

The MPA Guide Decision Tree: Level of Protection

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Decision tree to determine the protection Level of Protection of an MPA, or zone within a multi-zone MPA, based on activities that are allowed or disallowed. Answers to questions in this decision tree lead sequentially to categorizing an MPA or MPA zone into one of four Levels of Protection: Fully, Highly, Lightly, or Minimally, based on maximum allowed impact of seven different types of activities.

Key — Fully protected (dark blue) — Lightly protected (light green) — Incompatible with conservation (grey)
 — Highly protected (medium blue) — Minimally protected (medium green)

