

New Zealand's marine protection areas

The seafood industry is required to comply with all area closures established for marine biodiversity protection purposes. The industry also funds a proportion of New Zealand's research into marine biodiversity.

15,000

Over 15,000 marine species have been identified in New Zealand's marine environment

106

New Zealand's marine biodiversity is protected through a network of 106 marine protection areas including:

- **17** seamount closures
- **17** benthic protected areas
- **44** marine reserves
- **8** marine mammal sanctuaries (to help protect Hector's and Maui dolphins, New Zealand sea lions, fur seals and the southern right whale)
- **various** other marine parks and fisheries closures

5x

The seabed protection network legally restricts trawling from an area 5x the size of New Zealand's land mass

30%

Over 30% of New Zealand's marine environment is protected by law

17

New Zealand is a signatory to 17 international and regional agreements for managing protected species and marine conservation