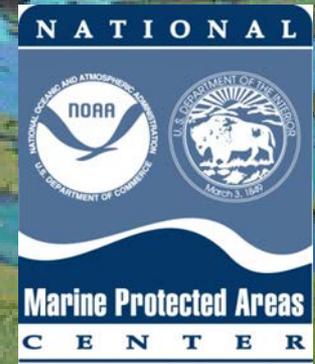


# Marine Protected Areas Center Update

*MPA Federal Advisory Committee*

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# Growing International Role

- Building on past international work at the MPA Center – primarily focused on North America
- Lead for all international work within Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
- Lead for International MPA Capacity Building Team (IMPACT)

# Sanctuaries International Role

- Developing a strategic approach
  - Improving effectiveness of resource protection
  - Sharing experiences and leveraging resources
  - Providing conservation leadership



# Partnerships and Sister Sites

- MPA Agency partnerships
- Sister Site Agreements
- Participation in international organizations



# International MPA Capacity Building Team

- Focused on long-term engagement to build MPA management capacity
- Over 10 years experience around the world
- Benefits both NOAA and host countries



## And in the U.S.....

- New partnership to support MPA Inventory and products
- Focus on climate change adaptation
- Continued work on recreational uses of MPAs
- Looking to link international and US capacity building efforts



# Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

## Strategic Plan

- Reflect many new changes in the office – including additional of MPA Center
- What are the drivers that will focus our work over the coming decade?
- Will guide program priorities, financial decision-making and human and capital investments.



Questions?

