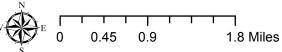


Turtle Rocks Sanctuary Preservation Area



Protects important nearshore, interconnected habitats within the Upper Keys including individual and aggregated patch reefs, seagrass beds, and shallow hardbottom communities. High relief coral reef habitats in this area historically contained large populations of ESA-listed staghorn, elkhorn, and star corals. Currently contains remnant ESA-listed staghorn coral populations and one of the only known fused staghorn colonies. This area is an existing Pennekamp Coral Formation Zone, which prohibits harvest of spiny lobster and deployment of traps.

This map contains proposed marine zone alternatives for public comment. Proposed marine zone alternatives do not reflect agency decision at this time. For more details about the proposed alternatives and zone descriptions, including associated regulations, see Section 3.3 and 3.4 of this DEIS.

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