



NAMPAN



THE NORTH AMERICAN MARINE PROTECTED AREAS NETWORK

ABOUT

The North American Marine Protected Areas Network (NAMPAN) is a network of resource agencies, Marine Protected Areas (MPA) managers, and other relevant experts from Canada, Mexico and the United States. This network aims to strengthen the conservation of biodiversity in critical marine habitats throughout the region and to facilitate transboundary cooperation and information exchange among MPA experts and managers.

The vision is for a collaborative network of people and places contributing to the protection and sustainability of North America's shared coastal and marine ecosystems.

The mission of this network is to connect people and places to conserve coastal and marine species and habitats and address common conservation challenges and opportunities.

NAMPAN combines the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and territorial seas of United States, Canada and Mexico and covers a total 7,938,875 square miles and over 35,000 miles of shoreline. The jurisdiction of the countries and NAMPAN includes areas in the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of California, Pacific Ocean, Hudson Bay and Arctic Ocean. Across the three countries, there are over 1,000 MPAs, and multiple MPA programs at different levels of government.

NAMPAN offers a mechanism to support ongoing communication, collaboration and capacity building across the three countries' MPA programs and networks.

HISTORY

NAMPAN originated in 1999 under the umbrella of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), an intergovernmental organization comprised of Canada, Mexico and the United States established to protect North America's shared environment. UN Environment is the new Chair of **NAMPAN** to ensure continuity of regional collaboration. Via this network, UN Environment will be contributing to the protection of diverse marine ecosystems and habitats, ranging from coral reefs, mangrove forests to kelp forests, rocky intertidal areas and Arctic ice.

Partners and Steering Committee Members include CEC, Parks Canada, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Mexico's National Commission for Protected Natural Areas (CONANP).

CURRENT WORK

UN Environment is currently working with country representatives and the CEC on key network priorities to engage with MPA managers and pertinent stakeholders from the three countries to assess how **NAMPAN** can best support them manage these vast ecosystems. To this end, in 2019 the Network Steering Committee is conducting a survey and a set of highly interactive and localized video conferencing calls in different locations throughout each country.

These "distributed consultations" are facilitated in partnership with MIT Solve to allow for the physical and virtual participation of diverse stakeholders. The survey and distributed consultations will engage MPA managers and stakeholders in this regional network and provide an in-depth understanding of their priorities and needs. **NAMPAN** will then serve as a resource to meet MPA managers' needs, enhance collaboration and encourage transnational management of marine ecosystems in North America.

OBJECTIVES

- Implement complementary, integrated efforts for planning and managing effective MPAs and MPA networks that meet their conservation goals;
- Increase regional, national and international capacity to conserve critical marine and coastal habitats by sharing information, new technologies and management strategies;
- Enhance collaboration to address common challenges to marine biodiversity across North America.

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