

MARAWAH MARINE BIOSPHERE RESERVE FACTSHEET



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MARAWAH MARINE Biosphere Reserve (Marawah MBR)

ESTABLISHED

In 2001

ISLANDS
MORE THAN 10 main islands

LOCATION

AL DHAFRA REGION 120 km
west of Abu Dhabi Island

AREA
4,255 km²

LARGEST

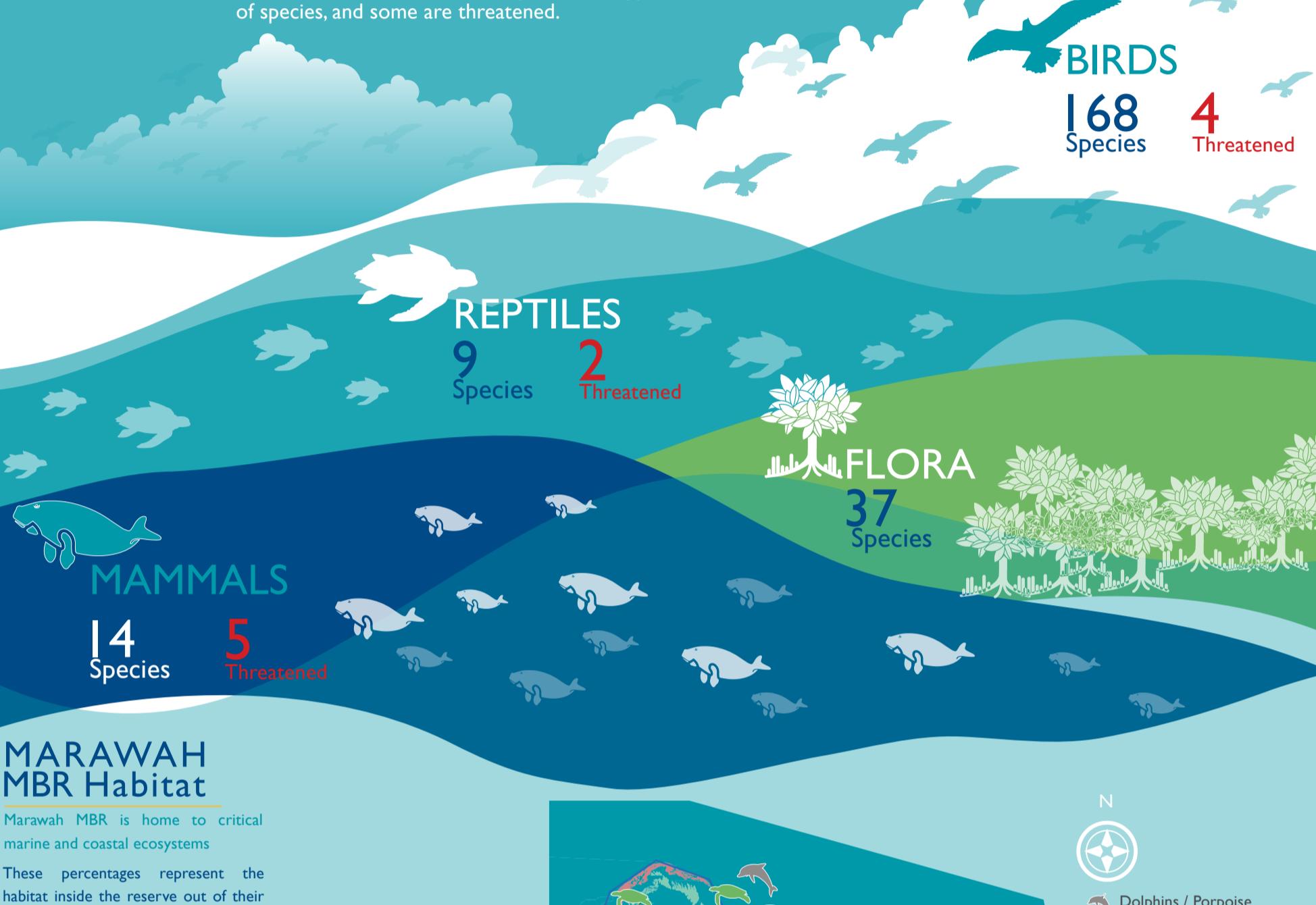
Marine Protected Area in the Arabian Gulf
63 % of total area of Abu Dhabi marine protected areas

MARAWAH MBR Features

Marawah MBR was established as a marine protected area to conserve the natural diversity and traditional uses in the coastal and marine environment.

