

BUL SYAYEEF MARINE PROTECTED AREA FACTSHEET



NAME
BUL SYAYEEF
MARINE
Protected Area
(Bul Syayeef MPA)

ESTABLISHED
In 2017

AREA
145 km²

LOCATION
WEST OF MUSAFFAH
INDUSTRIAL AREA

BUL SYAYEEF MPA Features

Bul Syayeef MPA is an important coastal wetland area with a high conservation value due to the presence of unique wetland habitats as mangroves, salt marshes, seagrass beds, and intertidal mudflats.

Its tidal mudflats and mangrove areas are home to more than 80 migratory and resident bird species. It hosts one of the largest breeding colony of the Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*) in the Arabian Gulf.

The Site also supports several thousand resident and migratory bird species such as Western Reef Heron (*Egretta gularis*), Western Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), Crab-plover (*Dromas ardeola*), Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*) and Saunders's Tern (*Sterna saundersi*). The site also supports the presence of the critically endangered Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricate*) and the endangered Green Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*).

BIRDS

99 Species
10 Threatened

REPTILES

2 Species
2 Threatened

FLORA

1 Species

MAMMALS

2 Species
1 Threatened

BUL SYAYEEF MPA Habitat

Bul Syayeef MPA is home to critical marine and coastal ecosystems.

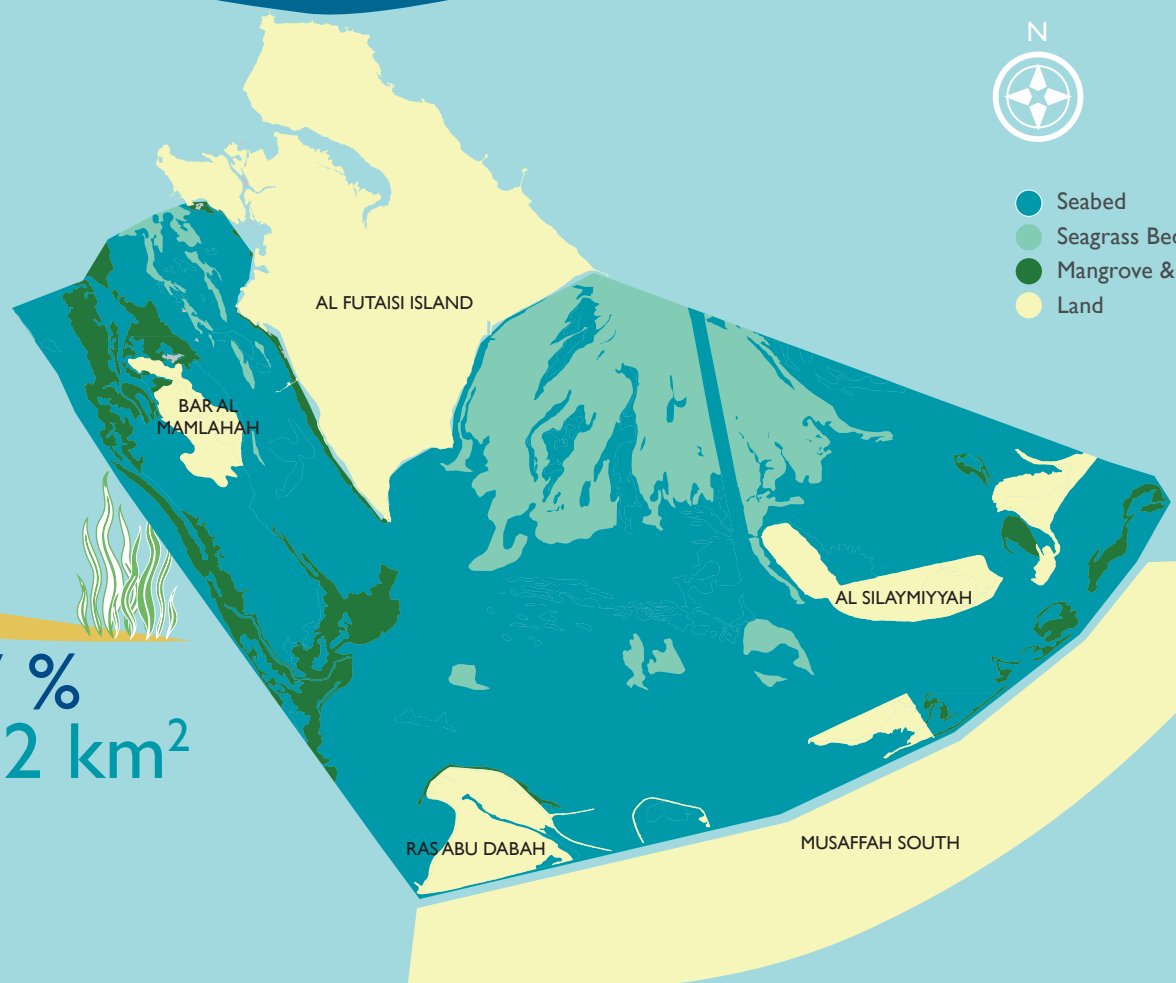
These percentages represent the habitat inside the reserve out of their total areas in Abu Dhabi Emirate.

MANGROVES

2.51 %
3.9 km²

SEAGRASS

2.17 %
22.22 km²



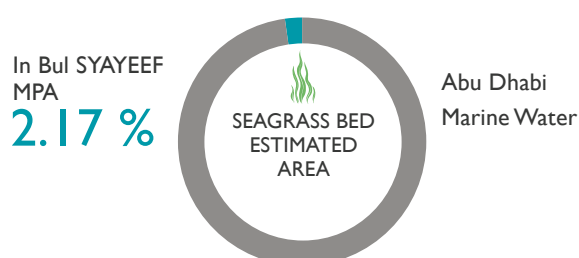
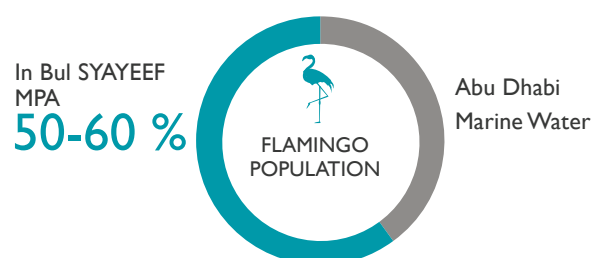
WILDLIFE IMPORTANCE

1. RICH IN WILDLIFE WITH UP TO
99 SPECIES OF BIRDS,
93 RESIDENT
AND 6 MIGRATORY.

2. IMPORTANT WETLAND AREA WITH SHALLOW DEPTH (LESS THAN 3 METERS) HOSTING MARINE FLORA.

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

4. HOSTING DOLPHINS
• INDO-PACIFIC BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN



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 TAKE COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHS WITHOUT PERMIT



DO NOT LITTER



DO NOT CHASE WILDLIFE ANIMALS



DO NOT COLLECT SAMPLES WITHOUT A PERMIT