

North American Marine Protected Area Network

Symposium Objectives & Themes

Review: NAMPAN & Pilot Project

- Goal of NAMPAN
- Objectives of NAMPAN
- Focus of Pilot Project
- Attributes of Pilot Project



Review: NAMPAN Goal

- To establish an effective network of MPAs that strengthens the protection of ecological linkages and the conservation of marine biodiversity in North America



Review: NAMPAN Objectives

- Enhance collaboration among the 3 countries to address common challenges in protecting marine biodiversity
- Facilitate the strategic design and establishment of an MPA network throughout North America
- Develop conservation approaches to conserve critical coastal/marine habitats and biodiversity, while recognizing ecological, economic, social, and cultural issues
- Build regional, national, and international capacity to manage, conserve, and monitor critical habitats by sharing management strategies, technology, and lessons learned

Review: Focus of Pilot Project

- Icon species: Gray whale
- Area of interest: Pacific coast, or Baja-to-Bering (B2B) region



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Review: Attributes of Pilot Project

- Founded on existing programs and projects
- Beneficial to involved, or “sister,” sites
- Product-driven
- Relevant to all 3 countries
- Applicable beyond the B2B region



Symposium Goal

- To develop the NAMPAN pilot project's purpose(s) and goal(s) by further developing priorities/projects that resulted from the last meeting (March 2004):
 - Collaborative B2B Monitoring Program
 - Evaluation/Comparison of MPA Benefits
 - Examination of Creative Financing for MPAs

Measuring MPA Effectiveness

- Develop a collaborative B2B monitoring program using shared indicators for measuring MPA effectiveness
 - Biophysical
 - Socioeconomic
 - Governance
- Monitoring program should be:
 - Founded on existing monitoring programs
 - Focused on common stresses

Socioeconomic & Ecological Benefits

- Evaluate and compare the socioeconomic and ecological benefits accruing from MPAs
 - Resource Extraction vs. Protection through MPAs
- Benefits in the broader sense: economic, social, cultural, environmental services, intrinsic
- Focusing on temperate waters, given vast attention on tropical areas

Creatively Financing MPAs

- Identify creative financing methods and successful models for the long term economic sustainability of MPAs
- For the end result of producing a series of recommendations on successful financing models



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