

Healthy Oceans

Solutions to Human Impacts

Vocabulary for Students



- **Ballast water:** Water that is pumped into tanks in a ship to increase its stability in the water.
- **Dead zones:** Regions in the ocean where there isn't enough oxygen to support most marine life.
- **Invasive species:** Plants, animals, or bacteria and viruses that are not native to an ecosystem and who cause or are likely to cause harm to the ecosystem.
- **Marine Protected Area (MPA):** Area of the oceans or Great Lakes protected and managed for conservation and/or preservation purposes. MPAs can vary in different places in terms of their purpose, level of restriction, and how they are managed.
- **National Marine Sanctuary:** A general type of Marine Protected Area; A designated area of the marine environment that has special national significance.
- **Nutrient pollution:** When too many nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorous get into a body of water, causing excessive growth of algae.

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