

# BE A SANCTUARY CHAMPION



## SUPPORT THE 30X30 TARGET TO PROTECT OUR OCEANS



### *Expand sanctuaries*

Ensure that NSW interprets the 2022 Global Biodiversity Framework 30x30 target to mean aspiring for 30% No Take Sanctuary Areas, free from resource activities.



### *Support the science*

Best-practice Marine Protected Area planning follows the international gold standard of Comprehensive, Adequate & Representative (CAR) principles. This means protecting the missing bioregions. **This includes establishing a Sydney Marine Park!**



### *Restore lost sanctuaries*

Six sanctuaries are in legal limbo in the Batemans Marine Park, open to fishing. Ten more were rezoned for fishing. And, the 2011 Solitary Island Marine Park sanctuary upgrade from 12% to 20% needs your support to be re-passed through parliament.



**Make saving marine life a part of your legacy**



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## THE VALUES OF SANCTUARIES



### *Reverse species decline*

In just one decade, Australian wild fish stocks plummeted by just a third (2005-2015) due to excessive fishing, such as for snapper and bream. Sanctuaries can help fish populations to rebound!



### *Bigger fish more eggs*

Marine sanctuaries provide refuge for fish from being caught, allowing fish to grow large and reproduce. The bigger the fish, the more eggs they produce and these eggs are dispersed beyond the sanctuary. This is a win for food security!

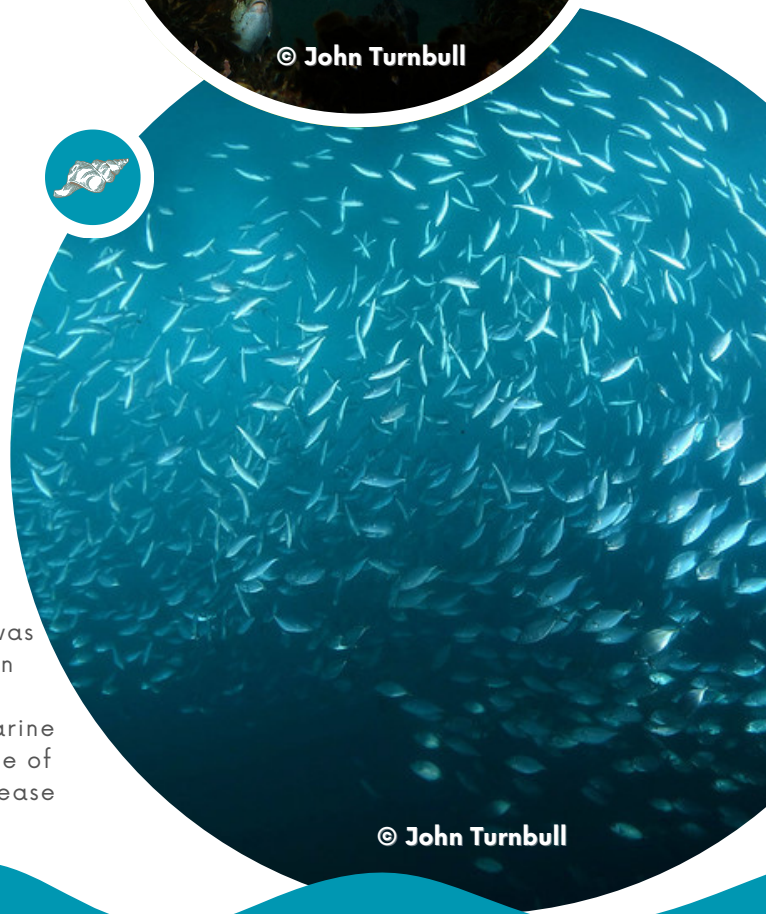


### *Increased abundance*

Five years after the creation of the Batemans Marine Park research showed fish abundance was 38% higher inside the marine sanctuaries than in partially protected areas. After eight years of protection in the Port Stephens Great Lakes Marine Park, snapper numbers and size increased inside of sanctuary zones, with an almost three-fold increase in numbers at Broughton Island.



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Only 7% of NSW's territorial waters are protected as sanctuary, far below the global standard. Spillover studies show we need to set aside more refuge for adult fish to grow large and reproduce.