

# Marine World Heritage: A rare glimmer of hope amidst widespread climate uncertainty

The highlight of 2018 was undoubtedly the removal of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System from the UNESCO List of World Heritage in Danger. Lauded in the New York Times as "A Victory for Coral", the success followed an intensive period of landmark conservation action led by the Government of Belize. Other nations expanded ocean protections surrounding their marine World Heritage sites, made substantial new financial investments or moved to adopt zero carbon emissions policies.

Despite this positive outcome, the long-term impact of climate change on World Heritage marine sites remains of paramount importance. Last September, we released an update to our 2017 scientific assessment, which confirmed that limiting global temperatures to 1.5°C above pre-industrial times is critical for the survival of World Heritage-listed coral

At the level of individual sites, our focus is on building resilience. In partnership with an international private-public consortium, we embarked on a new four-year global initiative to build climate adaptation strategies in an initial five marine World Heritage sites.

Our first south-south cooperation kicked off in Sudan last October. Similar to marine World Heritage sites in Mauritania and South Africa, the marine site in Sudan is surrounded by small villages where poverty reduction is a central concern. In a first two-day exchange, managers from the three countries discussed how World Heritage status leverages jobs and income while sustaining the ocean.

Marine litter, plastics and waste were high on our agenda last year. Places such as Henderson Island are among the most affected on our planet but the solution requires both local and global action. Last November we supported an initiative from the Wadden Sea World Heritage site, bringing together managers and international litter experts. We ended the year looking ahead when legal experts gathered in Monaco to explore how the 1972 World Heritage Convention could potentially protect unique ocean places in the High Seas.

None of this success would be possible without our partners. We signed several major new partnerships and received increasing financial support from anonymous partners. We are grateful for the help of everyone - small and large and look forward to working together in the New Year!

#### **Fanny Douvere**

Coordinator, Marine Programme, World Heritage Centre

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## **KEY CONSERVATION RESULTS IN 2018**

# FROM ACROSS THE WORLD HERITAGE MARINE NETWORK

**Belize Barrier Reef** Reserve System, Belize



'In 2018, the Belize Barrier Reef was removed from the **UNESCO List of World** Heritage in Danger. This tremendous achievement shows the power of collective action among government, civil society and the international community."

Beverly Wade, World Heritage Focal Point, Belize





"Last November, South Africa's iSimangaliso announced the expansion of its marine protected area featuring the world's oldest living fish, the coelacanth. The expansion is expected to provide a crucial buffer to the protection of the site's Outstanding Universal Value."

Sibusiso Bukhosini, CEO, iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority



"In May 2018, the Norwegian Parliament adopted a resolution to halt emissions from cruise ships and ferries in the West Norwegian Fjords -Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord World Heritage site. It's a brave resolution which will make the fjords the world's first zero emission

Katrin Blomvik, Director, Geirangerfjord World Heritage Foundation

zone at sea."

West Norwegian Fjords Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord,



Aldabra Atoll. Seychelles

"The government of Seychelles created new marine protected areas around Aldabra Atoll which makes it the largest national marine park similar in size to Cambodia and therefore is expected to considerably enhance Aldabra's World Heritage values. The designation comes after a complete update of the site's management plan, and recognizes Aldabra as a conservation success story."

Dr Frauke Fleischer-Dogley, CEO, Seychelles Island Foundation



**Great Barrier Reef.** Australia

"Last April, the government of Australia approved a new AUS\$ 500 million investment to improve protection of the world's largest coral reef system. From this, the Marine Park Authority received an additional \$42.7 million for its joint field management program there will be more people on the ground to ensure compliance, restoration activities and respond to incidents, which will support the ability of reefs and islands to recover after disturbance."

Bruce Elliot, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority







Lagoons of New Caledonia: Reef Diversity and Associated Ecosystems, **France** 

"The government of New Caledonia decided to substantially strengthen protection in the Coral Sea. The northern World Heritage area is now surrounded by a vast, newly protected area with which its ecosystem is intimately connected."

