

Mapping, Classifying, and Protecting Seamounts

What are seamounts? How are they mapped? How are they classified? How can we use these spatial data to protect marine environments? These are some of the questions highlighted in this Story Map.

Seamounts are submarine mountains. They are important features of the ocean landscape and provide a range of resources and benefits to humanity. Many seamounts have elevated biodiversity compared to surrounding deep sea areas. They are key locations for many fisheries resources and are also known to support valuable mineral resources. As demand for these resources increases, the need for a focused management of seamounts becomes increasingly important due to the potential impact of such activities on seamount ecosystems...

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