



MARINE PROTECTED AREAS



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Western Coastal Area



1 - FULLY PROTECTED RESERVE (NO GO)
The public and all domestic animals are strictly prohibited from entering all year round.

2 - FULLY PROTECTED SEASONAL RESERVE (NO GO)
Restricted access for the public and domestic animals during the seabird breeding season, e.g. whenever there are roseate terns on Goeland Island.

3 - HIGHLY PROTECTED RESERVE (NO TAKE)
Open to the public all year round, but subject to stringent regulations, i.e. fires using the reserve's deadwood, plant picking, fishing or coral damage, etc. are prohibited. Even though Maitre, Canard, Amedee, Casy and Tenia Islands plus Kuendu Point have holiday accommodation, they are also protected. The same rules apply there.

4 - HIGHLY PROTECTED SEASONAL RESERVE (NO TAKE)
Open to the public all year round, but fishing and catching marine animals is prohibited during certain species' breeding seasons, i.e. from 1 Oct to 1 Mar for Dumbea Channel and 1 Sep to 31 Dec for Grand Port, Prony.

5 - TEMPORARY BAN TO PROTECT LAGOON BIRDS
The public and domestic animals may not go ashore when a yellow mast on the island is flying a red flag during the seabird nesting season.

MARINE PROTECTED AREA CO-ORDINATES ARE AVAILABLE FROM province-sud.nc
DO NOT USE FOR NAVIGATION PURPOSES

→ FISHING OPEN SEASONS AND MARINE PROTECTED AREA OPENING DATES

MARINE SPECIES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Lobster, slipper lobster, Spanish lobster, Giant clam, Trochus	Prohibited all year round: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> roe lobster including slipper and Spanish lobster + lobsters with heads under 7.5 cm more than 2 clams per vessel and trip trochus under 9 cm and over 12 cm diameter 											
Mud crab	No fishing or sales	Prohibited all year round: soft-shell crab + crabs under 14 cm										No fishing or sales
Rock or mangrove oysters	Fishing and sales (1 September to 30 April)				Prohibited all year round: oysters under 6 cm + night harvesting, Max 10 doz. per vessel and trip				Fishing and sales (1 September to 30 April)			
Rabbitfish	Fishing and sales (1 September to 31 January)	Prohibited all year round: golden-lined spinefoot under 20 cm fork-length							Fishing and sales (1 September to 31 January)			
Protected species: turtles, dugongs, cetaceans, humphead wrasse, giant tritons, volute shells, horned helmets, seabirds, sharks and New Caledonian sea kraits	Strictly prohibited: fishing, removing eggs, injuring, destroying, eating, catching, deliberately disturbing, holding, transporting, selling or purchasing											
Coral	Harvesting live coral is strictly prohibited											
SEASONAL MARINE PROTECTED AREAS												
Goeland Island highly protected reserve	Closed			Open						Closed		
Dumbea Channel highly protected reserve	No fishing		Open							No fishing		
Grand Port highly protected reserve	Open								Closed from 1 September to 31 December			

Offenders are liable to an XPF 3,500,000 fine and imprisonment (Southern Province Environmental Code). Department of the Environment rangers are authorised to carry out checks at all times. Refusal to undergo inspection is an offence.

→ WHALES

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Rules for approaching

Vessels
Approach slowly

Duration

- Don't stay longer than an hour per vessel and whale pod
- Don't stay longer than 30 minutes near a pod containing a mother and calf

Cautious zone and approach distance:

- Cautious zone: 300-metre radius around a whale
- Minimum whale approach distance: 100 metres



→ RECREATIONAL FISHING

QUOTAS: a limit of 40 kg of fish, shellfish, crustaceans and molluscs, etc. per vessel or shore fisher per day, except for pelagic species regardless of fishing method. Shell weight is included in the quota, except for clam shells. Compliance with this quota is mandatory at all times, regardless of the time spent at sea.

Spanish mackerel are not considered pelagic and are subject to the 40-kg daily quota. Nets must account for 50 % of fish weight and carry an identification tag. Lobster tails, including for slipper and Spanish lobster, must be partly cut.

AUTHORISED GEAR

Lines with hooks, one longline (max 30 hooks), harpoons, fish gigs, spears and spear-guns.

Two marked and numbered fish pots (minimum 65-mm mesh), cast-nets and one buoyed, marked net less than 50 m long with a 45-mm drop.

PROHIBITED GEAR

Spear-fishing at night or with scuba-diving gear is prohibited.

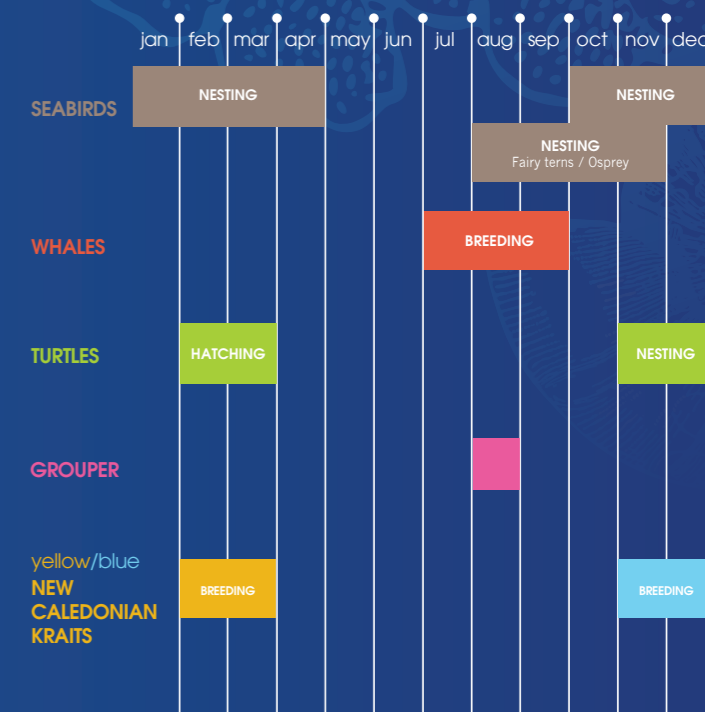
Nets more than 50 m long may not be used, except for cast-nets in estuaries. Fixed gill-nets are prohibited in inlets, bays and around small islands, etc.

Explosives, crowbars, shovels, picks, fixed fishing gear (e.g. shark lines), poison (e.g. "octopus ink" and chlorine, etc.) and firearms.



→ REPRODUCTION

It is prohibited to approach bird colonies within a 40-m radius and turtles within a 10-meter radius.



→ LAGOON BIRDS

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Tall yellow masts flying red flags have been set up on all the highly sensitive offshore islands to warn you that seabirds are nesting throughout each of them.

WHEN YOU SEE THIS MAST DON'T GO ASHORE

