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Marine Conservation and Human Wellbeing



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Marine protected areas (MPAs) and networks of MPAs are a key conservation tool to address declines in marine biodiversity, yet they have potential implications for human well-being (e.g., loss or gain of livelihoods, improved or decreased food security). While many studies and monitoring efforts focus on ecological effects of conservation, there is comparatively little understanding about the social, cultural, and economic effects of marine conservation initiatives on people. Through a collaborative research initiative and using the case of the intended Pacific Northern Shelf Bioregion MPA Network, we want to address this gap. This work follows a collaborative approach where Marine protected areas network partners and stakeholders play a fundamental role in the identification and design of social and social-ecological indicators which in turn will hopefully increase the likelihood of achieving marine conservation and human well-being.

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