Nathalie Baillon, Director of Conservatoire d'Espaces Naturels





# **WORLD HERITAGE MARINE MANAGERS:** A FLAGSHIP NETWORK EMPOWERED TO TRANSFORM HOW WE PROTECT



World Heritage managers have unparalleled expertise in managing marine protected areas. On a daily basis, we connect 49 sites across 37 nations to share solutions and improve conservation outcomes.

As local quardians of the world's most iconic marine protected areas, marine World Heritage managers have confronted every imaginable problem facing our oceans and many have created leading-edge solutions.

Through UNESCO's robust monitoring, supported by IUCN as the Convention's Advisory Body on natural heritage, we have begun to tap the vast expertise hundreds of thousands of hours of on-the-ground experience and innovation to tackle problems like overfishing and development pressure— contained within our global collection of World Heritage marine site managers.

Since its inception in 2010, the network has produced several tangible results, including special maritime pollution protection status for Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park in the Philippines, and a twinning agreement to improve protection of millions of birds shared between Banc d'Arguin National Park (Mauritania) and the Wadden Sea (Netherlands, Denmark, Germany). Site-to-site exchanges over the past two years with Glacier Bay National Park (USA) were also central in achieving

the recent zero emissions target for West Norwegian Fjords (Norway).

Setting up international exchanges of best practices has become a hallmark of the World Heritage Marine Programme. The network is maintained through peer-to-peer exchanges between sites with similar challenges, thematic expert meetings and regular e-newsletters. Every three years, all 49 managers come together to share their key successes and to forge a path forward together. On the next page are some of the results from the past year.



## **Building a World Heritage vision embracing** conservation and poverty reduction in Sudan

From 9 to 12 October we held our first training in Port Sudan, Africa at the Sanganeb Marine National Park and Dungonab Bay—Mukkawar Island Marine National Park World Heritage site. World Heritage managers from Banc d'Arguin National Park (Mauritania) and iSimangaliso Wetland Park (South Africa) shared their experiences about how to use World Heritage status to leverage jobs, income and a sustainable environment.

In iSimangaliso, tourism businesses in and around the Park have grown by more than 80% in the last 10

years, and after 18 years of World Heritage designation, the Park provides 12,000 jobs.

More info: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1887/

It was a unique experience to discover the many similarities between Sudan, Mauritania and South Africa's marine World Heritage sites. This exchange was an excellent starting point for Sudan moving forward in the future."

#### Naserdeen Mohamed Al Amin,

manager of Sanganeb Marine National Park and Dungonab Bay Mukkawar Island Marine National Park



## Ocean litter at marine World Heritage sites: from local clean ups to global strategic action

Marine litter, including plastics, is a growing concern for the health of the oceans. Studies estimate that several World Heritage sites such as Henderson Island (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) or Papahānaumokuākea (USA) are located at the edge of major ocean gyres which transport plastics and marine litter to their beaches and ocean environment. From 14 to 16 November, the Wadden

Sea World Heritage site hosted the first expert meeting to discuss solutions to reduce plastic and marine litter across marine World Heritage sites. During the 3-day workshop experts and World Heritage marine managers exchanged ideas and best practices on marine litter monitoring, clean-up campaigns and awareness-raising. The meeting report is expected to be public in Spring 2019. More info: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1904/

## Innovative science and sustainable marine tourism during high-level Belize visit to Australia

From 26 to 30 November 2018, a high-level delegation from Belize visited Australia's Great Barrier Reef to exchange best practices on leveraging their reef's iconic World Heritage status, to protect their fragile ecosystems from climate impacts and secure sustainable livelihoods, jobs and income for local communities. The visit follows a series of landmark conservation actions that led to the removal of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System from the List of World Heritage in Danger earlier this year.

More info: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1909/



Our 2018 activities to strengthen the World Heritage marine site manager's network and accelerate change were supported by the Annenberg Foundation, the Government of Flanders, the French Agency for Biodiversity, and anonymous partners.

