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News story

Read about the work of the Blue Belt Programme in UK Overseas Territories in the 2019-2020 annual update.



Earlier this week on World Ocean Day, 8 June, we published our [annual update](#) on the achievements and progress of the Blue Belt Programme over the past year.

Lord Zac Goldsmith, Foreign & Commonwealth Office Minister for Pacific and the Environment said:

The Blue Belt Programme, one of the UK government's most ambitious environmental policies ever, is on course to establish 4 million square kilometres of protected and managed oceans around the UK Overseas Territories.

The update for 2019-2020 showcases how the Blue Belt Programme is helping strengthen governance, protect biodiversity, support sustainable fisheries, support compliance and manage human activities across the UK Overseas Territories.

You can also read the latest [Blue Belt newsletter](#).

The Blue Belt Programme supports the delivery of the UK government's commitment to enhance marine protection of over four million square kilometres of marine environment across UK Overseas Territories. The programme is a partnership between two world-leading agencies of the UK government, the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO).

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