

Natural Park of the Coral Sea — New Caledonia's 1.3-Million-km² Marine Reserve

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

New Caledonia's Natural Park of the Coral Sea (1,292,967 km², created 2014) documents 48 shark, 25 marine-mammal and 5 turtle species, but is patrolled by only a handful of French ships — reporting describes a 'paper park' with limited on-water enforcement.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	0/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[Government of New Caledonia, with Conservation International New Caledonia \(technical partner\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[TIME — enforcement and biodiversity reporting](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[Government of New Caledonia — 2021 surveillance operation](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

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