

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) of Raja Ampat

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Name	Area (km ²)	Conservation and tourism value
Southeast Misool	3,432	High diversity of reef types, diverse sea fans and soft coral communities. Large intact marine lakes, resident crocodiles, nesting hawksbill turtles, manta aggregations, unique limestone karst ecological features, rock paintings, sacred caves, and other cultural sites.
Kofiau and Boo islands	1,700	High diversity of reef types, important areas for migratory whale and dolphin species, coconut crab populations, diverse species of small fish, variety of lagoon habitats.
Dampier Strait	3,032	Extensive fringing and patch reef habitat subject to frequent upwellings and strong currents, manta aggregation sites, grouper spawning aggregation, populations of dugongs and coconut crabs, major cetacean corridor for sperm whales, orcas, numerous species of dolphin and blackfish, scattered crocodile populations.
Mayalibit Bay	531	Large mangrove-lined bays and extensive seagrass beds, unique sponge and filter-feeder dominated reefs, spawning aggregations of Indian and Spanish mackerel, indo-pacific humpback dolphins, remnant crocodile and dugong populations.
Kawe	1,550	Unique rocky reefs subject to open oceanic swell with associated system of large underwater caves, regionally significant green & hawksbill turtle nesting beaches, shark and ray pupping area in Wayag lagoon, manta aggregations, populations of coconut crabs, spectacular karst "beehive" formations.
Ayau-Asia	1,014	Open oceanic atoll system unique in Raja Ampat with extensive atoll lagoon habitat and sheer reef drop-offs to depths of 1000s m, green turtle nesting beaches, aggregations of dolphins and manta rays, regionally significant reef fish spawning aggregation sites (including grouper and Napoleon wrasse).
Panjang Islands	600	Extensive coastal fringing reefs and mangrove forests, large bait fish aggregations, remnant grouper spawning aggregation sites, scattered dugong and crocodile populations.
Total area	11,859	