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## Network and Forum

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### 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](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 13.14km<sup>2</sup>, 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