

Stronger Marine Protected Areas

Canada's marine protected areas need stronger legal protections.

Levels of protection in marine protected areas (MPAs) vary:

Full protection



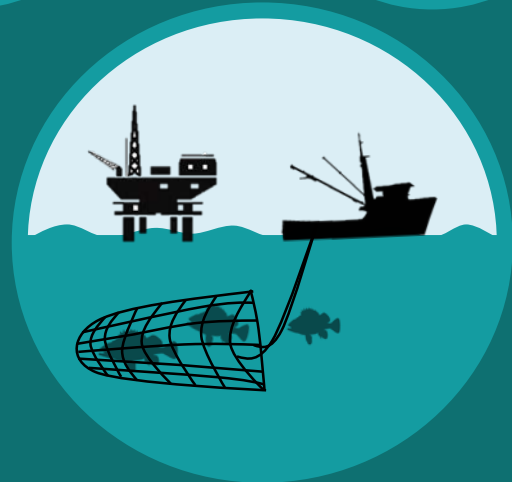
Strong protection



Partial protection



Most MPAs in Canada allow harmful activities within their boundaries – including oil and gas and destructive fishing activities.



Science shows that MPA benefits increase when areas are fully protected:

- Abundance & diversity of marine life increases
- Ecosystems are more resilient to disturbance

Strong laws that ban harmful activities in MPAs will help save our seas.

