



Why are there areas where we can't go fishing?

► To protect habitats and let adult fish produce enough young to replace the numbers caught

What are no-take areas?

Areas where all fishing or harvesting of marine life is banned, ideally on a permanent basis

No-take areas have benefits!

- ★ They protect and restore marine habitats: coral reefs, seagrass beds and mangroves
- ★ They enhance fisheries in nearby areas. They provide places for fish to grow, breed and spread to other areas

No-take area

The effectiveness of a marine reserve depends on several things including the size and location of the reserve and the species that are being managed

★ Movement of fish from no-take area to fishing grounds

★ No-take areas provide a refuge from fishing pressure where fish are undisturbed by fishing

★ Larvae settle outside the no-take area as juvenile fish

► To keep our fisheries sustainable, respect rules and regulations

Fisheries agencies develop management regulations to ensure that the marine life you are dependent on continues to sustain your communities.

Community action through co-management arrangements with fisheries agencies can assist in ensuring that your marine environments remain productive for you and your community.



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