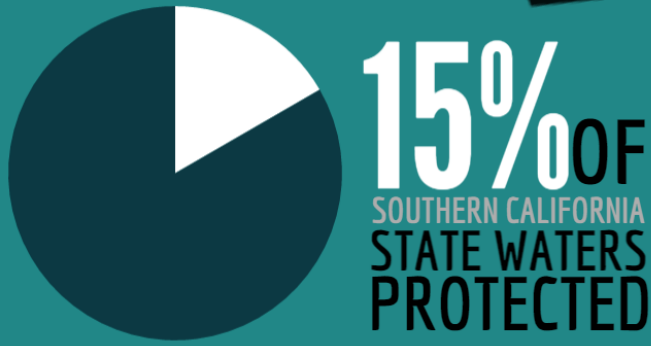


# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Marine protected areas (MPAs) are marine or estuarine waters set aside to protect or conserve marine life and its associated habitat. MPAs have varying levels of protections and allowed uses.

## HOW ARE MARINE PROTECTED AREAS ESTABLISHED?

- Regional stakeholder groups participate in MPA planning and design
- Science Advisory Team & Blue Ribbon task force evaluate MPA proposals and provide recommendations
- Public attends meetings and provides input to California Fish and Game Commission
- California Fish and Game Commission adopts and implements MPAs



- 3** DIFFERENT TYPES OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- STATE MARINE RESERVE
  - NO-TAKE STATE MARINE CONSERVATION AREA
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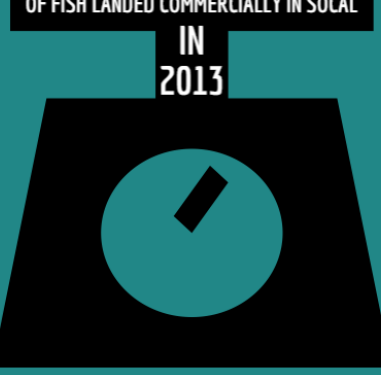
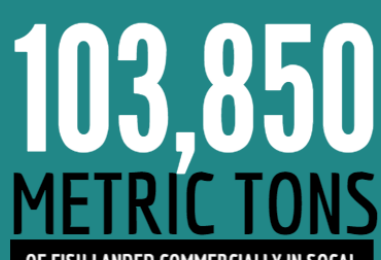
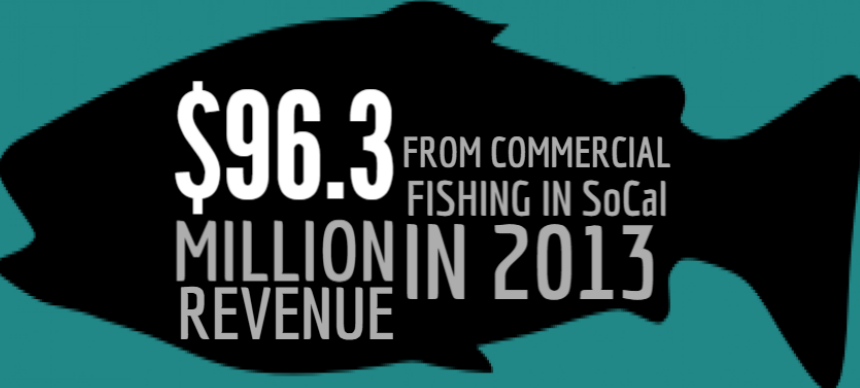
- Take of marine resources prohibited in State Marine Reserves and No-take areas.
- Non-consumptive activities allowed in all areas.

## BENEFITS OF PROTECTING

Establishing MPAs improves ocean health, enriches recreational activities, and boosts the economy in various sectors.



Amount spent annually by non-consumptive visitors visiting Southern California waters.



Southern California fisheries harvest substantial amounts of seafood, which is consumed globally. Limiting fishing in some areas can prevent overfishing by allowing marine life to grow large and produce more offspring. This benefits both the environment and the economy.



MPAs increase resilience to climate change and other environmental stressors



## MARINE BIODIVERSITY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MPAs help protect marine life off our coast:



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