

Dear President Bush,

Thank you for your leadership on oceans and for considering increased conservation of two of the most spectacular and pristine marine areas - the Central Pacific Islands (Baker, Howland, Jarvis, Johnston, Kingman, Palmyra, Rose and Wake Islands) and the Mariana Trench.

These areas are unique gems worthy of national attention and discovery, and I urge you to designate them as marine national monuments.

I further support FULL protection for these ecosystems, meaning preventing extractive and damaging activities including mining, drilling, and fishing.

These areas include the most pristine coral reef ecosystems on earth and are teeming with wildlife including seabirds, sea turtles and large fishes.

Full protection within the exclusive economic zone will make these island oases and coral reefs more resilient to environmental damage, so they can persist for generations to come.

This is critical for conservation and would cement your ocean legacy and work on ocean conservation.

Please act quickly to establish these new marine monuments.

Thank you.