

# World's biggest marine reserve in Antarctica

Twenty-four countries and the EU have agreed that the Ross Sea in Antarctica will become the world's largest marine protected area (MPA). More than 1.5 million sq km of the Southern Ocean will gain protection for 35 years

## MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs)

**Ross Sea:** Proposal by New Zealand and U.S. accepted  
**Area: 1,550,000 sq km**

**South Orkney Islands:**  
Set up in 2009. **94,000 sq km**

## OTHER MPAs PLANNED

**East Antarctic:** Proposed by Australia, France and EU  
**946,998 sq km**

**Weddell Sea:** German proposal  
**2.8 million sq km**

