



# Agence des aires marines protégées

**A public establishment dedicated to  
the protection of the marine  
environment**

<http://www.aires-marines.fr/>



**The Agence des aires marines protégées** is a public establishment of an administrative nature created by the law of 14 April 2006 and placed under the governance of the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy.

The main assignments of the Agence des aires marines protégées are :

- supporting public policies for the creation and management of marine protected areas in the entirety of French maritime waters
- running the MPA network
- technical and financial support of natural marine parks
- reinforcing French potential in international negotiations concerning the sea.



Credit : J. Wickel / Laoco

## Marine protected areas: tools to manage and preserve the marine environment

Marine protected areas are defined areas at sea that meet long-term nature protection objectives. Today French law recognises 15 types of marine protected areas. New categories can be recognised through the creation of Ministerial Orders. The majority of marine protected areas combine protection and the sustainable development of activities. Their means of governance generally combine users, elected individuals, experts, etc. for the management of the listed Marine area.





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## Reinforcing French presence on an international level (1/2)

The agency enables France to fulfil commitments made internationally in terms of protecting the marine environment and the creation of MPAs and to enforce its maritime policy.

Its primary mission is to develop marine protected areas on the high seas and to follow the regional seas conventions and international agreements. It notably uses a network of MPA managers and the setting up of cross-border technical cooperation projects with different countries (Belgium, United Kingdom, Spain, etc.).

A partnership with the NOAA, the American organisation responsible for the oceans, also enables the development of projects in the Pacific and the

« Marine Mammal Conservation Corridor for Northern South America (MaMa CoCo Sea)

Follow-Up Workshop », « 18-20 March 2013 - Paramaribo, Suriname »



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## Reinforcing French presence on an international level (2/2)

The agency participates in this notably through:

- Its technical involvement in regional seas convention workgroups
- Participation in workgroups and technical meetings on the high seas and the creation of marine protected areas.
- By supporting French participation in international meetings. The agency is a co-organiser of the next International Marine Protected Area Congress (IMPAC3), in 2013, in Marseille.



# World's Marine-Protection Specialists Gather in France in Oct. 2013



**The French MPA Agency, together with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), is organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Marine Protected Areas Congress in Marseille and Corsica from Oct. 21 to 27, 2013.**



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After Australia in 2005 and the United States in 2009, France is organizing the 2013 International Marine Areas Congress in two Mediterranean locations : Marseille and Corsica.

In October 2005, [the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority](#) and [Parks Victoria](#) initiated the very first International Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Conference in Geelong, Australia. It sought to define the various categories of MPAs and to review the state of marine ecosystems. Then in 2009, IMPAC2 was hosted in Washington, D.C., by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency's [Office of National Marine Sanctuaries](#). It witnessed the rising relevance of public agencies in creating and managing MPAs.

Now the French MPA Agency has been commissioned by the [French Ministry in charge of Ecology](#) to organize the third IMPAC Congress, jointly with the [IUCN](#). IMPAC3 represents a key milestone towards meeting the international objective of protecting 10 percent of the planet's marine areas by 2020, as defined by the [Convention on Biological Diversity](#).



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## Call for Abstracts

The program of the congress is currently under preparation, with the primary goal of answering participants' needs.

Their contributions are decisive in defining the nature and the success of the event.

IMPAC3 welcomes all kinds of proposals, whatever their subject and format, as long as they have a connection to both the day-specific topics and the overarching themes of the congress.

Submissions should be made online to the IMPAC3 jury, on [www.impact3.org](http://www.impact3.org), between March 15 and May 10.





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## Day-Specific Topics and Program Overview

Communicating, Promoting, Creating, Sharing and Managing with Efficiency					Defining Global Policies	
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Monday, Oct. 21 <b>Opening: the Ocean Opus Mediterranean Focus</b>	Tuesday, Oct. 22 <b>Science and Knowledge at the Service of Effective Management</b>	Wednesday, Oct. 23 <b>Tools for MPA Management &amp; Enforcement</b>	Thursday, Oct. 24 <b>Governance, Partnerships &amp; Industry Involvement</b>	Friday, Oct. 25 <b>Regional approaches</b>	Saturday, Oct. 26 <b>High Level Policy Meeting</b> 1/2	Sunday, Oct. 27 <b>High Level Policy Meeting</b> 2/2
<p><b>Plenary Sessions</b> feature key exchanges, debates, daily interactive conclusions, films, and broadband access to projects all over the world.</p> <p><b>Workshops</b> and <b>Knowledge Cafés</b> involve exchanges on specific topics within small to mid-sized groups.</p> <p><b>The Ocean+ Pavilion</b> provides a friendly venue for debates and to showcase projects, understand different points of view, and mingle with all players involved in the building of an MPA-centered Blue Society.</p> <p><b>The Poster Session</b> is a place to exchange informally on specific topics throughout the week.</p>					<p><b>Restricted access</b> (200 persons max)</p>	

3<sup>e</sup> Congrès international des aires marines protégées  
MARSEILLE & CORSE - FRANCE 21-27 OCTOBRE 2013

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Bienvenue sur le site officiel du 3<sup>ème</sup> congrès international des aires marines protégées !

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L'océan est un bien commun de l'humanité. Il appartient à chacun d'entre nous et à la communauté internationale de s'impliquer pour assurer sa protection et sa gestion durable. Les bénéfices que procurent les écosystèmes marins et la biodiversité marine sont stratégiques : sécurité alimentaire, développement socioéconomique, régulation du climat...

Les aires marines protégées sont un des moyens d'endiguer la perte de biodiversité et d'assurer le développement durable des activités.

Créer le grand réseau mondial des aires marines protégées annoncé implique de changer notre relation à la mer.



## Appel à communications

Le programme du congrès est actuellement en préparation, avec comme première ambition de répondre...