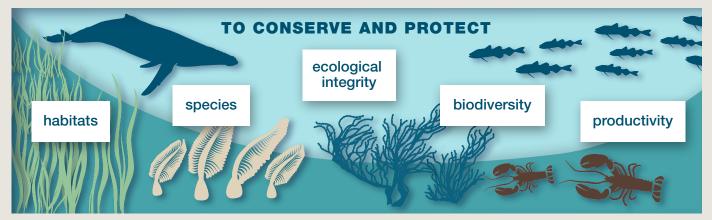


Marine Protected Area

A CLEARLY DEFINED geographical space

RECOGNIZED DEDICATED AND MANAGED through legal or other effective means to achieve the **LONG-TERM** conservation of nature WITH ASSOCIATED ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

WHAT IS AN MPA'S PURPOSE?



BENEFITS OF AN EFFECTIVE MPA MAY INCLUDE



ECOLOGICAL

In addition to the above biodiversity benefits, an MPA can help mitigate climate change and support local ecosystem resilience to stressors.



CULTURAL

An MPA can preserve unique cultural sites and natural beauty to support Indigenous and local cultures and food harvesting.



ECONOMIC

An MPA can provide tourism and recreation opportunities, support fish populations for local fisheries, and grow community partnerships.



SOCIAL

An MPA can promote community awareness and ocean stewardship, visitation and enjoyment of the area, and build relationships.

EACH MPA IS UNIQUE AND PROVIDES A DIFFERENT RANGE OF BENEFITS