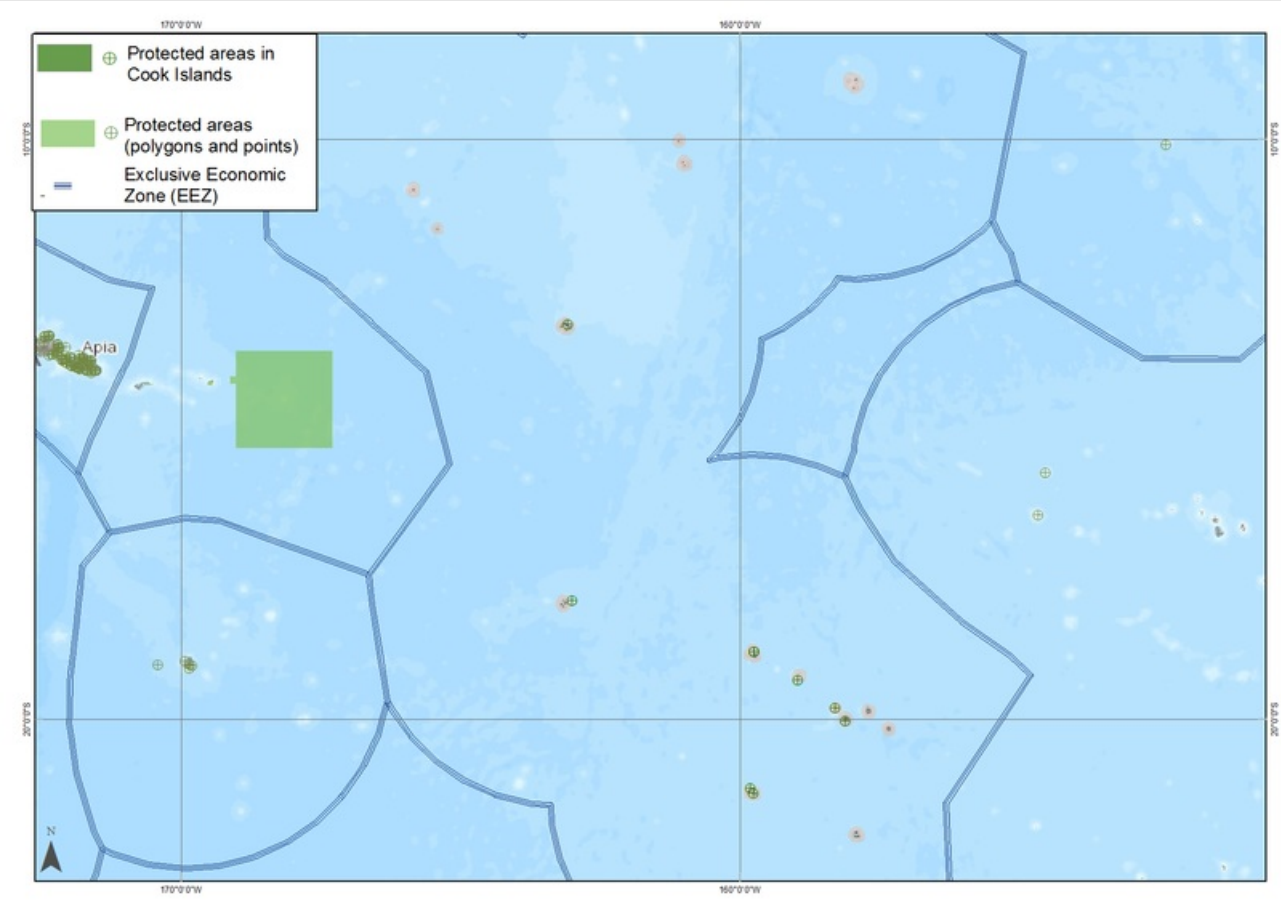
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DEFINITION



PROTECTED AREAS

Protected areas designated under international conventions and agreements	
World Heritage sites	
Natural	

Cultural	
Mixed	
Ramsar sites (Wetlands of International Importance)	
Man and the Biosphere Reserves	
National-level protected areas	
IUCN Protected Area Management Categories	✔
Ia	
Ib	
II	✔
III	
IV	✔
V	
VI	✔
Not Assigned or Not Reported	✔

BIODIVERSITY DESIGNATIONS

Biodiversity designations represent the sites or regions that have been identified as important for biodiversity conservation due to their biological uniqueness or the high threat that they face. A plethora of different approaches have been promoted by conservation organisations and researchers in order to guide decisions about where to invest in biodiversity conservation. These approaches use globally consistent criteria and available data in order to identify and classify sites. The designations themselves do not confer protected area status, but many of the sites identified may partly or fully overlap with a protected area designation on-ground.

Key Biodiversity Areas	✔
Alliance for Zero Extinction Sites	
Crisis Ecoregions	
Centres of Plant Diversity	
Endemic Bird Areas	✔
Global 200 Ecoregions	✔
High Biodiversity Wilderness Areas	
Intact Forest Landscapes	
Last of the Wild	✔

CONVENTIONS AND TREATIES

Important conventions and multi-lateral agreements that relate to biodiversity and the environment.

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	Ratification
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)	Party
International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW)	
International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	Contracting party
International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Convention)	I-II; VI
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Plant Treaty)	Accession
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)	
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)	Ratification
Chapter XXI 3. Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas	
World Heritage Convention	Ratification
Antarctic Treaty	

OTHER MEMBERSHIP

Arctic Council	
International Maritime Organisation	Member
IPBES	
IPCC	Member
OECD	

REFERENCES & WEBSITE

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