Benthic Protection Areas and Seamount Closures

When implemented in 2007, these large BPAs constituted

24,

of the total area managed under Marine Protected Areas <u>in the world</u>.

BPAs and Seamount Closures collectively protect:

71

Seamounts.
Underwater features with heights of 1,000m or more.

50% of total within New Zealand's EEZ.

93

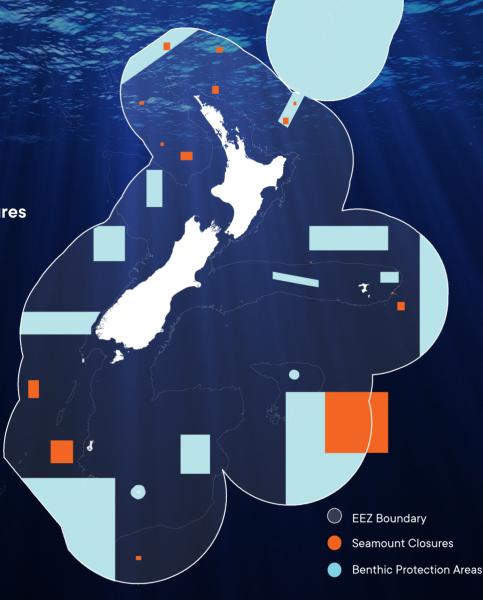
Smaller Underwater Topographic Features.

Known as hills and knolls.

28% of total within New Zealand's EEZ.

23

Hydrothermal Vents. 88% of total within New Zealand's EEZ.



of the seabed in our EEZ is untouched and has never been trawled.

of the seabed in our EEZ is trawled each year, with fishers nearly always returning to the same fishing grounds. 31% of the seabed in our EEZ is closed to bottom trawling.

These closures cover an area

4.5
times the size of New Zealand.

million km² of the seafloor is protected.

