



**OCEAN**  
OBSERVATORY  
DUTCH CARIBBEAN



## PROTECTING THE DUTCH CARIBBEAN SEA -ANSWERS

1. What are Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)?

- ***Areas of the ocean that are protected because they are important for nature, animals and people. This includes marine parks, fully protected marine areas, no-take zones and marine sanctuaries.***

2. Name an important species or habitat that is protected in MPAs/Marine Parks?

***Any of the following:***

- ***Coral reefs; seagrass beds; fish; sharks; lots of other marine creatures!***

3. Name two reasons why Marine Parks are important.

***Any two of the following:***

- ***Support sustainable tourism and recreation***
- ***Keep coral reefs and ecosystems healthy***
- ***Allow fish populations to grow***
- ***Protect marine life from harm***
- ***Marine life stays healthy for future generations***

4. What can people not do in a Marine Park if it's fully protected? Why?

- ***Fish, boat or dive. This is to prevent disturbance to marine life.***

5. How much of the Dutch Caribbean is sea (in %)?

- ***99%***

6. How much of the total Dutch Caribbean sea is currently protected (in %)?

- ***31%***

7. What islands make up the *Yarari* Marine Mammal & Shark Sanctuary?

- ***Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius***

8. How much of the world's land and sea will hopefully be protected by 2030 (in %)?

- ***30%***

9. What apex predator is studied by DCNA and why?

- ***Sharks! They are studied to better understand them so we can protect them.***

10. If you had to give someone advice based on what you have read today to protect our oceans, what would it be?

- ***Answers may vary- give to your teacher/parent or swap with a partner to see if they agree with your answer!***

