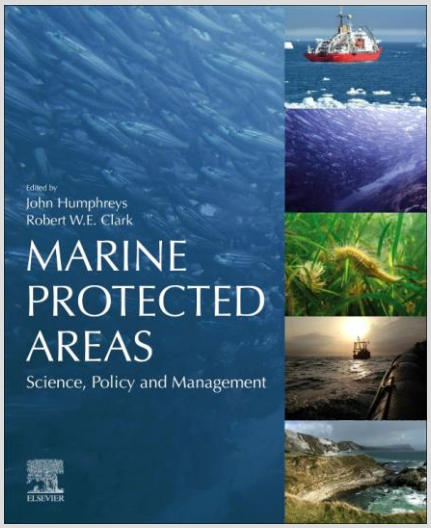

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A wide range of global perspectives on Marine Protected Area challenges and solutions.

KEY FEATURES

- Elucidates the full spectrum of Marine Protected Area (MPA) issues, from international policy to local regulation, management and enforcement.
- Provides insights from a diverse international group of specialist contributors with a range of perspectives and critiques.
- Demonstrates how MPA practitioners worldwide are resolving common challenges and formulating best practice.

DESCRIPTION

In the face of unprecedented pressure on marine ecosystems, *Marine Protected Areas* are seen as a cornerstone strategy for conservation. But while few argue in principle against their legitimacy, they remain contentious in policy terms and are challenging to manage. In addition to capturing a range of successes and solutions from across the world, this book lays bare ubiquitous difficulties of implementation and provides critical analyses ranging from the mis-application of science to international policy deficits and the causes of local challenges.

The book includes contributions from many different perspectives, including: MPA managers; commercial fishers; government officers; NGO specialists; marine scientists and lawyers, each constructively elucidating the issues and collectively creating a wide-ranging consideration of the nature of effective MPA science, policy and management.

Chapters address:

- A geographical range from northern European estuaries to the Southern Ocean; from southern Africa and Brazil to South East Asia; and from the Mediterranean and Caribbean Seas to the remote archipelagos of Pitcairn and Galapagos
- A critical history of Marine Protected Areas
- Aspects of the use and misuse of science
- MPA boundaries; windfarms in MPAs; coastal MPA eutrophication.
- MPA planning, goals and design
- Regulation, compliance and enforcement
- Fisheries and coastal community perspectives and critiques

The comprehensive nature of this book makes it essential for all those who are interested in, or involved with, the policy, designation, implementation, management or science of MPAs.

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