

Benefits of Marine Sanctuaries

- Marine Sanctuaries are vital in the replenishing fish stocks for maintenance of both commercial and recreational fisheries. They do this by providing hatcheries, nurseries and food sources.
- Sanctuaries help protect endangered species and offer opportunity for long term research.
- Add to the local communities with income from tourism and sustainable fishing.
- Since the 1980's, fish stocks on the Great Barrier Reef have declined by half. Marine sanctuaries help create long term sustainable strategies to assist declining fish stocks and productivity. They also help to maintain the health of the reef and offer a chance for future generations to enjoy and benefit from a healthy marine environment.

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