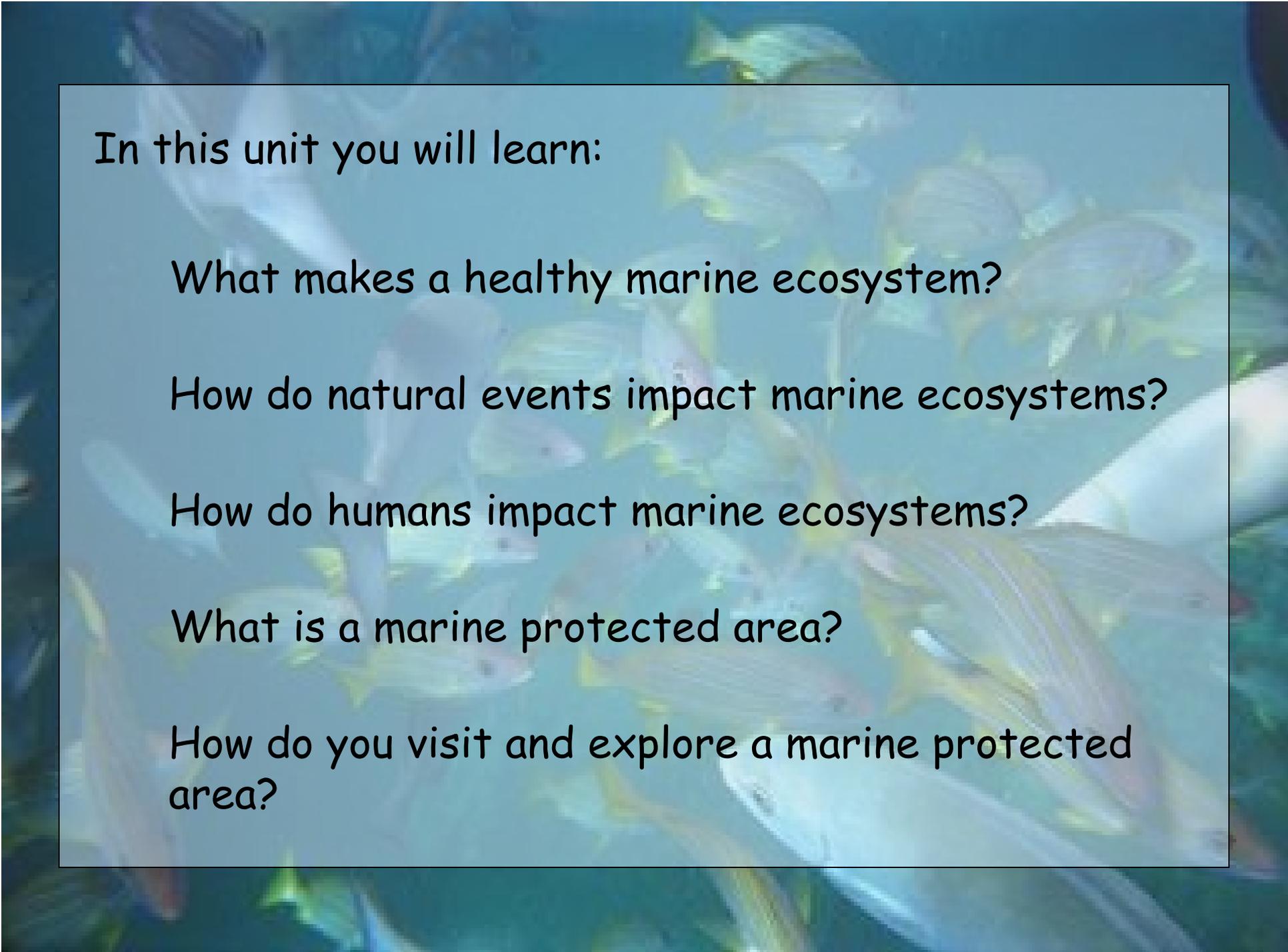


Marine Protected Areas



In this unit you will learn:

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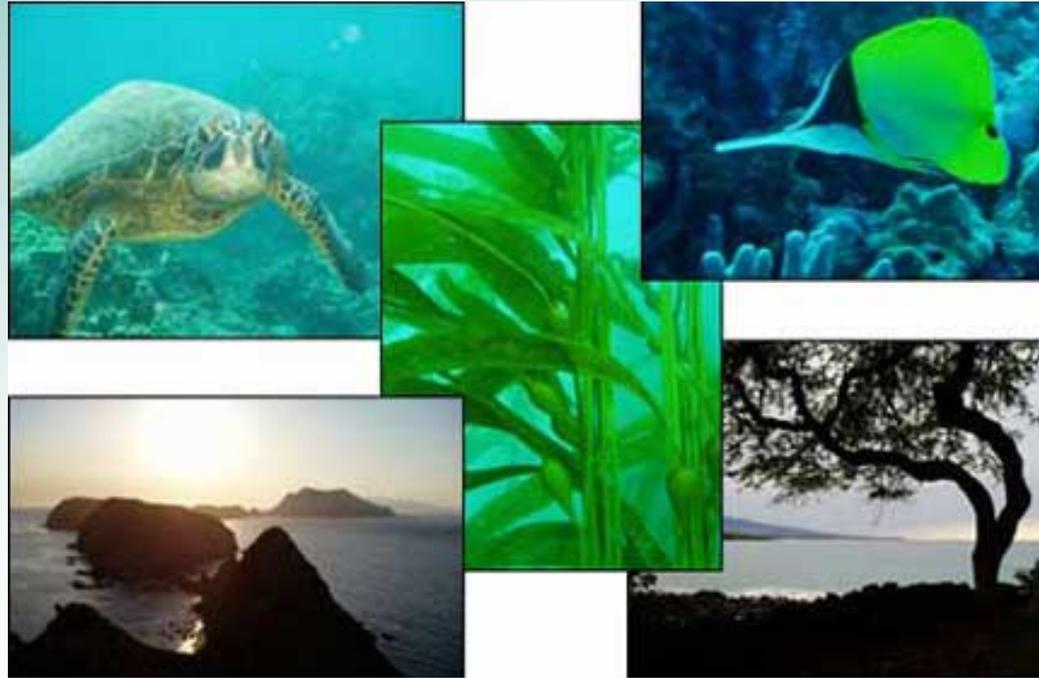
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How do humans impact marine ecosystems?

