

Revive Our Ocean Initiative

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The 'Revive Our Ocean' initiative, launched by the international NGO Dynamic Planet, seeks to boost marine conservation by empowering local communities to create <u>marine protected areas (MPAs)</u> and promote sustainable economic growth through fishing and tourism.

- Revive Our Ocean: The initiative aligns with the <u>30X30 target of the Kunming-Montreal</u>
 Global Biodiversity Framework, aiming to protect 30% of the oceans by 2030.
 - It initially targets seven countries UK, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Mexico, where local communities will be empowered to establish and manage MPAs effectively.
 - It highlights MPAs as economic assets, with examples like **Medes Island (Spain)**, where a no-fishing zone generates USD 16 million annually through tourism.
 - The initiative is in line with the **2023 High Seas Treaty**, which requires ratification by 60 countries to come into effect (India signed the High Seas Treaty).
- **MPAs:** An MPA is a region managed for the conservation of marine resources, with restrictions on certain activities to protect ecosystems, habitats, or fisheries.
 - Some activities, like fishing and research, may still occur in multi-purpose MPAs.
 - Although over 16,000 MPAs cover 8% of the world's oceans, only 3% are fully protected, as per the Protected Planet Report, 2024.
 - Many MPAs suffer from poor management or allow destructive practices like bottom trawling.



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