# MARINE WORLD HERITAGE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Climate change affects marine World Heritage sites at an unprecedented speed. In addition to assessing conservation trends, our climate work focuses on assessing the impacts through scientific reports and building resilience at the local level of individual sites.



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At the October 2018 Our Ocean Conference in Bali, Indonesia, we launched a new four-year initiative that will build climate resilience leadership in an initial five World Heritage marine sites. The initiative builds on the capacity of managers to work locally and enables a global network to create innovative approaches that can fast track resilience of coral reefs in hot spots around the globe. Sites involved include Rock Islands Southern Lagoon (Palau), Lagoons of New Caledonia: Reef Diversity and Associated Ecosystems (France),

Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System (Belize), Ningaloo Coast and the Great Barrier Reef (Australia).

While delivering on the Paris Climate
Agreement is essential, global efforts
must be reinforced by strategic local
action to build the resilience of coral
reefs, buying time for reefs while global
carbon emissions are brought under
control. For World Heritage coral reefs and
the communities that depend on them,
resilience is key to survival.

More information: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1894/

The Resilient Reefs initiative is led by an international consortium of partners, including UNESCO World Heritage Centre, the Rockefeller Foundation and its pioneering 100 Resilient Cities, BHP Foundation, the Nature Conservancy's Reef Resilience Network, the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and the global consultancy in environmental engineering, AECOM.



### ightarrow Artwork to celebrate World Oceans Day

On World Oceans Day, 8 June, we highlighted the power of art to inspire people around the world to step up efforts to protect our Marine World Heritage for future generations. The colourful diversity of UNESCO World Heritage-listed coral reefs inspired the 19-yr old Belgian artist VEXX to create artwork to celebrate the 2018 World Oceans Day. His drawings raised attention for the challenges World Heritage listed coral reefs face.

More information: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1828/

## Reef Resilience: Pioneering leadership in climate adaptation









Marine Managers during the 2018 inception workshop. © Great Barrier Reef Foundation / Gary Cranitch

The UNESCO World Heritage List includes 29 coral reefs that are of outstanding value to humanity. But soaring ocean temperatures over the past three years has caused some of the worst bleaching ever observed. The third global marine World Heritage managers conference (2016, Galápagos Islands), revealed how ill-equipped and overwhelmed World Heritage managers are to understand and adapt to the threats of climate change. At the time, only Australia's Great Barrier Reef had a comprehensive strategic plan in place to boost reef resilience in the face of climate change.

The Reef Resilience initiative represents a coordinated plan of action to develop a new methodology for resiliencebased management. Starting with five World Heritage-listed coral reefs, it will finance a Chief Resilience Officer (CRO) at each site who will be tasked to coordinate the development of a Resilience Strategy in close cooperation with local government, communities and civil society.

A team of top-notch experts in climate resilience and coral reefs will support World Heritage reef managers with this effort. This initiative will also fund the immediate implementation of priority actions as defined in the Resilience Strategy. Results, outcomes and lessons learned will be shared with the broader World Heritage marine manager community and replicated where feasible.



A strategy does not build the resilience of World Heritage reefs – actions do. That's why we are excited about the resources and support that Resilient Reefs brings to the site-level."

#### Jennifer Olegeriil,

Director, Department of Conservation and Law Enforcement, Koror State Government, Palau

# UNESCO update confirms remaining within 1.5°C climate target is critical for survival of World Heritage-listed coral reefs



Last September, UNESCO's World Heritage Centre released an update to its 2017 first global scientific assessment of the impacts of climate change on UNESCO World Heritage coral reefs. The latest update concludes that limiting global temperatures to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels would mean World Heritage-listed coral reefs are expected to avoid severe annual bleaching this century.

