

# How to look after the oceans: Marine Protected Areas



## Animals as souvenirs?

The green turtle hatchling on display at PK Porthcurno is believed to have been brought back from Ascension Island by a telegraph worker many years ago as a souvenir. Such activities are not widely condoned today, but the practice of selling animals as souvenirs still exists in some parts of the world.

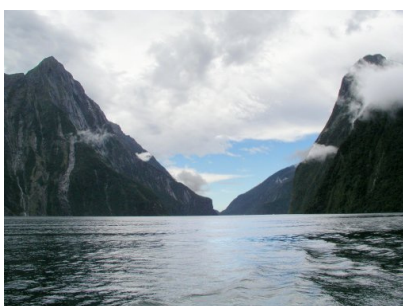
Ascension Island is an isolated volcanic island in the South Atlantic Ocean and was a landing site for undersea telegraph cables, as well as being a nesting site for Green Turtles.

The exploitation of Green Turtles for food on Ascension Island is a human activity that has unfortunately been repeated in many parts of the world. It is only due to its protected status that the species have been allowed to recover, but they are still listed as endangered with climate change now being its principal threat.



## What is a Marine Protected Area?

Marine protected areas are places where some activities, like certain types of fishing, are not allowed. This is to ensure the protection of marine habitats.



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This is Milford Sound/Piopiotahi (New Zealand/Aotearoa). It is one of the world's most well-protected marine habitats. It is home to seals, whales, and the world's southernmost wild population of bottlenose dolphins.

Penguins are also common here and it is a breeding site for the Fiordland penguin.

