

# Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection Work Group: Objectives

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# Working Groups



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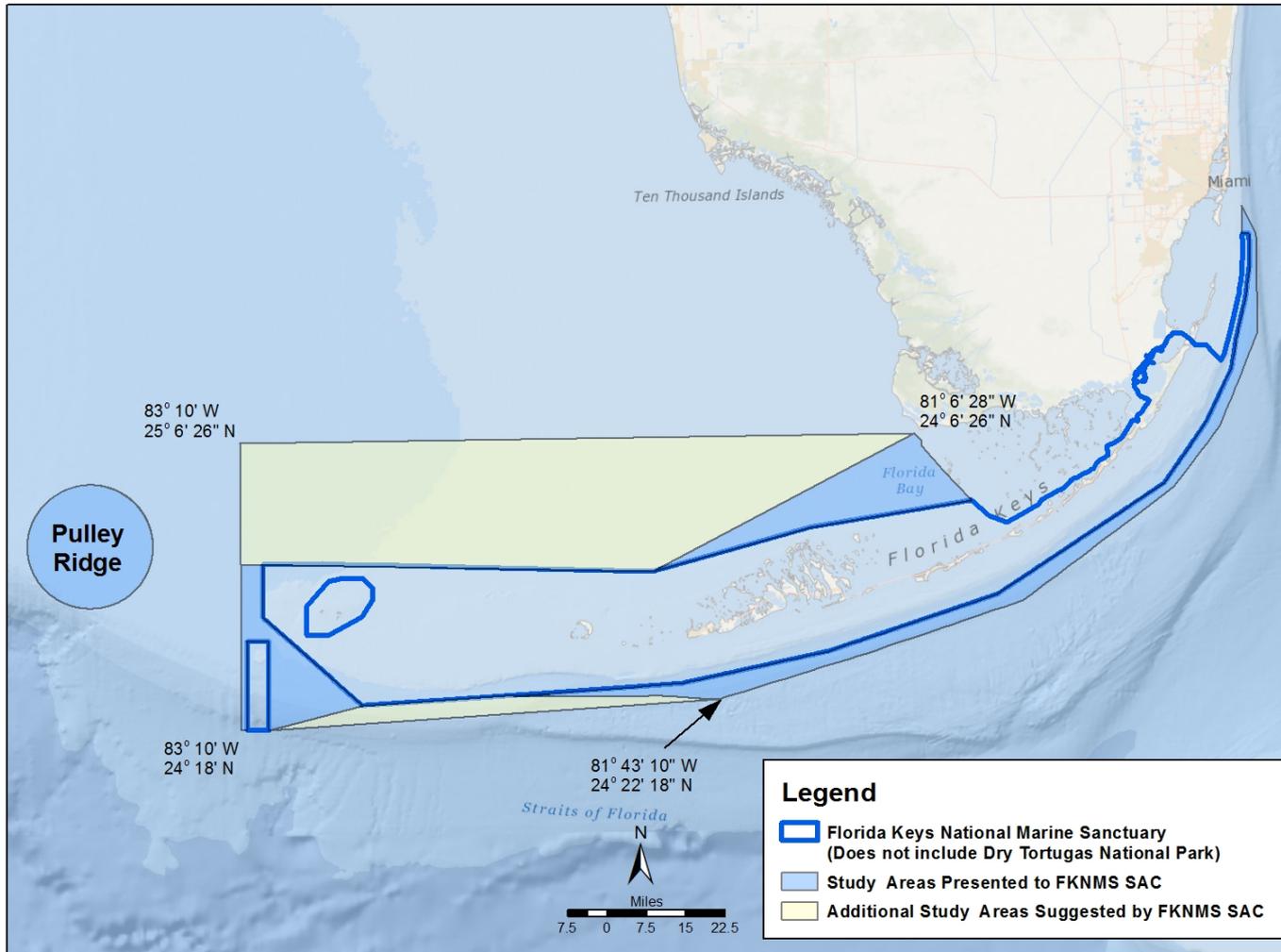
- Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration
- Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection
- **Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection**

# Study Areas



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# Ecosystem Protection – Objectives



- Review and evaluate existing reserves designated for protection of coral reef ecosystems.
- Review current exceptions to regulations in Sanctuary Preservation Areas and Ecological Reserves.
- Review and evaluate Sanctuary Preservation Areas reduction of conflicting uses.
- Recommend new or modified ecological reserves to ensure protection of a diversity of resources:
  - Spawning aggregations
  - Full suite of marine flora and fauna

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# Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection – Objectives



- Consider temporal zoning to address seasonal impacts associated with intense uses or seasonal ecological activities (i.e., nesting, breeding, spawning).
- Ensure the FKNMS zoning scheme promotes sustainable use of the sanctuary resources and protects areas that represent diverse habitats as well as areas important for maintaining natural resources and ecosystem functions.

# Discussion



- Clarifying questions
- Identify individual and group interests
- Commit to the working group and its charge



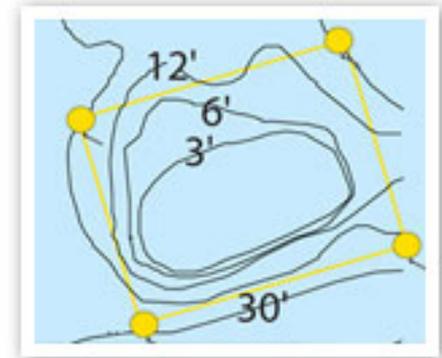
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