# **Tonga**

Acronyms Areas Countries Marine Terms

#### **Definition**

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## **Protected Areas**

Protected areas designated under international conventions and agreements

**World Heritage sites** 

Natural

Cultural

Mixed

Ramsar sites (Wetlands of International Importance)

Man and the Biosphere Reserves

National-level protected areas

**IUCN Protected Area Management Categories** 

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### **Biodiversity Designations**

Biodiversity designations represent the sites or regions that have been identified as important for biodiversity conservation due to their biological uniqueness or the high threat that they face. A plethora of different approaches have been promoted by conservation organisations and researchers in order to guide decisions about where to invest in biodiversity conservation. These approaches use globally consistent criteria and available data in order to identify and classify sites. The designations themselves do not confer protected area status, but many of the sites identified may partly or fully overlap with a protected area designation on-ground.

Key Biodiversity Areas

Alliance for Zero Extinction Sites

Crisis Ecoregions

Centres of Plant Diversity

Endemic Bird Areas

Global 200 Ecoregions

High Biodiversity Wilderness Areas

Intact Forest Landscapes

Last of the Wild

#### **Conventions and Treaties**

Important conventions and multi-lateral agreements that relate to biodiversity and the environment.

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Accession

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW)

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Contracting party

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Convention) I-II; III; IV; V; VI

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Plant Treaty)

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

Chapter XXI 3. Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High

Seas

Succession

Accession

World Heritage Convention Acceptance

**Antarctic Treaty** 

### **Other Membership**

Arctic Council

International Maritime Organisation Member

**IPBES** 

IPCC Member

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