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Network and Forum

Port Honduras Marine Reserve

Short Name

Port Honduras

Country

Belize

Ecoregion location

WCaribbean

Boundaries

starting from the coast from the northern bar of the Monkey River, southward to Punta Ycacos Lagoon, Deep River Estuary, Golden Stream, Middle River and Rio Grande, and eastward to include the Snake Cayes. The Port Honduras coastal basin itself, which f

Map URL

http://www.mpaglobal.org/index.php?action=showSpatial&site_code=220100

Total Surface area

414.7

Land Surface area

None

Sea Surface area

414.7

Shoreline area

None

Site national category

Marine Reserve

Site international designation**IUCN category**

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Designation

Legally Designated

Date established

2000/01/25

Legal citation

Fisheries (Port Honduras Marine Reserve) Order

Citation reference URL

<http://www.belizelaw.org/lawadmin/index2.html>

Other legal designations

Primary responsible institution

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Climate

Tropical climates, dry season = February to June, wet season = July to November, annual rainfall = 4metres, air temp ave = 25 degrees celcius, hurricane season from June 1 to November 30

Geological features

beaches, keys

Hydrological features

river(s) drainage

Other hydrological features

freshwater input from 5 rivers

Terrestrial habitats**Terrestrial flora and fauna species**

coral reef, patch reef, fringing reef, seagrass beds, mangroves, sand flats,

Marine habitats

coral reef, patch reef, fringing reef, seagrass beds, mangroves, sand flats

Marine flora

Thalassia, Dictyota, Lobophora, Halimeda

Marine invertebrates and fishes

sooty turns

Marine mammals, birds and sea turtles

manatees, dolphins, hawksbill, leatherback, green turtles, blue heron, sooty turns

Endangered species

manatees, queen conch, Acropora palmata (staghorn coral)

Special aggregation sites**Primary management institution**

Tide

Other institutions that participate in management

Fisheries Department, Belize Defence Force, Belize Coast Guard

Personnel

manager, 5 rangers, senior and junior marine biologists, administrative support from TIDE

Management objectives

species protection, ecosystem protection, fisheries management, user conflict resolution, recreational/tourism use, navigation restrictions

Other management objectives**Management framework**

Yes

Date of establishment of management framework

None

Last update of management framework

None

Management programmes

advisory committee, co-management with private sector, construction regulations, education/outreach program, emergency operations program, enforcement program, financial or business plan, entrance/user fees, fisheries regulations, fish

Zoning

no-take, public use

Other zone types

no take areas of 13.14km², Preservation Zone, Conservation zone

Funding sources

private grants

Cultural resources**Fisheries resources****Fisheries regulations****Coastal development****Beach management****Monitoring programmes**

coral reef health, fish surveys, sea turtles, water quality monitoring

Other monitoring programmes

Seagrass, Mangrove, Conch, Lobster

Issues or threats for accomplishing management objectives**Role of site in network****Areas of special expertise for knowledge transfer**

flyfishing tour guides, SCUBA diving, kayaking