

New push for Antarctic marine reserves

A long-awaited deal to create the world's largest marine sanctuary in Antarctica could soon be approved. Nations that regulate Antarctic fishing meet in Australia to discuss a new, smaller proposal, hoping to secure the agreement of Russia, which has so far vetoed the plans

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPA)

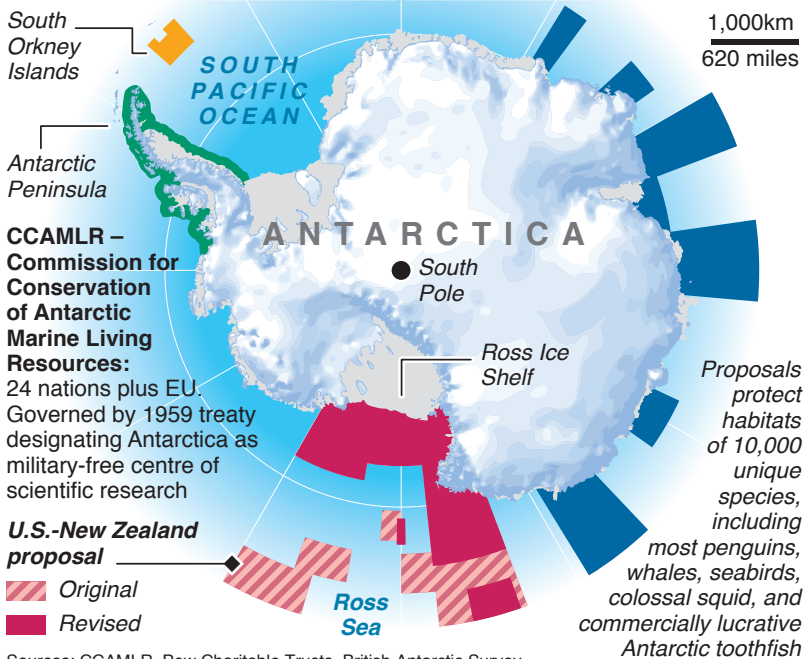
U.S.-New Zealand: Proposed extension of 2.3 million sq km reduced by 40% to 1.34m sq km (of which 1.25m km is no-fishing zone)

Australia, EU: Want 1.6 million sq km zone off East Antarctica

EXISTING / OTHER MPAs

South Orkney Islands: Only MPA-designated section of Antarctic waters – 94,000 sq km set up in 2009

UK: Seeking protection for areas exposed by collapsing ice shelves around Antarctic Peninsula



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