

Benthic Protection Areas and Seamount Closures

When implemented in 2007, these large BPAs constituted

24%

of the total area managed under Marine Protected Areas in the world.

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.

