

On the System of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of the Russian Far East Seas

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Abstract

Principles of the marine and coastal marine protected areas (MPAs) designation are discussed. The main of them are representativeness, uniqueness and vulnerability for a separate MPA and for their system – the connectivity of the individual MPAs. Ecosystem based approach taking in mind both conservation and economic development goals should be preferable.

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