

National Marine Protected Areas Center Monthly Webinar Series - Second Installment

Building and Strengthening Marine Protected Area Networks

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Eastern; 2nd Thursday of each month



March 14, 2013

Turning Visitors into Partners: Challenges and Successes at Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Howard Levitt, Director of Communications and Partnerships, Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Millions of people from San Francisco and around the world come to Golden Gate National Recreation Area each year to enjoy the park's tremendous recreational and educational opportunities. Learn how the park has created a "ladder of engagement" to connect with everyone from casual visitors to corporate partners to build support for this world class attraction and for marine and coastal conservation.

To register, visit: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/782181360>.



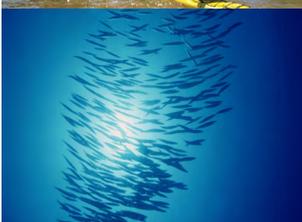
April 11, 2013

WWII Offshore: Monitor National Marine Sanctuary's Battle of the Atlantic Expedition

John Wagner, Maritime Archaeologist, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary

The Battle of the Atlantic has been called the longest, largest and most complex naval battle in history, running throughout World War II and extending across the Atlantic to U.S. shores. The Battle of the Atlantic Expedition is a multiyear maritime archaeology project to survey and document historically significant shipwrecks lost off the coast of North Carolina. Find out more about the field of maritime archaeology, innovative archaeological survey technologies, and Monitor National Marine Sanctuary's efforts to raise awareness and appreciation of these nonrenewable cultural resources.

To register, visit: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/567879617>.



May 9, 2013

Marine Protected Area Network Planning in the Bay of Fundy/Scotian Shelf

Maxine Westhead, Section Head, Protected Areas and Conservation Planning, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Planning a network of MPAs off of Canada's East Coast of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is no small task. Fisheries and Oceans Canada is the lead agency of this effort, working in partnership with Environment Canada, Parks Canada and the provinces to design a marine protected areas network that represents the region's diverse habitats and ecosystems to meet the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as national and regional goals and mandates. Maxine will describe the work completed to date for this unique area of Canadian waters, successes, challenges, and next steps in the planning process.

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June 13, 2013

Big Ocean MPA Network: Addressing the Common Challenges of Large, Remote Marine Protected Areas

Aulani Wilhelm, Superintendent, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

Is big always better? Big Ocean is a network of managers and partners of existing and proposed large-scale marine managed areas. The network's aim is to improve the effectiveness of management efforts, to serve as a peer learning resource and support system, and to build the professional standards of practice for large, remote MPAs. The six founding member sites in Australia, the United States, Kiribati, Chagos (UK) and Chile represent more than 900,000 mi² (2.3 million km²) of ocean ecosystems -- roughly the same size as the Mediterranean Sea.

To register, visit: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/176985136>.



July 11, 2013

SocMon: Social Science Monitoring in Coastal and MPA Management

Peter Edwards, Economist and Social Science Coordinator, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program

How do we know what impacts MPAs and other coastal management tools are having on the lives of people who live nearby? This information is critical for management decisions, but often lacking. The Global Socioeconomic Monitoring Initiative for Coastal Management (SocMon) works through regional and local partners to conduct community-based socioeconomic monitoring. Partners collect household and community level data about dependence on coral reef resources, perceptions of resource conditions, threats to marine and coastal resources, and support for strategies such as marine protected areas. Take a look at some of these monitoring exercises and learn about findings, lessons learned and challenges facing effective use of human dimensions data as part of coastal resource management.

To register, visit: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/971236993>.



August 8, 2013

Drawing the Line: Visualizing Global MPA Distribution Using Practical Protection Categories with MPAtlas.org

*Lance Morgan, President and Russell Moffitt, MPAtlas Project Manager
Marine Conservation Institute*

Currently, only about 1.8% of the world's oceans are in MPAs; far less than the 12% of land area that is protected. Of the world's MPAs, only a small fraction—less than half—are in areas designated as no-take marine reserves, places where fishing is prohibited. MPAtlas.org is an interactive online compilation of key information on the world's MPAs to help users locate and learn about individual MPAs. Speakers will discuss country- and regional-level progress towards implementing MPAs and allow users to obtain information on the distribution of MPAs relative to social, political, and ecological contexts.

To register, visit: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/834025201>.



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