

GOLDEN GATE BIOSPHERE:

CELEBRATING THE WORLD-CLASS NATURAL TREASURE IN OUR BACKYARDS

SINCE 1988 many of the lands and waters of Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties have been part of the UNESCO Golden Gate Biosphere (see map, other side). One of an international network of over 650 places recognized for their extraordinary biological richness, ours is the only biosphere in the United States where land, sea, and urban areas meet.

Our highly diverse, complex, and intertwined human and natural communities are disconnected from where we draw our organizational boundaries. Current challenges such as climate change and increasing population pres-

ures make linking these communities even more critical for people, plants, and wildlife to adapt and thrive.

Being part of the Biosphere unites our partners in a way that reflects this reality. It connects the numerous federal, state, and local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities, and public partners within the Biosphere's boundaries. It also offers a way to support shared conservation, education, research, monitoring, and sustainable development efforts by linking the region's land, sea, urban, and wild areas.

OUR GOALS



NEW OPPORTUNITIES

THE GOLDEN GATE BIOSPHERE is an important regional effort that helps coordinate and elevate the Bay Area's wealth of land management and stewardship networks, and the only one that connects them at a global scale.

In 2017, we renewed our UNESCO Biosphere designation and added over 26,000 additional square miles of land and sea. We are now seeking opportunities to bring more agencies and organizations within these expanded boundaries into our partnership network.

We are strengthening relationships among our partner networks by finding new ways to support and elevate our collective research, management, and climate change resiliency efforts. We are working together to increase awareness of the region's cultural and ecological riches, and determining how we can help protect and care for them at a regional scale.

JOIN US!

LEARN MORE about what this partnership has to offer, and help be a part of shaping its future. For more information contact info@GGBiosphere.org or see <http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/goldengatebiosphere.html>.

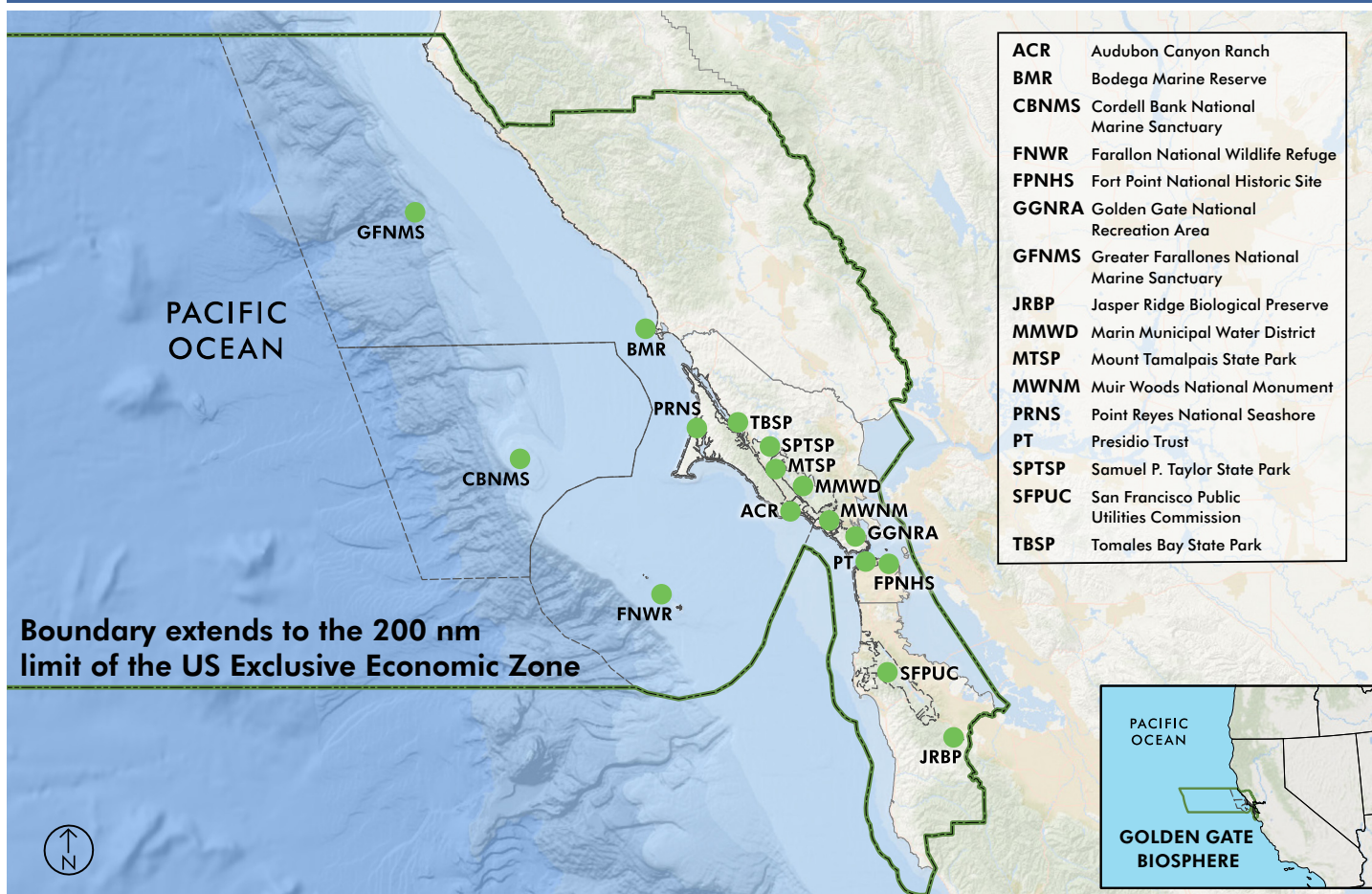


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GOLDEN GATE BIOSPHERE PARTNERS AND GEOGRAPHY



The 28,000 square-mile expanded Golden Gate Biosphere includes the 10 original formal partners listed above, plus the opportunity for others managing and caring for open space, working lands, aquatic areas, and urban and rural communities to join us.