

## **Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument Expanded**

President Obama has protected vital marine habitat by expanding the existing Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. The expanded monument protects nearly 490,000 miles around the islands and atolls, which are also protected as national wildlife refuges.

The monument is one of the last frontiers and havens for wildlife in the world, and is home to one of the largest and most pristine collections of coral reef, seabird and shorebird protected areas on the planet. Species such as sea turtles, marine mammals and manta rays have large migration and foraging ranges throughout the expanded monument. Millions of seabirds of more than 19 different species also forage in the monument's waters and raise their young on the islands and atolls.

Seven national wildlife refuges (Wake, Jarvis, Howland and Baker Islands, Johnston and Palmyra Atolls, and Kingman Reef) are the core of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument.