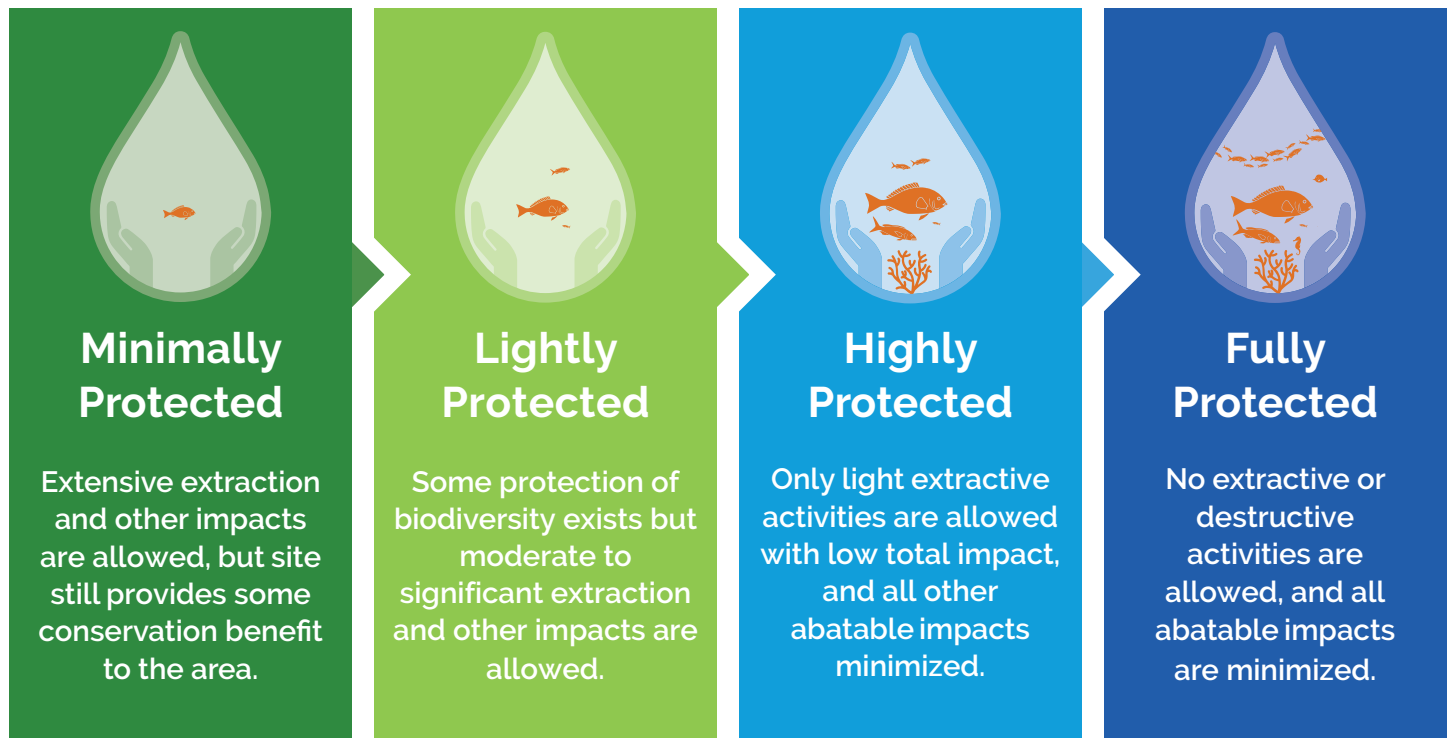


Defining MPAs and their Level of Protection

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This Guide is intended to help you determine the Level of Protection of your MPA or MPA zone. If you have questions about whether your area is an MPA (i.e., if it is instead an OECM, a Fisheries Management Area, or another area-based management tool), please refer to the IUCN Global Conservation Standards for MPAs¹. This Guide is specific to MPAs, as per the IUCN definition.



¹ IUCN WCPA. 2018. Applying IUCN's Global Conservation Standards to Marine Protected Areas (MPA). Delivering effective conservation action through MPAs, to secure ocean health & sustainable development. Version 1.0. Gland, Switzerland. 4pp