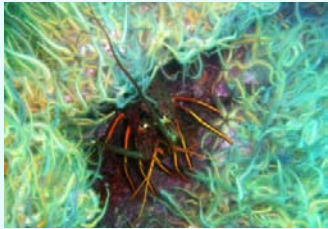


## Why Do We Need MPAs?

- Local marine ecosystems are stressed
- CA fisheries and kelp beds have declined
- MPAs protect whole ecosystems and replenish our seas



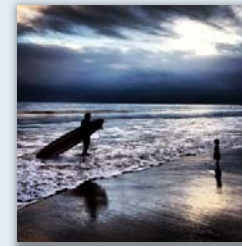
## MPA Watch



- Local “citizen scientists” monitor shoreline
- Helps MPA science, management, and enforcement
- Builds stewardship of our special places

## How You Can Help

- Join MPA Watch:  
[www.healthebay.org/mpawatch](http://www.healthebay.org/mpawatch)
- Report violations to:  
1-888-DFG-CALTIP
- Volunteer for other monitoring programs like Reef Check
- Become a member and support Heal the Bay



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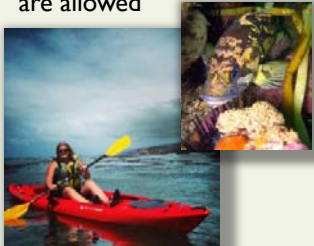


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## What Are Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)?

- Special underwater parks designated to protect and conserve marine life
- Fishing is limited
- Non-consumptive, recreational activities are allowed



## MPA Benefits



- More fish and marine life in these “Yosemites of the Sea”
- Larger, healthier wildlife
- Greater variety of species
- Enhances long-term sustainability