Led by NOAA's Coral Reef

Watch, the update forecasts the effects of heat stress on the

29 reef-containing UNESCO World Heritage properties under a Representative Concentration Pathway RCP2.6 scenario, in which global temperature increase would be limited to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. Under such a scenario, which reflects the long-term target under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Paris Agreement, exposure to annual severe bleaching would likely be prevented this century. Furthermore, nearly all of the 29 analyzed World Heritage-listed coral reefs (86%) would escape twice-per-decade severe bleaching this century and thus secure a sustainable future for the planet's most iconic reef systems.

This report benefited from in-kind support from the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the University of Miami, and the University of Colorado for which the World Heritage Centre is grateful.

More information: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1878/

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## **WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE** CONSERVATION STATUS OF MARINE WORLD HERITAGE SITES

World Heritage Listing is only the first step. Once a place is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, it becomes subject to continuous monitoring and evaluation to ensure its special values are maintained. Last year, we contributed to the scientific assessments of 11 marine sites.

The World Heritage Committee oversees all sites on UNESCO's World Heritage List, reviews state of conservation reports, and requests governments to take action to address specific conservation challenges. At its 42nd annual session held in Manama, Bahrain, last July, the Committee adopted decisions for 11 World Heritage marine sites.

## List of decisions for 11 World Heritage marine sites

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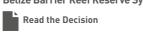


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Read the Decision



Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System





Coiba National Park and its Special **Zone of Marine Protection** 

Read the Decision



East Rennell

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**Everglades National Park** 

Read the Decision



Galápagos Islands

Read the Decision



Gough and Inaccessible Islands

Read the Decision



Islands and Protected Areas of the **Gulf of California** 





Natural System of Wrangel Island

Read the Decision



Sanganeb Marine National Park and Dungonab Bay – Mukkawar Island Marine National Park





Socotra Archipelago

Read the Decision

## **Landmark Conservation** Action leads to Belize **Barrier Reef removal** from List of World **Heritage in Danger**

Undoubtedly, the highlight of 2018 was the removal of the Belize Barrier Reef from the List of World Heritage in Danger. At its 42nd Session, the World Heritage Committee decided to remove the site from the UNESCO List of World Heritage in Danger following an intensive period of landmark conservation action led by the Government of Belize over the past year.

The Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System was inscribed on the UNESCO List of World Heritage in Danger in 2009 following concerns about sales of lands for private development within the property, mangrove destruction and offshore oil extraction. About 200,000 Belizeans are dependent on the reef for their livelihood.

Since 2015, the government of Belize has stepped up leadership to address threats to the Outstanding Universal Value of the site and implement necessary legislative measures to safeguard the property's health in a changing climate. Measures include a permanent oil moratorium across the entire Belize offshore waters, the adoption of new regulations for mangrove protection, strengthened



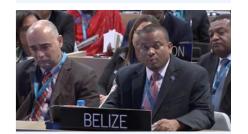
permit regulations to prevent unsustainable development and measures toward safeguarding all remaining nationally held lands throughout the property.

In 2016, the government of Belize adopted a visionary management plan for the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System, developed during a multiyear engagement process with local communities and stakeholders. The plan provides alternative scenarios based on different socio-economic and environmental objectives and is one of the most innovative marine management plans worldwide.

More information: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1839/



Committee decide



Watch the official address of the Honourable **Deputy Prime Minister of Belize** 

The World Heritage Marine Programme activities to support the removal of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System from the List of World Heritage in Danger were supported by the government of Flanders and Mr Adrian and Ms Jacqui Beecroft/Charities Aid Foundation.



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The World Heritage Committee will convene for its 43rd session in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 30 June to 10 July 2019. During the 43rd session, the Committee is scheduled to discuss the state of conservation of at least 10 World Heritage marine sites, including East Rennell, Everglades National Park, Socotra Archipelago, The Sundarbans, Shiretoko, Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System, Area de Conservación Guanacaste, Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California, Coiba National Park and its Special Zone of Marine Protection. The full list of sites for review will be available in spring 2019.





