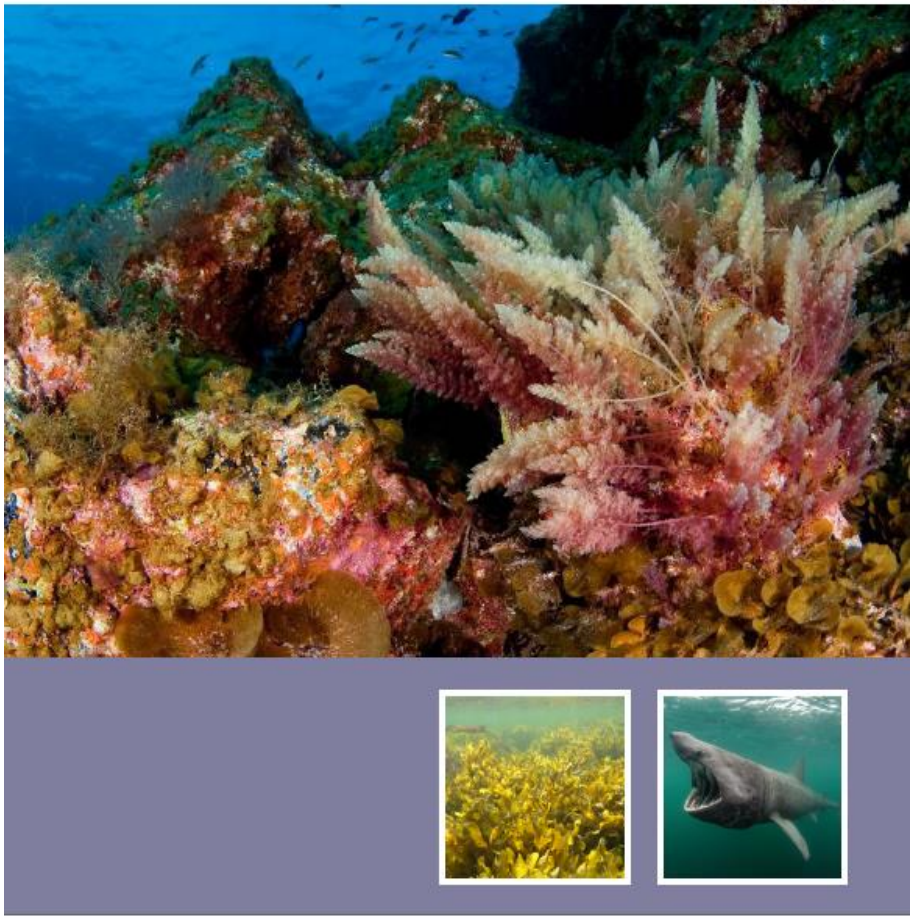

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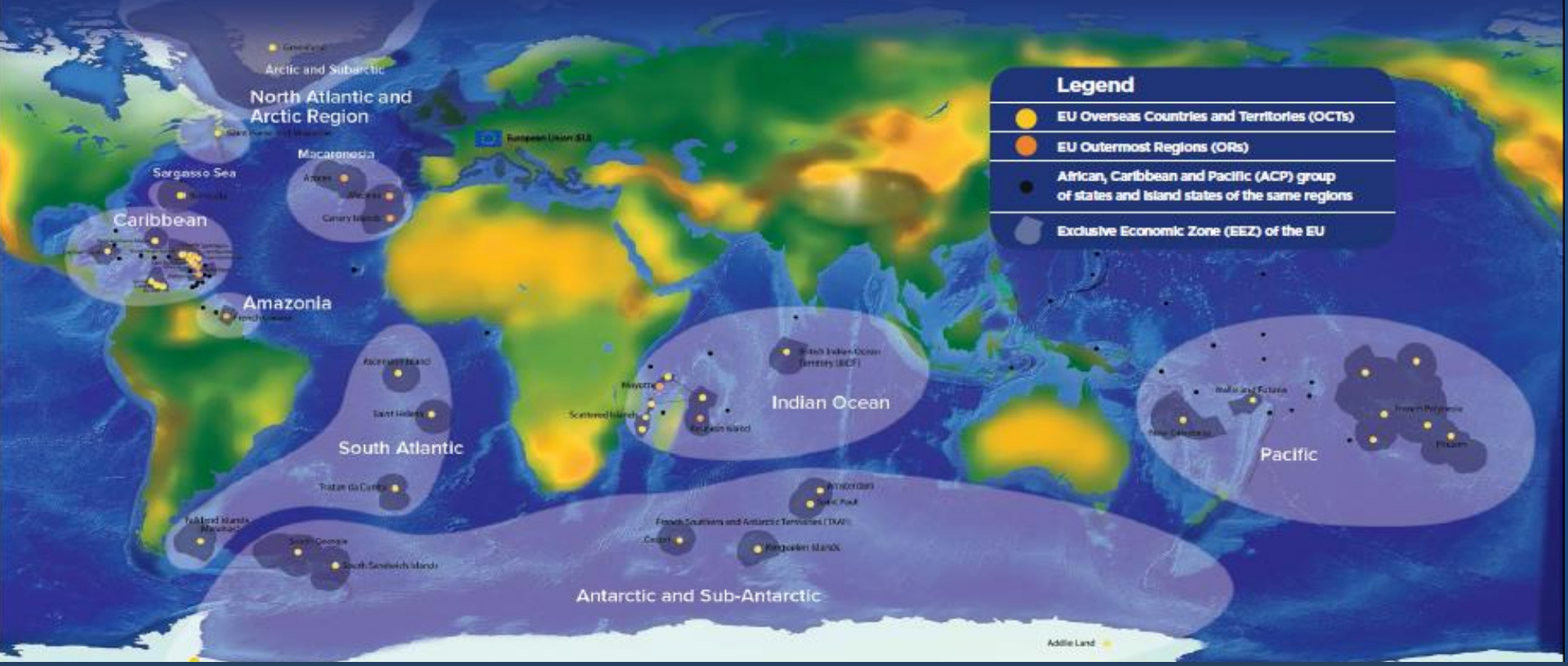


