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More resources on MPAs and COVID-19: COVID and SDGs - Impacts on sites - Grants

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, MPA News is continuing to compile related resources for our readers. Here is our latest collection:

News media

[Reset Sustainable Development Goals for a pandemic world](#) (Nature) — COVID-19 is exposing the fragility of the goals adopted by the United Nations, two-thirds of which are now unlikely to be met.

[Scientists Find Larger Fish, Clearer Water During Hanauma Bay Closure](#) (Civil Beat): Scientists anticipate this MPA's vacation from vacationers will bring a much-needed boost to its overall health.

[As COVID-19 curbs patrols in Nicaragua, turtle eggs risk being poached](#) (Mongabay) — Poaching in coastal protected areas has previously increased when Nicaragua's political crises left the beaches unprotected.

[Park rangers, the guardians of Ecuador's biodiversity, face job insecurity](#) (Mongabay): Ecuador's environment ministry denies it has dismissed the country's protected area rangers (including in the Galápagos Islands), saying that only the nature of their contracts has been changed.

Grants

[BIOPAMA Rapid Response Grants](#) to support protected areas (terrestrial and marine) facing the COVID-19 pandemic in African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries. The call is open until 31 December 2020. Maximum grant size is EUR 50k with no co-financing required.

Journal article

[COVID 19 and protected and conserved areas](#), PARKS, May 2020. Co-authored by 35 protected area practitioners, this essay suggests three potential scenarios for how the pandemic will impact protected areas and their role in society's recovery:

1. A return to normal;
2. A global economic depression and decline in conservation; or
3. A new and transformative relationship with nature – "the only sustainable pathway," write the authors.

From *The Skimmer* (MPA News' sister newsletter on sustainable ocean management)

[How the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting marine ecosystems, Part 1: Fisheries and aquaculture](#) *The Skimmer*, April 2020

[The COVID-19 pandemic, Part 2: Perspectives on the future of coastal and marine tourism and its implications for coastal and marine ecosystems](#) *The Skimmer*, May-July 2020

[More on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting coastal and marine tourism and usage](#) *The Skimmer*, August-September 2020

Prior MPA News articles

[MPAs, COVID-19, and the coming financial crisis: What impacts are practitioners already seeing, and how are they responding?](#) *MPA News*, May 2020

["Donors have started to shift funding to address other urgent and essential needs": An interview with Markus Knigge of Blue Action Fund](#) *MPA News*, June 2020

["We need to be talking about innovation": Insights from the World Economic Forum panel on MPAs and COVID-19](#) *MPA News*, June 2020

[More resources on MPAs and COVID-19: Management challenges - How sites are coping - Instituting new user policies](#) *MPA News*, July-August 2020

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