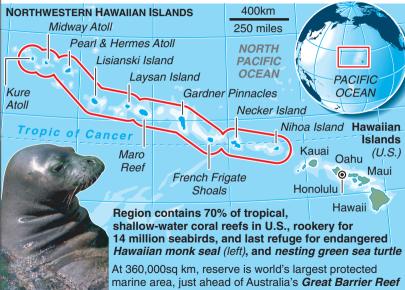
World's largest marine sanctuary

President Bush is to designate an island chain spanning nearly 2,250km of the Pacific Ocean as a national monument. The reserve – a string of largely uninhabited islands, atolls, coral reefs and underwater peaks – is home to more than 7,000 species, at least a quarter of them found nowhere else



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