

Protected Areas Under the

SPAW Protocol



Cartagena Convention

Regional Database of Marine Protected Areas

- The Protected Areas will together form a network, which will
- contribute to the effective conservation of the natural heritage of the Caribbean.
 - be used as a tool to promote regional & international cooperation in relation to complementary environmental treaties, consistent with the SPAW criteria and listing process.
 - comprise a comprehensive & representative system of protected areas in the WCR, across all bioregions/across the range of ecosystems within each bioregion.

LISTING PROCESS UNDER SPAW

The procedures for the establishment of the list of protected areas are outlined in Article 7 of the SPAW Protocol.

Parties are expected to take the necessary measures to protect, preserve and sustainably manage “areas that require protection to safeguard their special value.”

Areas proposed must have in place legal, institutional & management frameworks for the protection and conservation of their natural features.

Purpose of Listing

To identify areas of importance to the Wider Caribbean region (WCR) to be given priority

- for scientific and technical research
- for mutual assistance and
- to protect the listed areas from activities that would undermine the purposes for which they were listed

+ Benefits

- Protect/preserve areas, habitats & species with special ecological, cultural & socio-economic values
- Prevent species from becoming endangered or threatened
- Provides for the special needs of threatened/endangered/endemic/migratory species - in particular species in Annexes I, II & III
- Enhance recognition and visibility of the listed site
- Raise awareness of site's importance regionally
- Gives priority status for SPAW support

Establishment of Protected Areas (Article 4)

“Areas are established for protection with a view to sustaining the natural resources of the WCR, and encouraging ecologically sound and appropriate use, understanding and enjoyment of these areas, in accordance with the objectives and characteristics of each of them.”

(e.g areas of special biological, ecological, educational, scientific, historic, cultural, recreational, archaeological, aesthetic, or economic value)

A Cooperation Programme has been designed to achieve eco-regional strategic conservation and sustainable management of the marine resources while increasing capacity and promoting cooperation among listed areas.

35 protected area sites from 9 countries + territories listed under SPAW to date

Protected Area	Country	Date Listed	Size
Glover's Reef Marine Reserve	Belize	10/2012	350 sq. km.
Hol Chan Marine Reserve	Belize	10/2012	55 sq. km.
Port Honduras Marine Reserve	Belize	12/2014	405 sq. km.
Regional Seaflower Marine Protected Area	Colombia	10/2012	65000 sq. km.
Sanctuary Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta	Colombia	10/2012	268 sq. km.
Regional Natural Park of Wetlands	Colombia	12/2014	6181 sq. km.
Guanahacabibes National Park	Cuba	10/2012	398 sq. km.
National Parc Cayos de San Felipe	Cuba	3/2017	
Parque Nacional Jaragua	Dominican Republic	12/2014	1536 sq. km.
Parque Nacional La Caleta	Dominican Republic	12/2014	2 sq. km.
Parque Nacional Los Haitises	Dominican Republic	12/2014	631 sq. km.
Parque Nacional Sierra de Bahoruco	Dominican Republic	12/2014	1226 sq. km.
Agoa Sanctuary	France	10/2012	143256 sq. km.
Amana National Nature Reserve	France	06/2019	
Grand Connétable Island Natural Reserve	France	10/2012	79 sq. km.
Kaw-Roura National Nature Reserve	France	06/2019	
National Park of Guadeloupe	France	10/2012	2467 sq. km.
Petite-Terre National Reserve	France	10/2012	10 sq. km.
Saint Martin National Reserve Lagoon Ponds	France	10/2012	2 sq. km.
Reserve Etang des Salines	France	12/2014	98 sq. km.
Reserve Versants Nord de la Montagne	France	12/2014	789 sq. km.
Molinière-Beauséjour Reserve	Grenada	12/2014	
Bonaire National Marine Park	Netherlands	10/2012	27 sq. km.
Quill / Boven National Park	Netherlands	10/2012	5 sq. km.
Saba Bank National Park	Netherlands	10/2012	2679 sq. km.
St. Eustatius National Park	Netherlands	10/2012	
Man O War Shoal Marine Park	Netherlands	12/2014	31 sq. km.
Mount Scenery National Park	Netherlands	06/2019	
Saba National Marine Park	Netherlands	12/2014	8 sq. km.
St. Eustatius National Marine Park	Netherlands	12/2014	27 sq. km.
Tobago Cays Marine Park	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	12/2014	66 sq. km.
Dry Tortugas National Park	USA	10/2012	42 sq. km.
Everglades National Park	USA	10/2012	6110 sq. km.
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary	USA	10/2012	
Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary	USA	10/2012	145 sq. km.



No limit on the total number of areas included in the List or the number of areas any individual Party can propose for listing

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