The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) provides technical advice to help the World Heritage Committee make informed decisions on natural World Heritage. For more information: https://www.iucn.org/theme/world-heritage

# WORLD HERITAGE IN MARINE AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION

The 1972 World Heritage Convention does not currently protect places in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction. Yet, ocean areas of potential universal value might exist in these waters. Following the UNESCO 2011 Audit Recommendation, we are exploring what it would take to extend protection to these areas in the future. A new report is expected in Spring 2019.

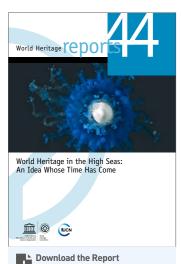




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# Advancing the possibility of World Heritage sites in the High Seas



an idea whose time has come

On 11-12 December 2018, we brought together top legal experts in Monaco to discuss possible practical ways on how globally unique marine areas beyond national jurisdiction could potentially be protected through the 1972 World Heritage Convention. During the meeting, legal options for the possible nomination, protection and evaluation of ocean places of potential Outstanding Universal Value in the High Seas were discussed. The results of the meeting will be presented at the forthcoming 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee in 2019.

Read more: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1912/

In 2016, UNESCO and IUCN launched a report that, for the first time, explored ways in which the 1972 World Heritage Convention could help conserve wonders of the open ocean beyond

national boundaries. The report followed the 2011 recommendation from the Independent Audit of the UNESCO World Heritage Global Strategy and PACT initiative to "reflect upon appropriate means to preserve sites that correspond to conditions of Outstanding Universal Value, which are not dependent on the sovereignty of States Parties." The 2016 report concluded that the Convention could potentially protect exceptional places in these areas and that not doing so might be a mere historic oversight.

## Live Broadcast White Shark Café

On 15 May 2018, as part of the Aspen Institute's High Seas Initiative, we had the honour of participating in a Panel Discussion and Live Broadcast on White Shark Café, a patch of ocean between California and Hawaii. The site was featured in the 2016 UNESCO-IUCN report as a potential area that could possibly be of Outstanding Universal Value to humanity. Along with Sylvia Earle, Barbara Block and others, we discussed how the UNESCO World Heritage Convention could potentially help protect this precious place.

https://www.aspeninstitute.org/events/white-shark-cafe-panel-discussion-live-broadcast/

The High Seas activities of the World Heritage Marine Programme were supported by the government of France and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.

# PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO BECOMES STRATEGIC PARTNER OF MARINE WORLD HERITAGE



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# Science, understanding and raising awareness through exploration

Under the direction of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, the Principality has renewed its tradition of ocean explorations that step up scientific understanding, learning and raise public awareness for the challenges the ocean face. Launched in 2017, the Monaco Explorations are a travelling research platform from which top researchers will navigate the world's oceans and seas for the next three years. The World Heritage marine programme partnered with Monaco in support of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed marine sites that will be visited as part of this campaign between now and 2020.



Monaco Explorations



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## A first stop in Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary World Heritage area

Monaco Explorations was in Malpelo from 14 to 29 March 2018. During the scientific expedition, environmental DNA samples were taken to identify ocean species through their genetic code. A camera rig was placed at depths of 10 to 20 meters for 36 consecutive hours, capturing footage of both daytime and night-time species. The data were subsequently cross referenced with results of the filtered DNA samples in an effort to better understand their life cycles and habits. As part of the expedition, a series of sharks were tagged with acoustic transmitters to better understand the migratory patterns of these iconic species.

Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2006 in recognition of its globally outstanding ecosystems and biodiversity. The vast marine park provides a critical habitat for internationally threatened marine species. The site is a reservoir for sharks, giant grouper and billfish and is one of the few places in the world where sightings of the short-nosed ragged toothed shark have been confirmed. Several species that are central to the Outstanding Universal Value of Malpelo migrate large distances to other World Heritage sites in the region, including Galápagos Islands and Cocos Island National Park.



