

SAADIYAT MARINE NATIONAL PARK FACTSHEET



SAADIYAT MNP Features

Saadiyat Marine National Park has been established to conserve marine areas of high biodiversity and marine ecotourism values. Encompassing the tidal and intertidal areas stretching to 10 km along the north coast of Saadiyat Island.

Outside the reserve boundary, but integral with the biodiversity values, the natural sandy beach and sand dunes are regulated for the

ESTABLISHED
In 2017

AREA
59 km²

LOCATION
OFFSHORE OF SAADIYAT ISLAND

conservation of nesting grounds for hawksbill turtles.

The offshore areas stretching of coral reefs, seagrass meadows, and sea weeds that are important for tourism and as nursery ground for fish.

BIRDS
24 Species **20 Threatened**

REPTILES
13 Species **5 Threatened**

FLORA
7 Species

MAMMALS

5 Species **3 Threatened**

SAADIYAT MNP Habitat

Saadiyat MNP is home to critical marine ecosystems

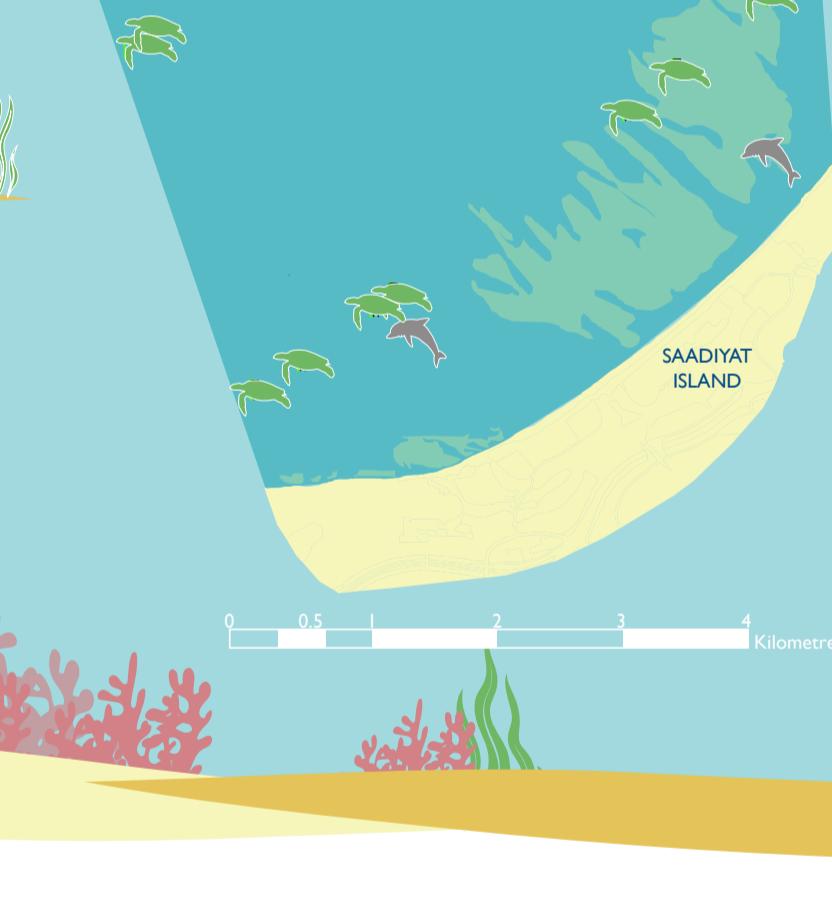
The percentages represent habitat types inside the reserve out of their the total marine areas of Abu Dhabi Emirate.

CORAL REEF

2 %
7 km²

SEAGRASS

1 %
8 km²



WILDLIFE IMPORTANCE

1. SEA SNAKES:
• ARABIAN GULF
• ORNATE RIB
• YELLOW-BELLIED

3. CRUCIAL NURSERY AND SPAWNING GROUNDS FOR VARIOUS SPECIES OF FISH AND AMONG THEM THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED HALAVI GUITARFISH

2. ABU DHABI HAS THE SECOND LARGEST POPULATION OF DUGONGS

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

5. DOLPHINS:

• INDO-PACIFIC BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN
• INDIAN OCEAN HUMPBACK DOLPHIN

In SMNP
4 %
DUGONG ESTIMATED POPULATION

In SMNP
6.5 %
MARINE TURTLES ESTIMATED POPULATION

In SMNP
11 %
CETACEANS INCLUDING DOLPHINS ESTIMATED POPULATION

GENERAL REGULATION



DO NOT FISH



DO NOT EXCEED SPEED LIMIT (10 KNOT OR AS SPECIFIED BY AUTHORITIES)



DO NOT REMOVE OR DAMAGE SIGNS



DO NOT TAKE COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHS WITHOUT PERMIT



DO NOT LITTER



DO NOT CHASE WILD ANIMALS



DO NOT COLLECT SAMPLES WITHOUT A PERMIT