



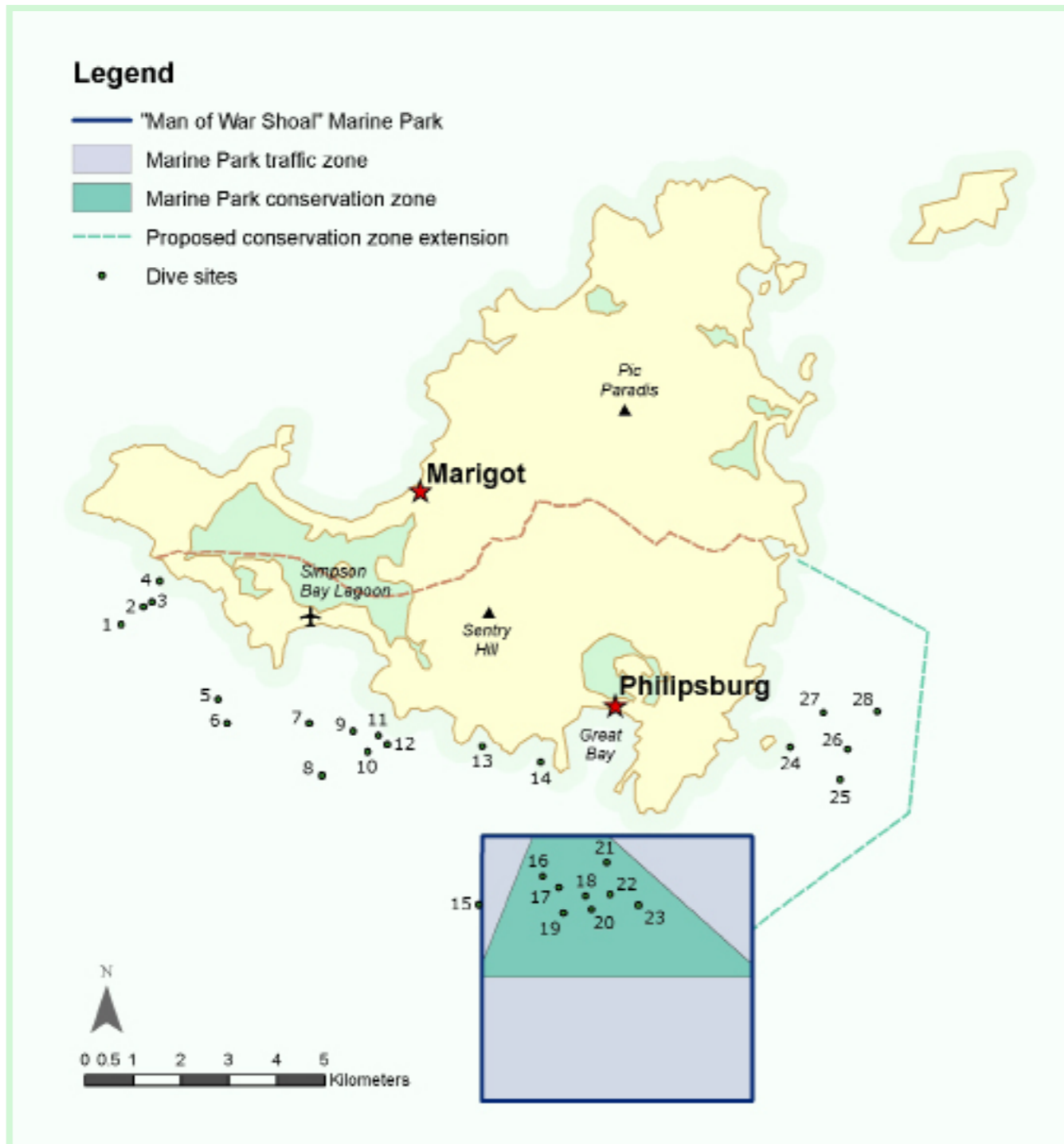
St Maarten 'Man of War Shoal' Marine Park



The Man of War Shoal Marine Park is a home and migratory stop over or breeding site for 3 IUCN Red List Species, 10 CITES Appendix I species and 89 Appendix II species. It is an area with a healthy population of marine mammals including migratory whales and dolphins, numerous species of shark, sea turtles and numerous fish species. Studies conducted by the St. Maarten Nature Foundation have shown that biodiversity in this area, particularly coral reef coverage, is high and the economic goods and services, which the ecosystem provides are in excess of fifty million dollars annually.



St. Maarten Nature Foundation Mission: to preserve and enhance the natural environment of St. Maarten through proper management, education, public awareness, law enforcement, scientific research and monitoring relating to all aspects of the terrestrial, wetland and marine surroundings.



Dive sites

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| 1. Fu Cheng | 8. Moonscape | 15. Carib Cargo | 22. Mike's Maze #2 |
| 2. The Gregory - Bow | 9. Charlie's Shoal | 16. Lucy's Barge | 23. Fish Bowl |
| 3. The Gregory - Stern | 10. Dom's Reef | 17. Proselyte Reef #2 | 24. Pelican Rock |
| 4. Long Bay Reef | 11. Frenchman's Reef #2 | 18. Proselyte Reef #1 | 25. Hen & Chick |
| 5. The Porpoise | 12. Frenchman's Reef #1 | 19. Teigland/Cable Reef | 26. Moon hole |
| 6. Isabella Reef | 13. Cowboy Reef | 20. Split Rock | 27. Cow & Calf |
| 7. The Bridge | 14. Fort Amsterdam | 21. Mike's Maze #1 | 28. Molley Beday |

Man of War Shoal Marine Park

Article 15 of the Island Ordinance Nature Conservation and Protection Sint Maarten declares that within the Man of War Shoal Marine Park, the following are prohibited:

- Feeding of animals
- Sinking of vessels or other objects without the manager's prior permission
- Fishing with dragnets, fish traps, explosive substances, gillnets, mechanical underwater hunting devices, hand spears, and bait consisting of marine mammal flesh
- Using or discharging biological or chemical products into the sea
- Placing anchor buoys without the manager's permission
- Discharging or dump effluents from a vessel
- Anchoring or use of anchors as a means of navigation
- Moving or removing anchor buoys without the manager's prior permission

Conservation Zone

Within the Conservation Zone, the following activities are also prohibited:

- The use of water scooters
- Fishing of any kind
- Sailing with a vessel with an average draft of more than six meters
- Removal of live or dead animals or plants
- Possession of live or dead fish or other sea animals or plants that are found not to originate from elsewhere

Traffic Zone

The Traffic Zone must remain open to shipping at all times

Management

Management Authority is the St. Maarten Nature Foundation.
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The manager of the marine park is authorized to place buoys for demarcation of the nature park and the areas with high protection value, anchor zones and shipping zones.

The manager is furthermore authorized to place anchor buoys for vessels, which are used for the transport and the accompaniment of snorkelers and scuba divers.

The manager is authorized to - verbally or in writing - forbid entrance to a person entering the marine park and ask them to leave the area immediately if the presence of that person can in all reasonableness lead to prohibited activities. The person to whom the prohibition is directed is obliged to obey.