



**COLLABORATIVE  
NETWORK**

**The Future of Ocean  
Management**

The MPA Collaborative Network leads the way - fostering local stewardship to help manage California's 124 marine protected areas (MPAs)

## **Diversifying Participation**

By bringing together a wide range of ocean experts and enthusiasts, the MPA Collaborative Network helps strengthen cross-interest relationships and improve local initiatives.

## **Cultivating Cooperation**

Collaboratives bring together people and organizations who may not have worked together otherwise.

## **Leveraging Resources**

Investing in the MPA Collaborative Network supports both statewide and local projects, increasing the potency and effectiveness of each dollar spent, more so than if funding was restricted to a single group.

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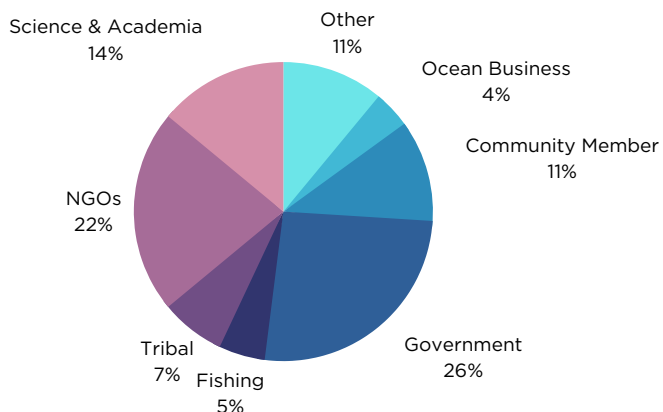
## Who We Are

Organizations ranging from government agencies to ocean business to academia are no longer isolated in their efforts; they now work together - not only to further their local initiatives, but also to create mutually advantageous results more easily or effectively than on their own.

This unprecedented level of cooperation is evidence of the progress made since 2012, when the Fish and Game Commission adopted a statewide network of 124 marine protected areas (MPAs) to preserve the diversity and abundance of marine species, the habitats they depend on, and the integrity of marine ecosystems.

The MPA Collaborative Network has been hard at work ever since giving stakeholders and local agencies an active voice in the ongoing stewardship and management of California's MPA network.

We are a "network of networks" engaging over 1,400 volunteer members in 14 local collaboratives representing hundreds of distinct and diverse organizations, agencies, Tribes, individuals, interests, and backgrounds.



## Mission:

Empower diverse communities to engage in marine protected area stewardship for a healthy ocean

### Collaborative Network: At-a-Glance

14	collaboratives
1,400+	volunteer members
450+	distinct affiliations
124+	MPAs stewarded
\$20 million	estimated annual in-kind contributions to MPA management





Collaboratives make vital contributions to MPA management through community-driven projects in these primary areas:

1. Education & Outreach
2. Enforcement & Compliance
3. Research & Monitoring

## What We Do

The Collaborative Network was developed to consolidate and streamline stakeholder involvement by providing a robust structure for civic engagement.

### Advance

community-driven initiatives

### Foster

strategic partnerships for more effective resource management

### Facilitate

regular communication between collaboratives and state agencies

### Engage

diverse organizations, agencies, Tribal nations, and communities working toward mutually established goals

### Innovate

through unprecedented cooperation and participation in resource management

## The Collaborative Network turns input into action!

CDFW concerned about capacity at MPA implementation; stakeholders concerned that local needs won't be addressed



14 volunteer, county-based collaboratives are formed to give locals a voice and support MPA management in their areas



Members express need for sign imagery that references collecting as well as fishing



CN works with CDFW to get new State Marine Reserve sign approved



North Coast Tribes express desire to get together privately to discuss their needs in regard to MPA management



CN hosts North Coast Forum with closed door session for Tribal members, resulting in request for a Tribal Collaborative



CDFW wardens are understaffed and local officers are uncomfortable enforcing MPA regulations



CN and CDFW Law Enforcement Division host MPA trainings for enforcement partners in each county

