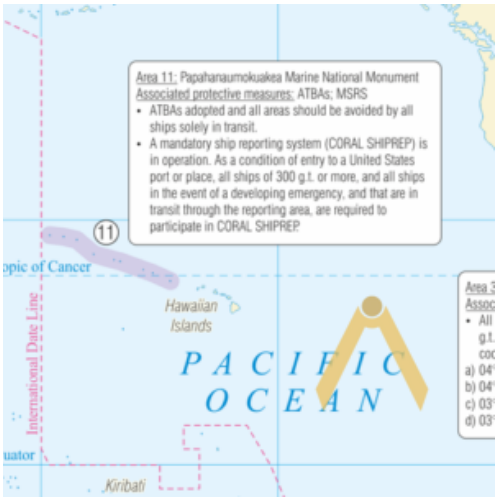
Sensitive Sea Areas Map



A Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) is an area that needs special protection through action by IMO because of its significance for recognised ecological, socio-economic or scientific reasons and which may be vulnerable to damage by international maritime activities.

This map illustrates those 15 PSSAs using colour-coding and numbering, including the recently added Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park.

Notes are provided depicting their required protective measures, including boundary coordinates, as defined by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

Below the map, the IMO’s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) Endorsement and asssociated protective measures are additionally provided for each PSSA.

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