The ABCs of MPAs

Rhyme your way through ecosystems of marine protected areas.

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MPAs are marine protected areas. People all over the world have established MPAs to protect the ocean and its ecosystems, from algae to zooxanthellae (... which is a type of algae)!

Each slide in this GeoStory includes information about an aspect of a marine protected area (MPA) (including some pronunciation help!), as well as a link to related content from National Geographic Education. The entire poem appears in the last slide.

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<td>area of the ocean where a government has placed limits on human activity.</td>
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<td>large body of salt water that covers most of the Earth.</td>
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Articles & Profiles
- National Marine Protected Areas Center: MPA Effectiveness
- National Geographic News: Marine Reserves Found to Boost Nearby Fishing Grounds
- Washington Post: Britain Protects Chagos Islands, Creating World’s Largest Marine Reserve

Images
- National Geographic Ocean: US Marine Protected Areas Photos

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