What is a marine protected area?

How do you visit and explore a marine protected area?

What makes a healthy marine ecosystem?



A healthy marine ecosystem includes both living and nonliving parts of the environment. It needs clean water, a habitat that offers protection, as well as a variety of species and food sources.

How do natural events impact marine ecosystems?

Hurricanes and severe storms are some of the natural events that can have a tremendous impact on marine ecosystems

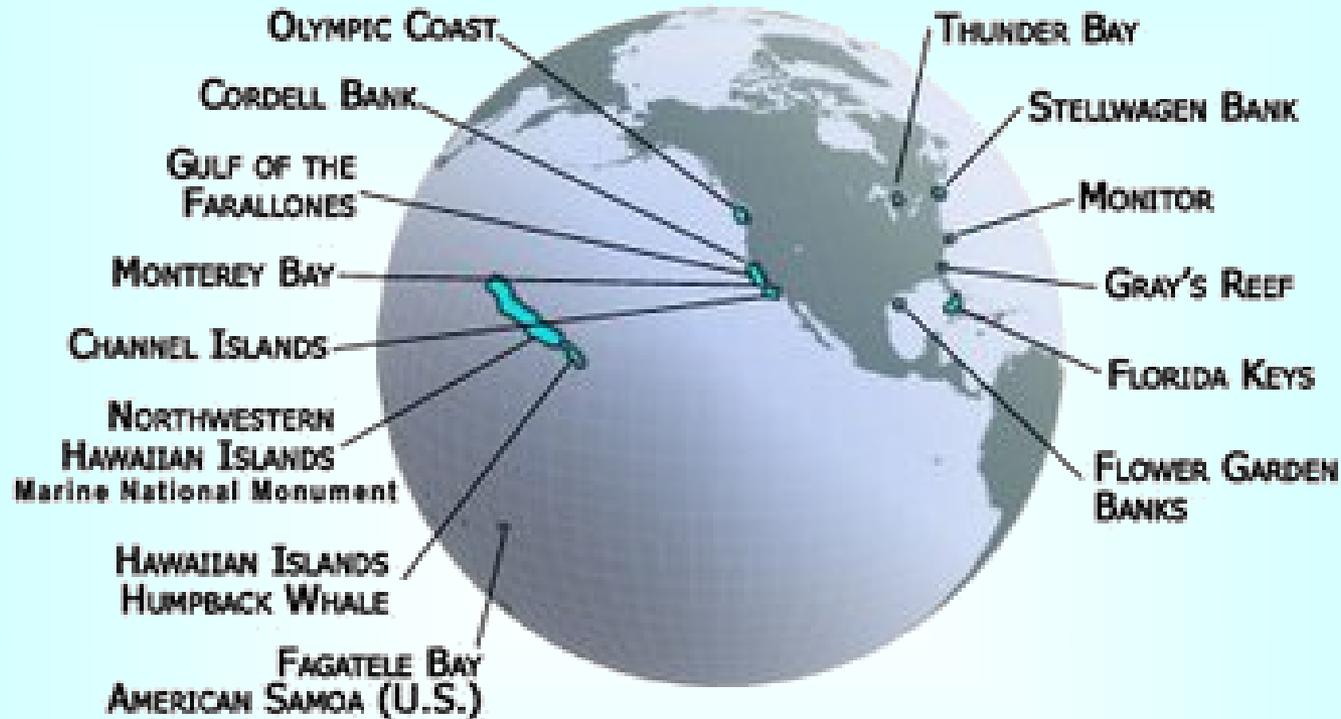


How do humans impact marine ecosystems?

One impact of humans on marine ecosystems is debris washed up on the shores of all the Hawaiian Islands.



What is a marine protected area?



Marine protected areas are established by governments to protect ecosystems in both deep ocean and coastal area. There are special marine protected areas called sanctuaries shown here.

How do you visit and explore a marine protected area?

Learn before you go !

Keep your distance !

Hands off!

Wildlife and pets don't mix!

Never chase or harass wildlife!

Lend a hand with trash removal!

Do not feed or attract marine wildlife!

Help others be responsible!

Stay away from wildlife that appears abandoned or sick!



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