

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
AND PROTECTEDSEAS**

The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and ProtectedSeas, recognizing the mutual benefits of establishing a cooperative framework, have agreed this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework for ongoing discussion and consultation between the IHO and ProtectedSeas, facilitating collaborative projects in areas of shared interest. These efforts aim to support marine environmental protection through collaboration addressing the technical aspects on the provision of information on the coverage and applicable conditions of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Such MPAs, established under international treaties or national legislation, impact safe and sustainable navigation as well as other maritime activities. The collaboration leverages both hydrographic, technical and regulatory expertise to enhance the skills on the collection and provision of MPA location, rules, and regulations.

Scope of Activity

The IHO and ProtectedSeas shall coordinate their activities to the greatest extent possible. Specific areas of cooperation may be mutually determined and agreed upon over time.

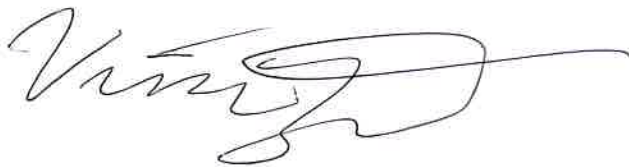
Legal Status

This MoU does not create any legal rights or obligations between ProtectedSeas and the IHO. This MoU shall be independent of any other agreements or arrangements that may exist between the two entities.

Validity

This MoU remains in effect until either ProtectedSeas or the IHO proposes its termination in writing to the other party. Additionally, both parties retain the right to propose changes to this MoU at any time. Any amendments will take effect upon mutual written consent.

For ProtectedSeas



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22 of April 2026

For the International Hydrographic Organization



Secretary-General IHO
22 of April 2026