- Spanning 5 oceans
- A combined exclusive economic zone (EEZ) > **19 million km2**
- world's largest maritime domain of the world ~ **5%** of all global waters
- Very diverse ecosystems internationally acknowledged :

4 Hotspots – 19 EBSAs – 5 Hope spots
4.3 million km2 Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs)

- 20% of the world's coral reefs and lagoons

- EU Overseas are leading the way

350 MPAs- 39 Ramsar sites

- Championing Aichi Target-SDG14

6,5 million km2

33% EU Overseas waters

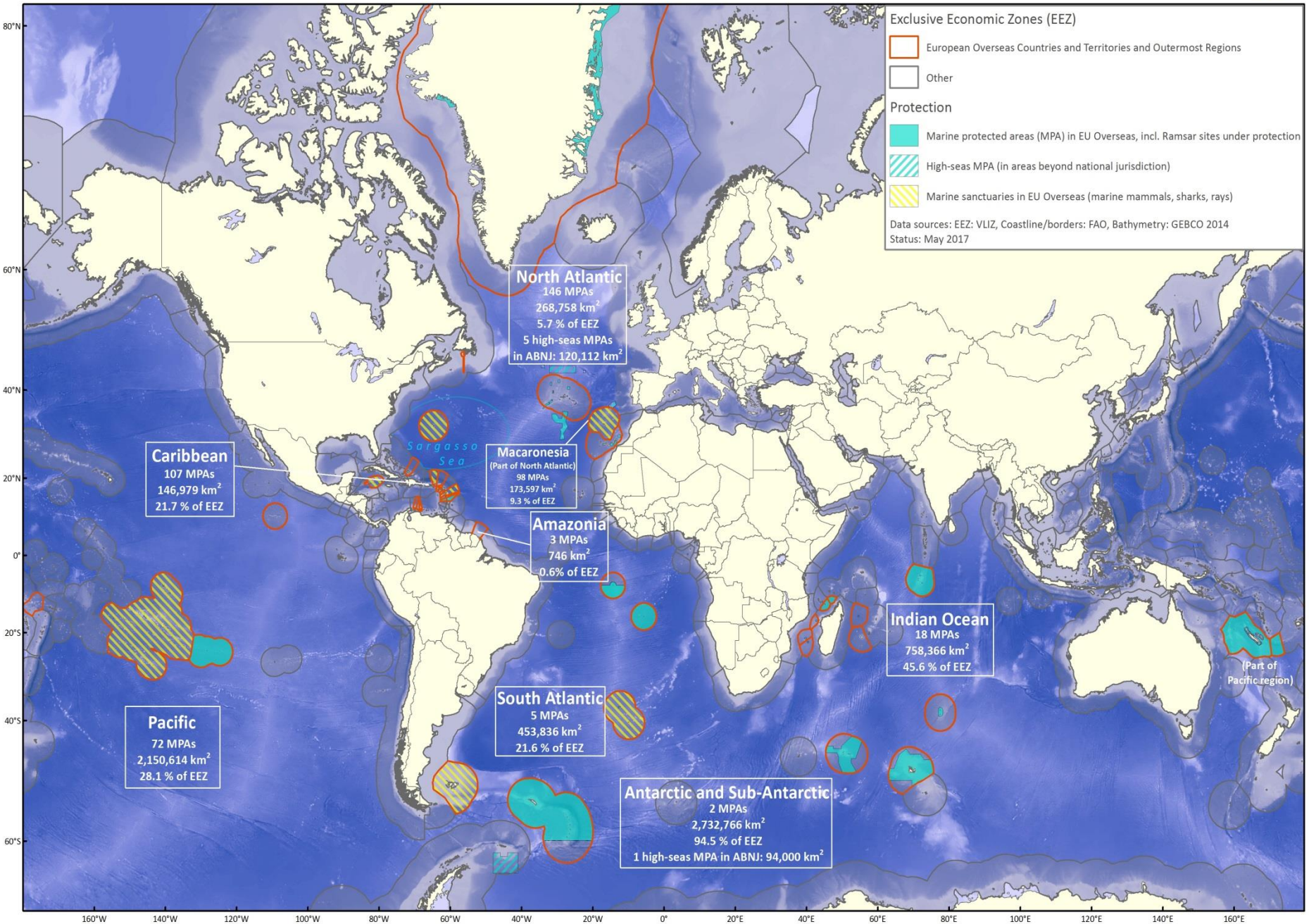
1/3 of global waters protected

- Large comprehensive MPAs

6 /10 largest MPAS of the world

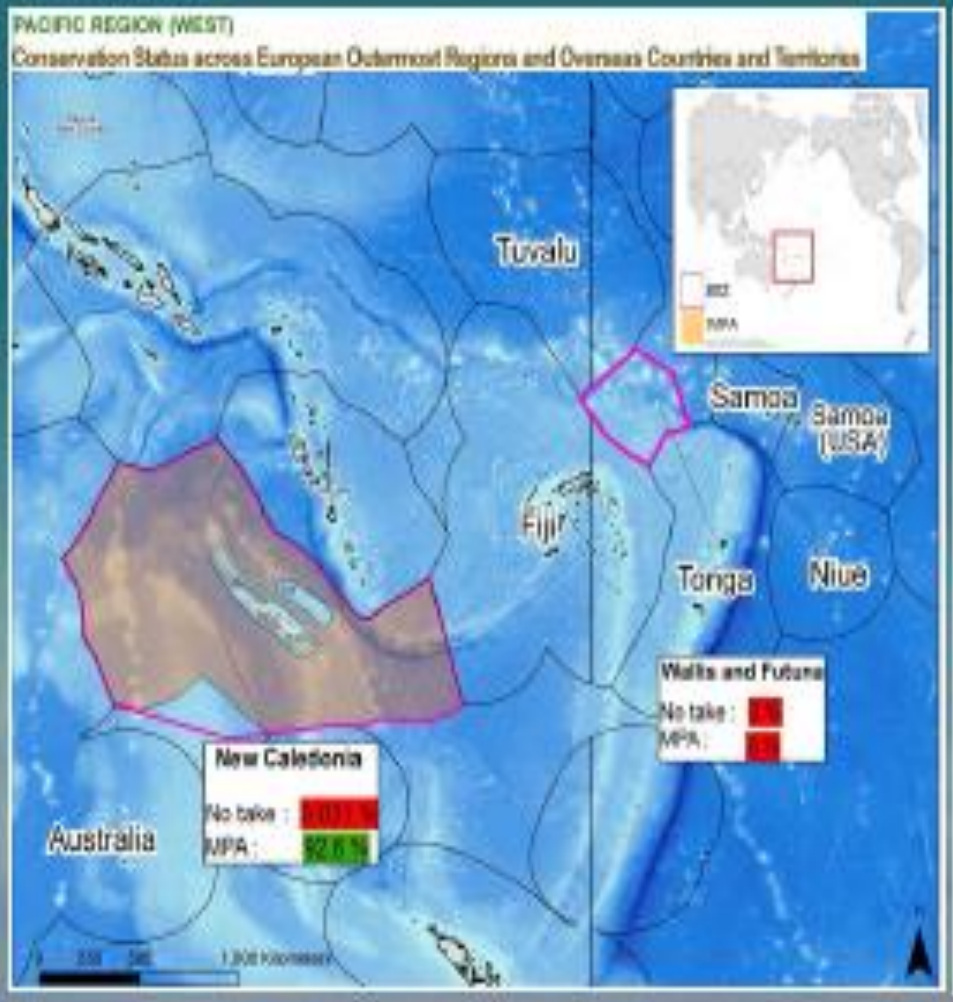
- 1rst High seas MPA

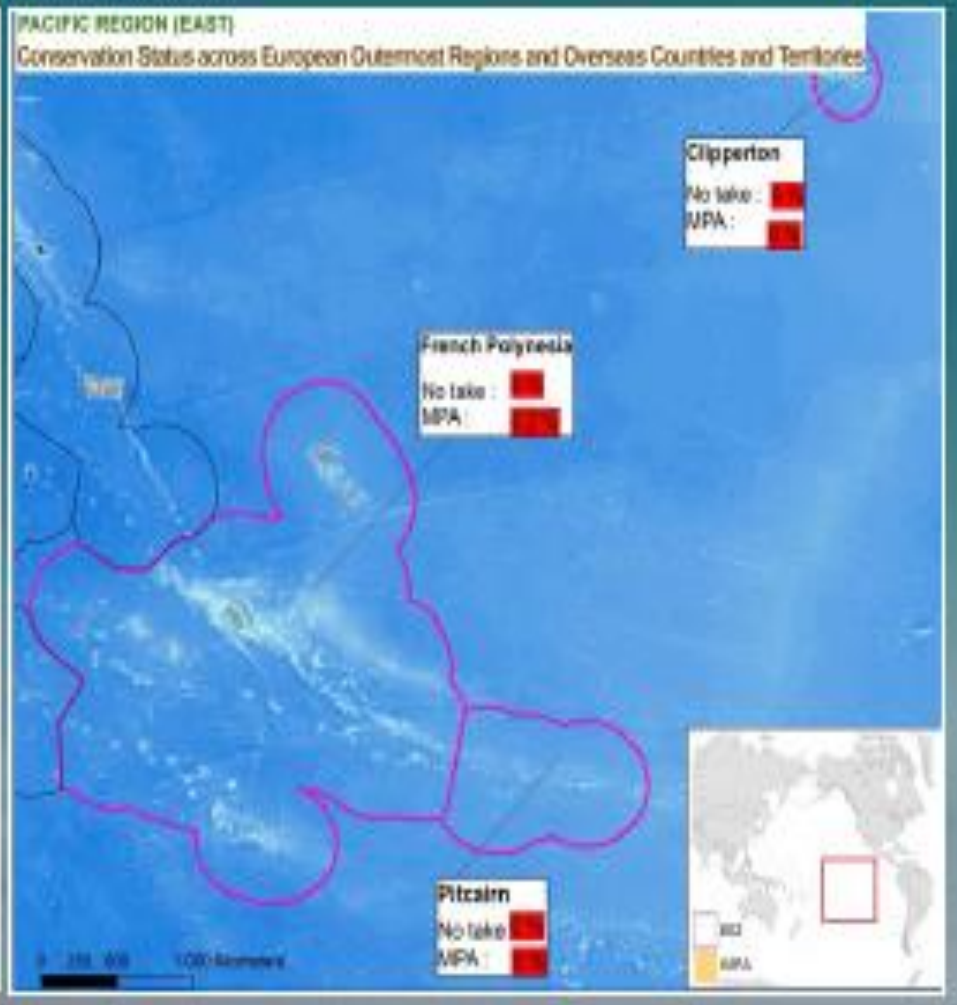
Marine and coastal conservation efforts in the EU Overseas marine regions



- only 10/34 EU Overseas protect >10%
  - ~ 95% of EU Overseas marine conservation efforts
- Only 3 operating Ecological networks
- Climate change

Important achievements and more to come !





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VOLUNTARY SCHEME FOR BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN TERRITORIES OF EUROPEAN OVERSEAS

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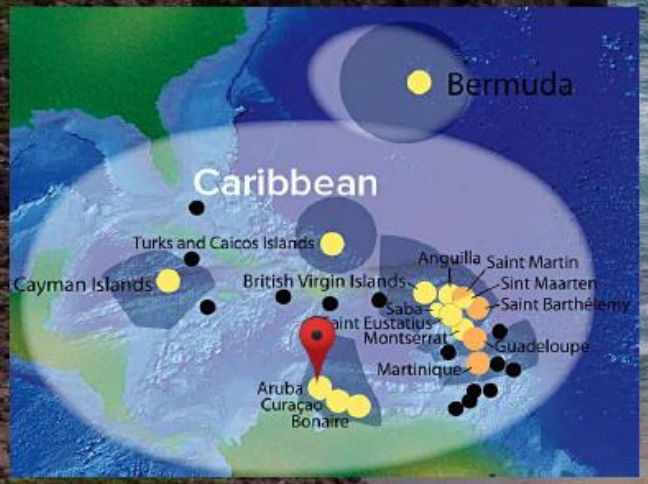
Project: Marine Park Aruba

Location: Aruba



Project Lead: TNO

Partner: Directie Natuur en Milieu

Aim of the project:

To protect part of the Aruba's valuable marine habitat through the establishment of a marine park. This involves:

- Putting in place the necessary legislation for the marine park
- Developing and adopting a management plan
- Establishing a management organisation
- Developing, prioritising and selecting 4 restoration and climate resilience project plans that can be implemented within the new marine park

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Thank you very much
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