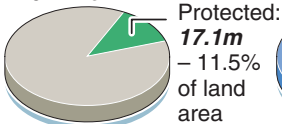


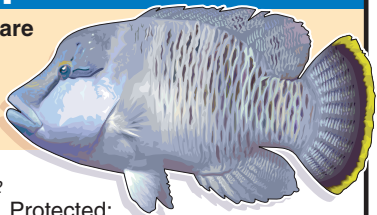
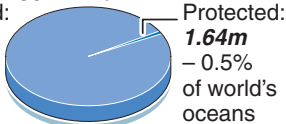
UN meeting to focus on protected areas

Environment ministers meeting in Brazil are to discuss ways to safeguard the earth's biodiversity by widening the world's protected areas to include parts of the high seas beyond national jurisdictions

WORLD LAND SURFACE:
149 million km²

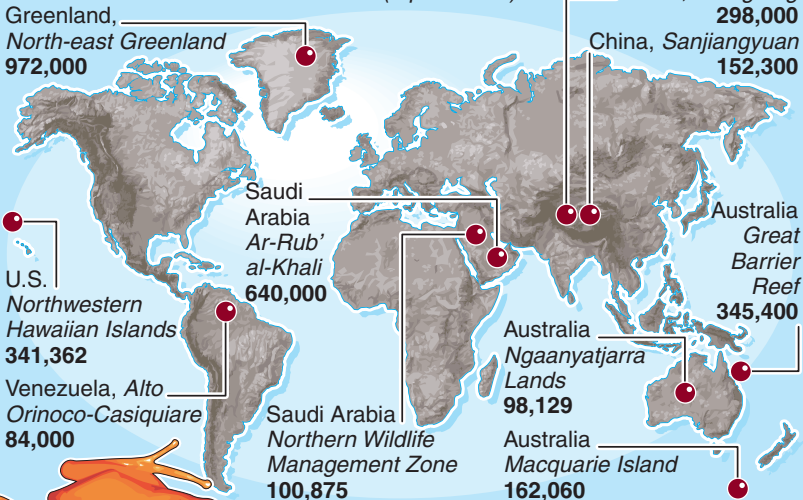


SEA SURFACE:
361 million km²

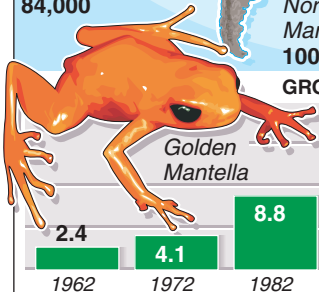


Humphead wrasse:
Population has declined by 50% in last 30 years

TOP 10 LARGEST PROTECTED AREAS (square km²)



GROWTH OF PROTECTED AREAS (square km²)



Scientists warn that current areas do not represent enough global biodiversity with thousands of critically endangered species living outside protected areas

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