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Marine Nature Conservation – the imperative

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CONSULTATION ON THE MARINE BILL WHITE PAPER

A SEA CHANGE

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Link supports & welcomes;

- Aim for Marine Nature Conservation
- Recognition of need for new mechanisms to protect nationally important biodiversity
- Recognition wildlife is under threat

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LINK supports & welcomes;

- Network of MCZs & their purposes
- Including HPMRs!
- New powers to regulate unlicensed activities

BUT...

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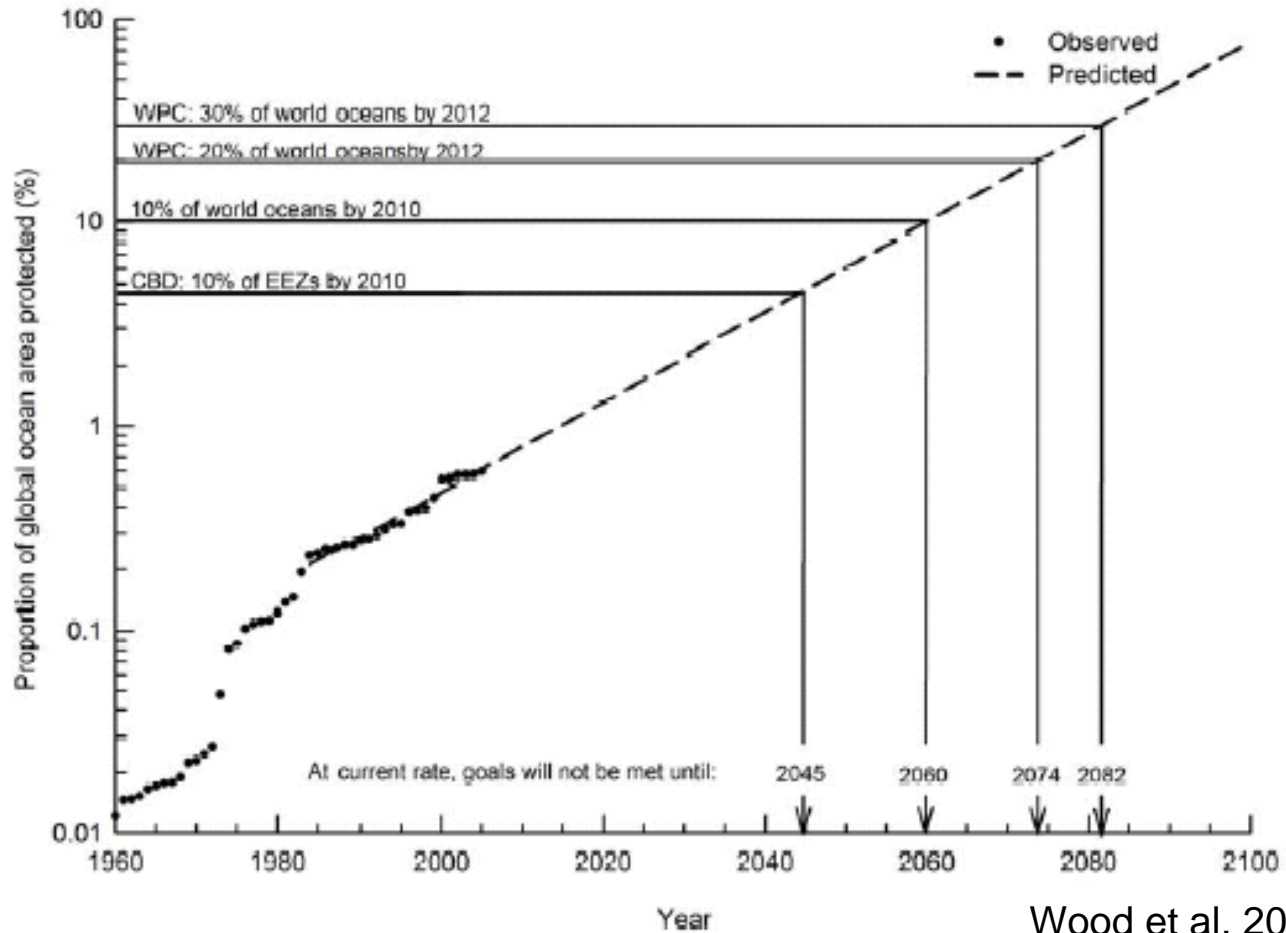


Link's concerns;

- Lack of ambition
- Network as large as necessary
- Not integrating social, economic & environment interests
- Weak designation process
- Timetable will **NOT** meet international MPA targets



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- wants a **duty** to develop a network in Bill
- a provision in Bill for regular reporting
- SNCAs duty to undertake the designation process



Piecemeal management

- Proposals rely on reactive, indirect, sectoral controls delivered by range of agencies
- Will it create HPMRs?
- SNCAs proactive lead in MCZ management



Licensing in MCZs?

