

RAS GHANADA MARINE PROTECTED AREA FACTSHEET



NAME
RAS GHANADA
MARINE PROTECTED AREA
(RGMPA)

LOCATION
ABU DHABI REGION
90 Km EAST OF
ABU DHABI ISLAND

AREA
55km²

ESTABLISHED
In 2017

RAS GHANADA MPA Features

Ras Ghanada MPR was established as a marine protected area to conserve marine biodiversity elements, specifically the coral reef communities.

It has the largest aggregation of coral reefs in the UAE and the Southern Arabian Gulf region. The diversity and abundance of coral species in Ras Ghanada MPA has direct, indirect, economic, and intrinsic great values.

BIRDS
21 Species 2 Threatened

REPTILES
13 Species 5 Threatened

FLORA
7 Species

FISH
40 Species

RAS GHANADA MPA Habitat

Ras Ghanada MPA is home to critical marine ecosystems

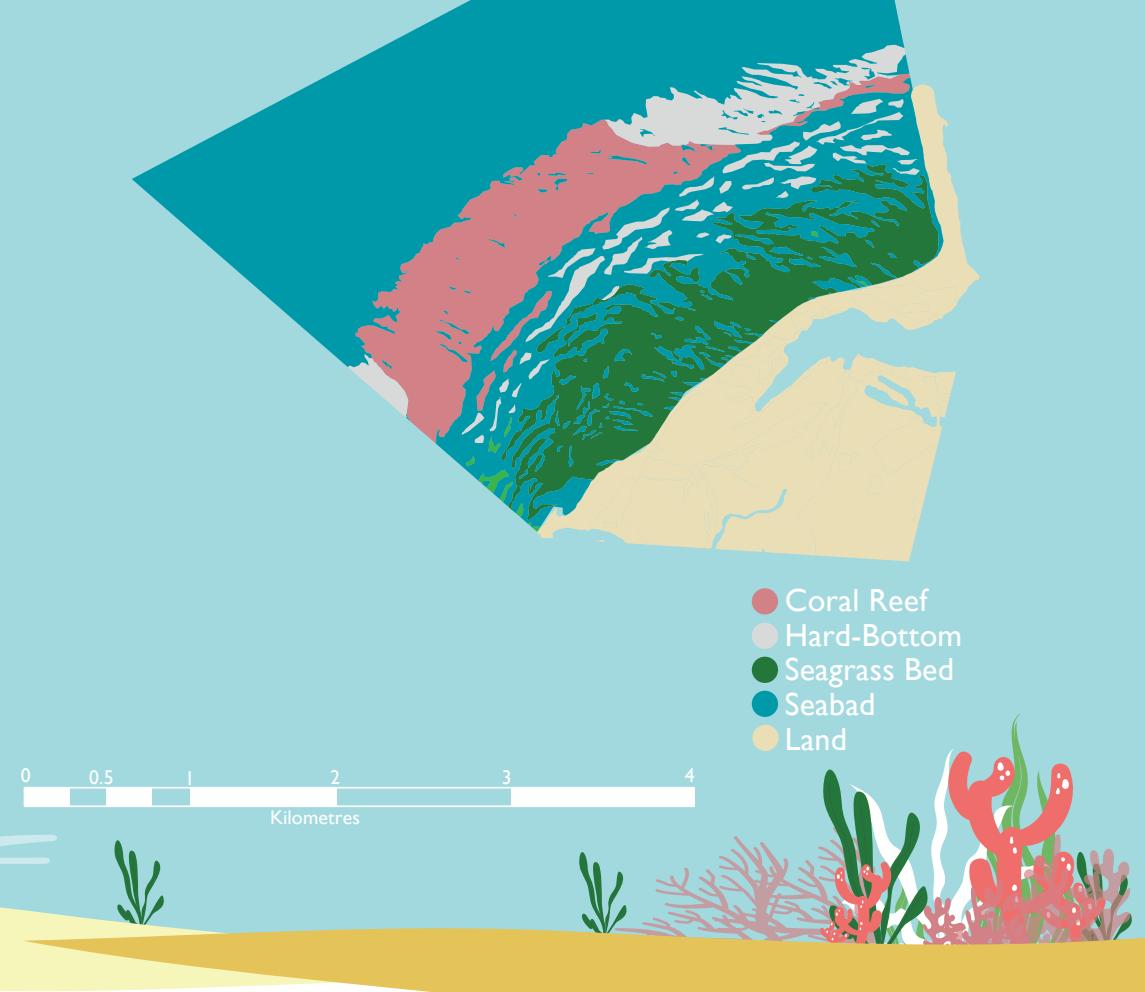
These percentages represent the habitat inside the reserve out of their total areas in Abu Dhabi Emirate.

CORAL REEFS

2.3 %
7.1 km²

SEAGRASSES

0.7 %
7.4 km²



WILDLIFE IMPORTANCE

I. ALMOST ALL KNOWN CORAL REEF

SPECIES IN THE SOUTHERN ARABIAN GULF ARE IN THIS AREA INCLUDING: MASSIVE BRAIN, TABLE, ENCRUSTING & BRANCHING HARD CORAL SPECIES

2. CRUCIAL NURSERY & SPAWNING GROUNDS FOR ALL KNOWN CORAL REEF FISH IN ABU DHABI EMIRATE

3. IMPORTANT FORAGING SITE FOR:

- GREEN TURTLES
- HAWKSBILL TURTLES

4. MANY OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN ABU DHABI EMIRATE ARE RECORDED IN RAS GHANADA MPA

5. DOLPHINS & PORPOISE ARE PRESENT:

- INDO-PACIFIC BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN

- INDIAN OCEAN HUMPBACK DOLPHIN

- INDO-PACIFIC FINLESS PORPOISE

GENERAL REGULATION



DO NOT FISH WITHOUT PERMIT



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



DO NOT USE THE ANCHOR



DO NOT REMOVE OR DAMAGE SIGNS



DO NOT LITTER



DO NOT CHASE WILDLIFE ANIMALS



DO NOT COLLECT SAMPLES WITHOUT A PERMIT