

# Special Marine Protected Areas in China: An Effective Tool to Relieve the Conflict between Economic Development and Marine Conservation

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## Abstract

Using Ma'an Archipelago National Special Marine Protected Area as a brief example this article argues Special Marine Protected Areas in China is an effective tool to relieve the conflict between economic development and marine conservation, especially in the context that right to legislation is assigned to local municipal governments.

Moreover, the advantage of SMPAs can be amplified when combined with legal measures. The revision of Legislative Law on May 15th, 2015 has greatly changed the landscape of local legislation. The right t  
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