- Strengthen impact assessment
- Presumption in favour of development in all MCZs





What is to be protected?

- Rare, threatened
- **N**ationally **I**mportant
Marine **F**eatures –
URGENT LIST
- Statutory underpinning








Predicted Future (~2065) Surface Ocean Aragonite Saturation State

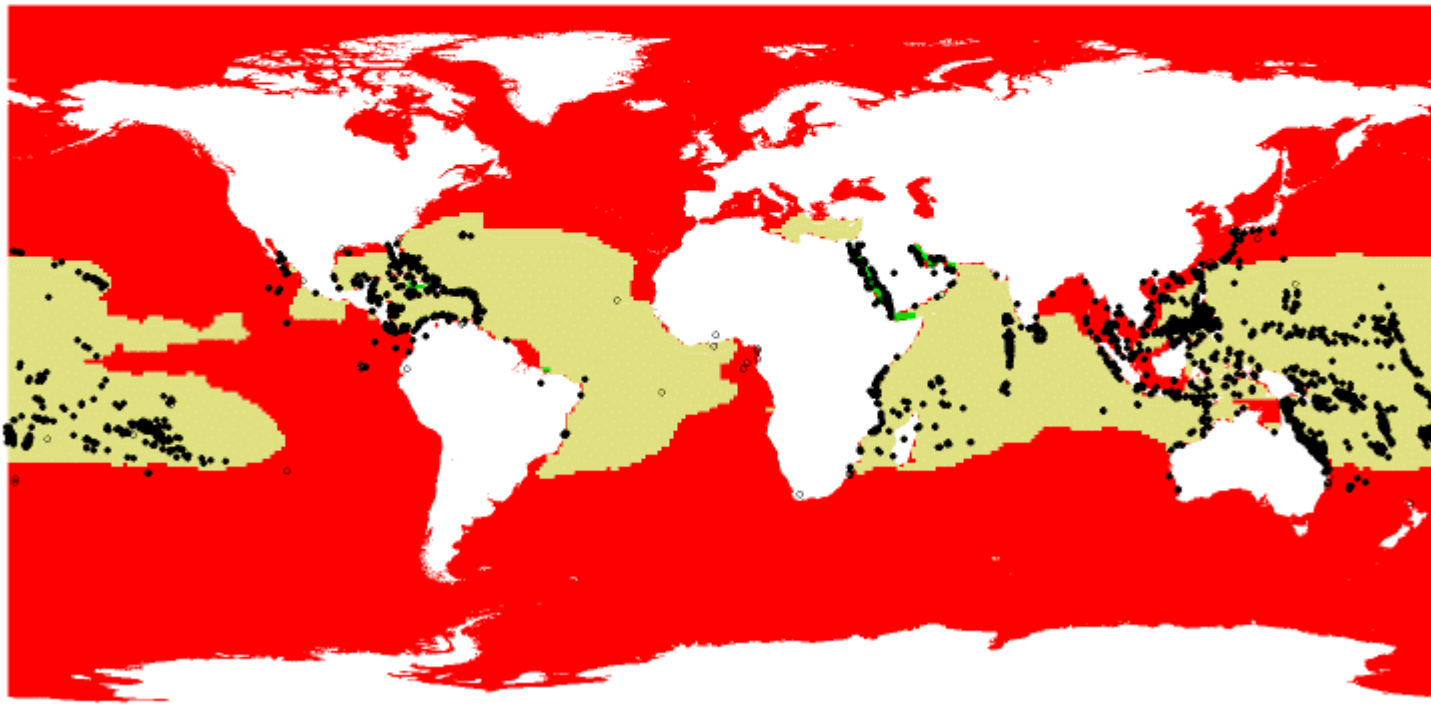
References: 5, 7

ReefBbase.shp

- Coral Reef
 - Reef Community
- Country.shp

Saturation State Future

	> 4.0	Optimal
	3.5 - 4	Adequate
	3 - 3.5	Marginal
	< 3.0	Extremely Low
		No Data





Make Space for Nature



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**We must have the
Marine Bill in this
year's Queens
Speech**

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Thank You

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