## WHAT HAS THE BRAZILIAN STATE OF SÃO PAULO BEEN **DOING FOR THE MARINE PROTECTION?**

## MANAGEMENT PLANS

A Management Plan is a fundamental instrument to provide an effective management in Protected Areas, especially those whose mission is to ensure the health of the marine and coastal ecosystem of the state territorial sea.

The existence of a Management Plan, in addition to guiding the management processes of a Conservation Unit, brings legal certainty and guarantees stability to management. Furthermore, it helps people who work to protect natural resources and all forms of life that depend on the ocean waters and coastline to survive.

São Paulo state economy is the most diverse and developed in Brazil and represents nearly 40% of the national GDP. There are 645 municipalities, in almost 250 thousand square kilometers. The total state population is close to 45 million inhabitants. If the state were a country, it would be the third Latin American economy, after Brazil and Mexico, and ahead of Argentina, Chile and Colombia

Such a sound economy would not do anything but the very best to ensure full protection for its territory and territorial sea.





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