Marawah MBR is home to many different types of species, and some are threatened.

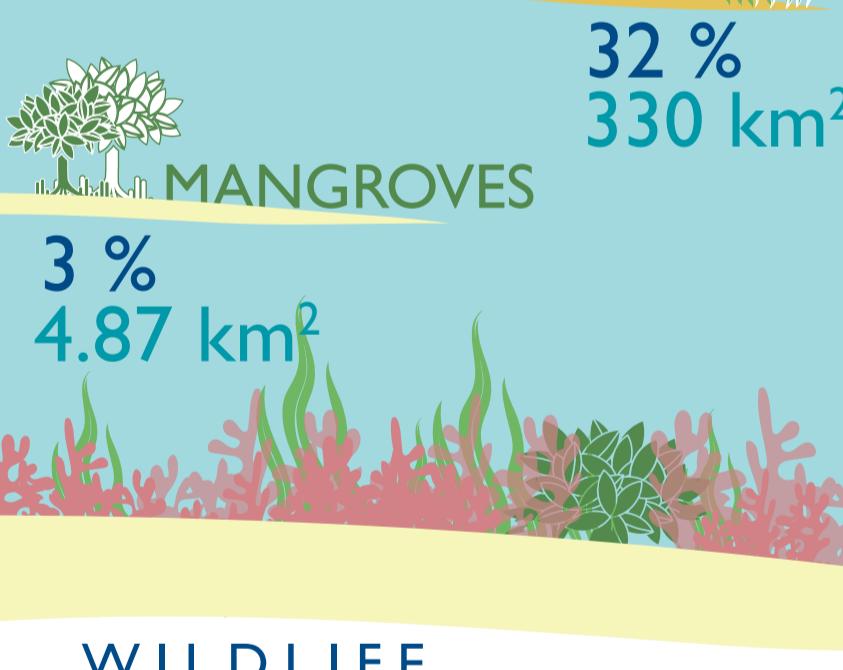
In 2007, Marawah was announced as the 1st marine biosphere reserve in the UAE and the region by UNESCO.



MARAWAH MBR Habitat

Marawah MBR is home to critical marine and coastal ecosystems

These percentages represent the habitat inside the reserve out of their total areas in Abu Dhabi Emirate.



WILDLIFE IMPORTANCE

1. MORE THAN 70 % OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN ABU DHABI EMIRATE ARE RECORDED IN MARAWAH MBR

3. CRUCIAL NURSERY AND SPAWNING GROUNDS FOR MORE THAN 150 SPECIES OF FISH

5. DOLPHINS & PORPOISE ARE PRESENT:

- INDO-PACIFIC BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN
- INDIAN OCEAN HUMPBACK DOLPHIN
- INDO-PACIFIC FINLESS PORPOISE

2. ABU DHABI HAS THE SECOND LARGEST POPULATION OF DUGONGS

4. IMPORTANT SITES FOR FORAGING GREEN TURTLES AND NESTING SITES FOR HAWKSBILL TURTLES

In MMBR 52 % DUGONG ESTIMATED POPULATION

In MMBR 56 % MARINE TURTLES ESTIMATED POPULATION

In MMBR 27.5 % CETACEANS INCLUDING DOLPHINS ESTIMATED POPULATION

Abu Dhabi Marine Water

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DUGONGS

MARINE TURTLES

CETACEANS

DOLPHINS

Porpoises

INDO-PACIFIC BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN

INDIAN OCEAN HUMPBACK DOLPHIN

INDO-PACIFIC FINLESS PORPOISE

INDO-PACIFIC WHALE

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