

preserve our underwater world...
you can help create the world's largest marine park.



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Australians have a unique opportunity to be world leaders in an arena other than on the cricket pitch!

Our planet is in need of our support more than ever, preserving our underwater world is vital to our future existence. With global fish stocks dwindling at an alarming rate and pollution more common than not Australians can lead the way to help create the largest oceanic safe haven in the world.

Picture this – a near pristine Sea of nearly 1 million square kilometers, allowed to exist in its natural form, with the sea creatures that live in that world being allowed to thrive totally unhindered by human touch.

The Australian Coral Sea is that place.

The reality is alarming - in the last 50 years, 90% of the world's big ocean-going fish have disappeared due to overfishing. The Coral Sea is one of the last places on Earth where large marine animals can still be found in great numbers, making it a special place on a global scale.

The Coral Sea is a tropical marine jewel. It hosts spectacular coral reefs, remote islands, towering underwater mountains and deep-sea canyons, and is home to whales, dolphins, sea turtles, sharks, rays and seabirds. The Coral Sea is also of great historic significance. In May 1942, it was the arena for the Battle of the Coral Sea, and many shipwrecks can be found on its scattered and diverse reefs. Australia's Coral Sea is less than 1% fully protected. Without a high level of protection, the beauty and biodiversity of the Coral Sea will diminish over time.

Protect our Coral Sea is a joint campaign supported by regional, national and international



conservation organisations, who are calling on the federal government to establish a fully protected marine park in the Coral Sea within Australian waters, in recognition of its enormous environmental value and historic significance. Find out more about the Protect our Coral Sea campaign and join in calling on the federal government to permanently and fully protect this ocean treasure. Go to the website for more information about how you can help at protectourcoralsea.org.au.

As the national anthem says, let us rejoice for we are girt by sea... Let's make sure it's a sea protected for us and all future generations to enjoy!