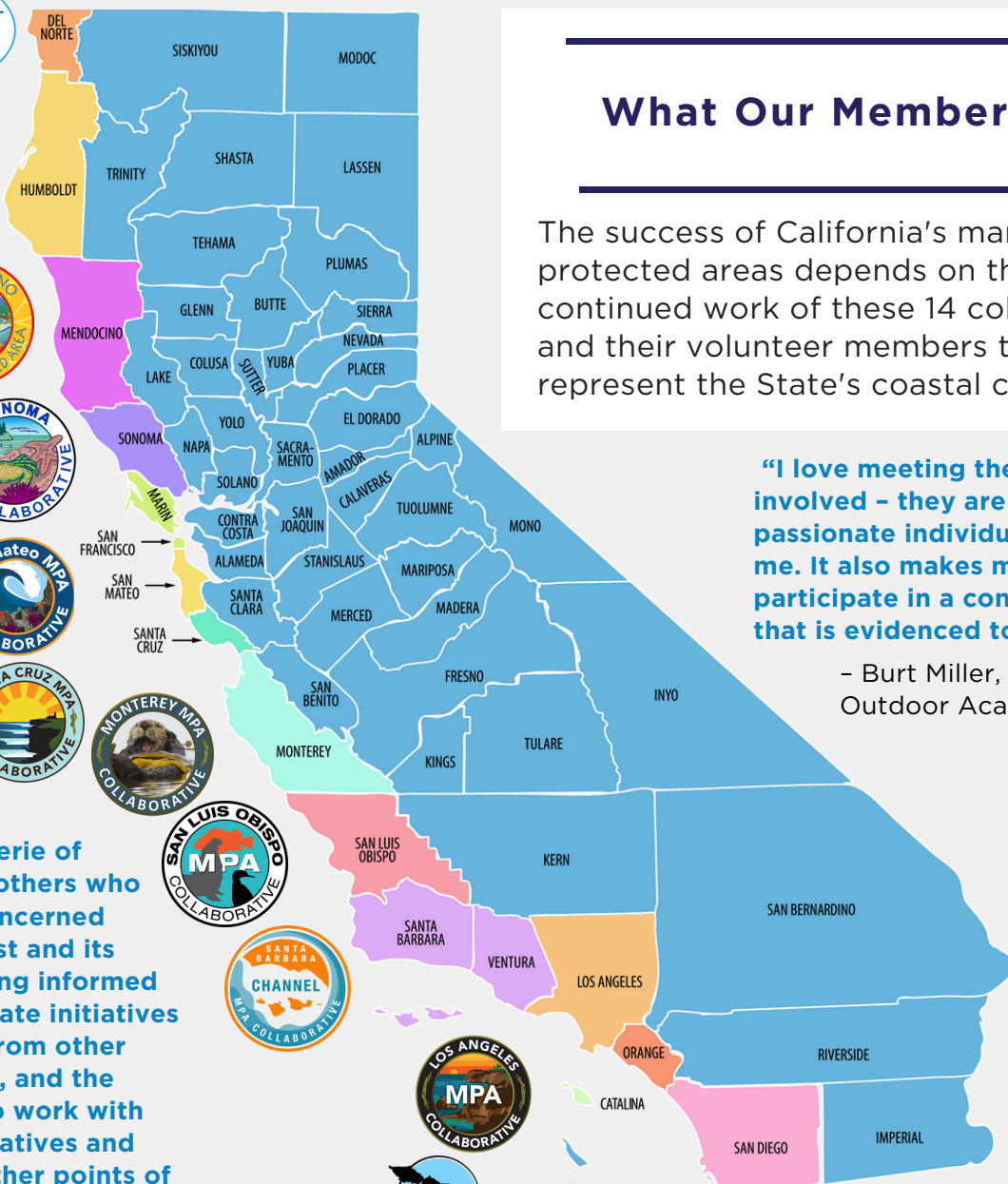


Collaborative members are worried that the state managing agencies do not recognize or value their local input



A charter workshop is held in Sacramento, resulting in a Memorandum of Understanding between collaboratives & the state





## What Our Members Say

The success of California's marine protected areas depends on the continued work of these 14 collaboratives and their volunteer members that represent the State's coastal counties.

**"I love meeting the other people involved – they are unique and passionate individuals that inspire me. It also makes me feel good to participate in a conservation process that is evidenced to be successful."**

– Burt Miller, Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy

**"The camaraderie of meeting with others who are equally concerned about the coast and its resources, being informed about other state initiatives and projects from other collaboratives, and the opportunity to work with other collaboratives and incorporate other points of view into our products."**

– Rosa Laucci, Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, Marine Program Manager/Marine Biologist

**"As a commercial fisherman, we face some very complex issues, and hearing the collaborative perspective helps me communicate those ideas to others in the industry. I feel honored to be involved."**

– Richard Ogg, F/V Karen Jeanne (commercial fishing)

**"CCA CAL is thankful for the opportunity to participate in the MPA Collaboratives and share our fishing experiences and knowledge. We all need to keep our communications open and listen to different points of view to find solutions we can all work towards."**

– Wayne Kotow, Coastal Conservation Association, California (recreational fishing)

**Get involved! Visit our website to join your local collaborative.**

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**Interested in supporting our work or sponsoring a collaborative?**

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