#### ightarrow Monaco Blue Initiative

The Monaco Blue Initiative (MBI) brings together government, civil society, science and private sector leaders to discuss ocean management. The World Heritage Marine Programme attended the 2018 edition in Edinburgh to provide an update on how the world's flagship marine protected areas secure effective protection amidst a rapidly changing climate.

More information: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1813/

These activities to strengthen the protection of marine sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List were supported by the Principality of Monaco.

## **OUR PARTNERS**



None of the successes we achieved in 2018 would have been possible without the support of our key partners. Cooperation across government, non-profit, corporate sector and private individuals is essential to preserve our ocean World Heritage legacy for generations to come. Join our growing global alliance today at wh-marine@unesco.org

#### **KEY 2018 PARTNERS**



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#### IN COOPERATION WITH



The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), official advisory body for natural heritage under the 1972 World Heritage Convention.



The World Heritage marine site managers and their teams that work tirelessly on the ground to implement the 1972 World Heritage Convention. Experts from all over the world have helped make our work possible throughout 2018. We are grateful for their support and look forward to working together in 2019.

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# THE 49 MARINE SITES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST (AS OF 01/01/2019)



#### Argentina

Península Valdés, 1999

#### Australia

**Great Barrier Reef**, 1981 **Heard and McDonald Islands**, 1997 Lord Howe Island Group, 1982

Macquarie Island, 1997 Ningaloo Coast, 2011

Shark Bay, Western Australia, 1991

#### Bangladesh

The Sundarbans, 1997

#### Belize

Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System, 1996

#### Brazil

Brazilian Atlantic Islands: Fernando de Noronha and Atol das Rocas Reserves,

#### Canada/USA

Kluane / Wrangell-St. Elias / Glacier Bay / Tatshenshini-Alsek, 1979

#### Columbia

Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary, 2006

#### Costa Rica

Area de Conservación Guanacaste,

Cocos Island National Park, 1997

#### Denmark/Germany/Netherlands

The Wadden Sea, 2009

#### Ecuador

Galápagos Islands, 1978

#### Finland/Sweden

High Coast / Kvarken Archipelago,

#### **France**

Gulf of Porto: Calanche of Piana, Gulf of Girolata, Scandola Reserve, 1983 Lagoons of New Caledonia: Reef **Diversity and Associated Ecosystems**,

#### **Iceland**

Surtsey, 2008

Sundarbans National Park, 1987

#### Indonesia

Komodo National Park, 1991 Ujung Kulon National Park, 1991

Ogasawara Islands, 2011 Shiretoko, 2005

#### Kiribati

**Phoenix Islands Protected Area**, 2010

#### Mauritania

Banc d'Arguin National Park, 1989

**Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf** of California, 2005 **Sian Ka'an**, 1987

Whale Sanctuary of El Vizcaino, 1993 Archipiélago de Revillagigedo, 2016

#### **New Zealand**

New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands, 1998

#### Norway

West Norwegian Fiords -Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord, 2005

Rock Islands Southern Lagoon, 2012

Coiba National Park and its Special Zone of Marine Protection, 2005

#### **Philippines**

Puerto-Princesa Subterranean River National Park, 1999

Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, 1993

#### **Russian Federation**

Natural System of Wrangel Island Reserve, 2004

#### Sevchelles

Aldabra Atoll, 1982

#### Solomon Islands

East Rennell, 1998

#### South Africa

iSimangaliso Wetland Park, 1999

**Ibiza, Biodiversity and Culture, 1999** 

Sanganeb Marine National Park and Dungonab Bay - Mukkawar Island Marine National Park, 2016

#### **United Kingdom of Great Britain** and Northern Ireland

Gough and Inaccessible Islands, 1995 **St Kilda**, 1986

#### **United States of America**

**Everglades National Park**, 1979 Papahānaumokuākea, 2010

#### Viet Nam

Ha Long Bay, 1994

#### Yemen

Socotra Archipelago, 2008



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