

Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA)

LIST OF PSSA'S DESIGNATED BY MEPC			
PSSA	Proposing State(s)	Associated Protective Measures ¹	MEPC resolution
Great Barrier Reef	Australia	IMO-recommended Australian system of pilotage; mandatory ship reporting system	September 1990 (Resolution MEPC.44(30))
Archipelago of Sabana-Camaguey	Cuba	Area to be avoided	September 1997 (Resolution MEPC.74(40))
Sea Area Around Malpelo Island	Colombia	Area to be avoided	March 2002 (Resolution MEPC.97(47))
Marine Area Around the Florida Keys	United States	Areas to be avoided; mandatory no anchoring areas	March 2002 (Resolution MEPC.98(47))
Wadden Sea	Netherlands, Denmark, Germany	Mandatory deep water route	October 2002 (Resolution MEPC.101(48))
Paracas National Reserve	Peru	Area to be avoided	July 2003 (Resolution MEPC.106(49))
Western European Waters	Belgium, France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom	Mandatory ship reporting system	October 2004 (Resolution MEPC.121(52))
Torres Strait as an extension to GBR PSSA	Australia and Papua New Guinea	IMO-recommended Australian system of pilotage; two-way route	July 2005 (Resolution MEPC.133(53))
Canary Islands	Spain	Areas to be avoided; traffic separation systems; recommended routes; mandatory ship reporting system	July 2005 (Resolution MEPC.134(53))
Galapagos Archipelago	Ecuador	Area to be avoided; mandatory ship reporting system; recommended tracks	July 2005 (Resolution MEPC.135(53))
Baltic Sea Area	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden	Traffic separation schemes, deep-water route, areas to be avoided, mandatory ship reporting system, MARPOL Special Area; MARPOL SO _x Emission Control Area	July 2005 (Resolution MEPC.136(53))
Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (North-western Hawaiian Islands)	United States	Areas to be avoided; recommended/mandatory ship reporting system	March 2007 (Resolution MEPC.171(57))
Strait of Bonifacio	France and Italy	Recommendation on navigation	July 2011 (Resolution MEPC.204(62))
Saba Bank (Caribbean Island of Saba)	The Netherlands	Area to be avoided by vessels ≥ 300 GT Mandatory no anchoring area	October 2012 (Resolution MEPC.226(64))
Jomard Entrance	Papua New Guinea	Two-way-routing system	October 2016 (Resolution (MEPC 283(70))
Tubbataha	Philippines	Area to be avoided by vessels ≥ 150 GT	July 2017 (Resolution (MEPC 294(71))

¹ This table only lists those APMs that have been specifically identified as APMs per se. There may be other IMO-adopted measures in the designated PSSA. In some cases, national measures may also be relevant.