

# Lessons from the Southern Ocean: A Framework for Marine Protected Areas

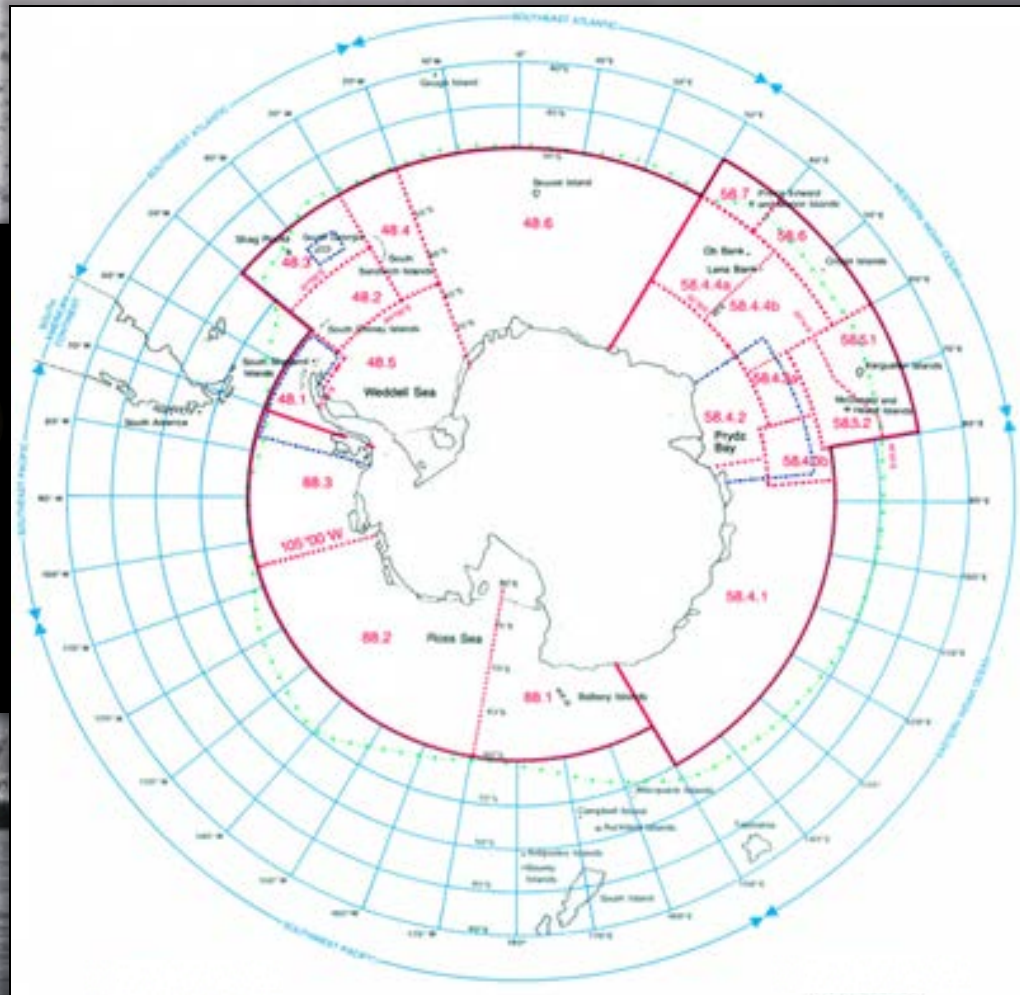


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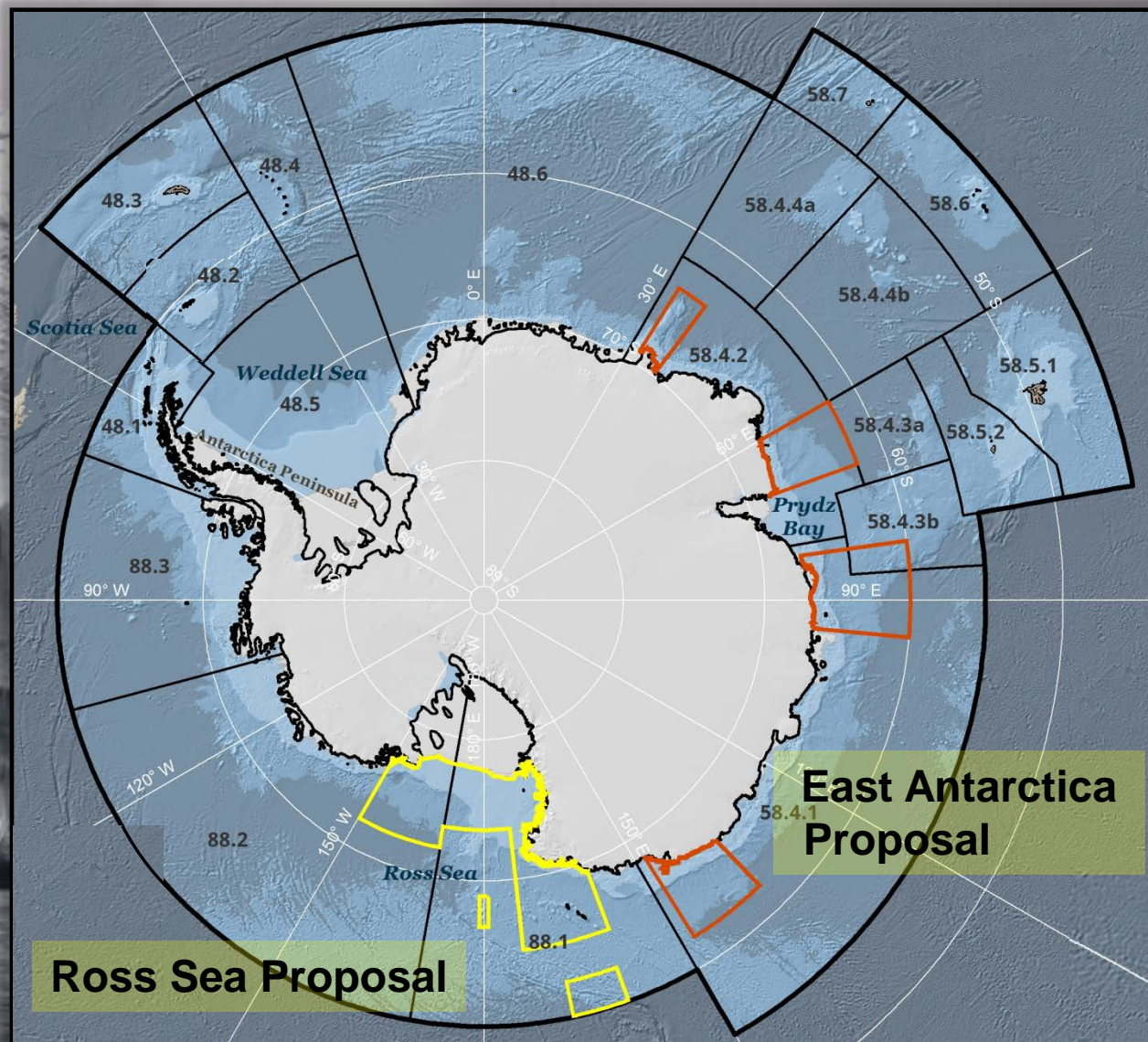
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## A composite image featuring a close-up of a fish's face, likely a sea bream, with a large, prominent eye that has a bright yellow ring. The fish's skin is mottled with brown and white spots. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a rock or a piece of paper, with a dark horizontal band across the middle.





# Proposed Marine Protected Areas at CCAMLR



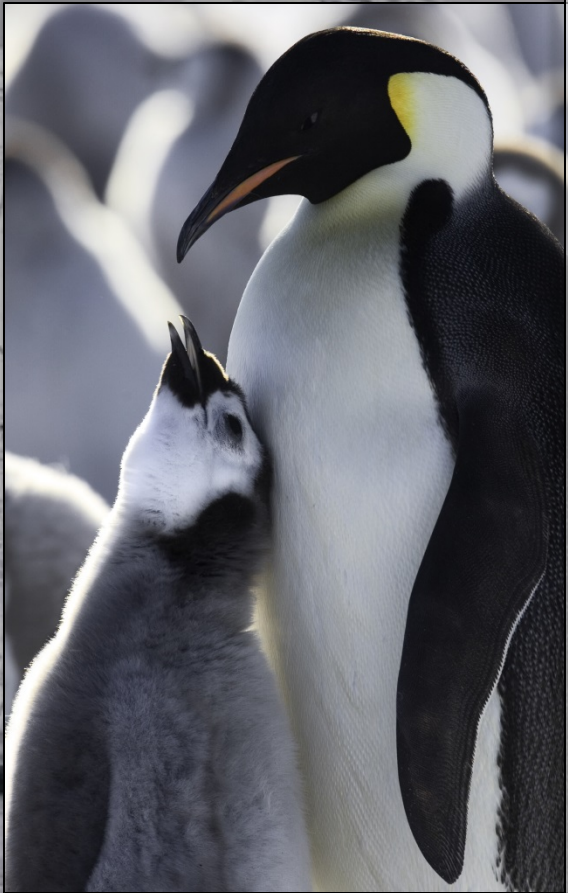


# What has helped progress marine reserves at CCAMLR?

- **Country champions:**
  - Ross Sea (US, New Zealand)
  - East Antarctica (Australia, France, EU)
- **Strong science / focus on science**
- **Proposed protection of representative areas where data is scarce**



# What has hindered progress for meaningful, large-scale marine reserves at CCAMLR?



- **Geopolitics**  
(key issue is Russia vs. Western nations)
- **Fishing interests**  
(mainly China, Norway, Japan)
- No common approach for **duration**, **review** and/or **monitoring/management**
- **Multiple-use approach** (versus no-take)
- **Diminishing scale**



## Key recommendations for a new UN implementing agreement based on experience of CCAMLR

- Should be founded in the **precautionary principle and ecosystem approach**
- Must provide a mechanism that **enables the creation of large-scale MPAs including fully protected, no-take marine reserves**
- Must enshrine the concept of **permanence**
- The agreement could include language regarding **review and reporting requirements** and not duration and sunset clauses.
- Consensus-based decision making is a double-edged sword



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