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**REVILLAGIGEDO NATIONAL PARK**

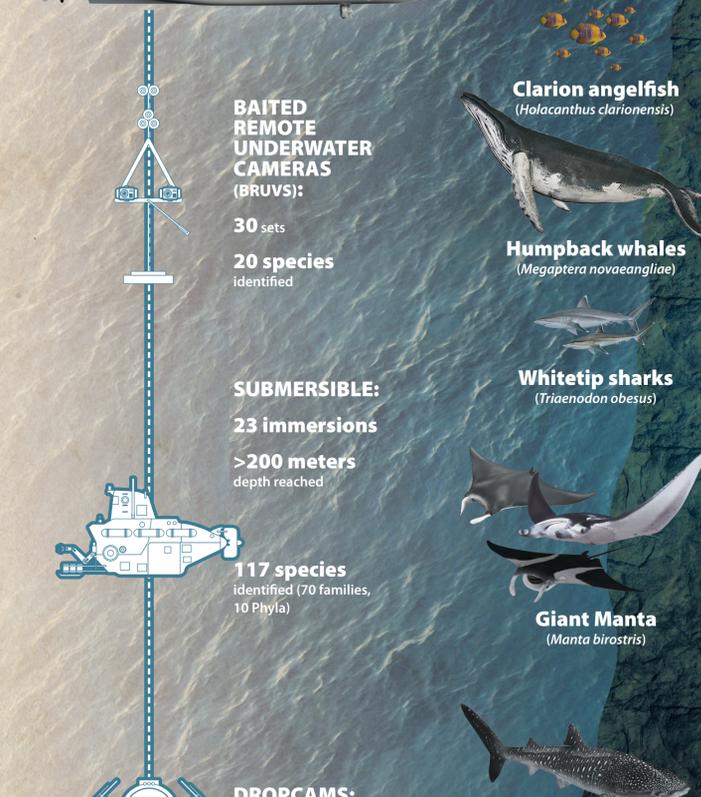
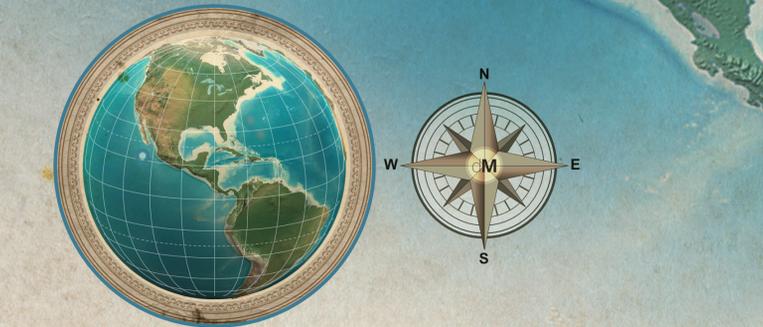
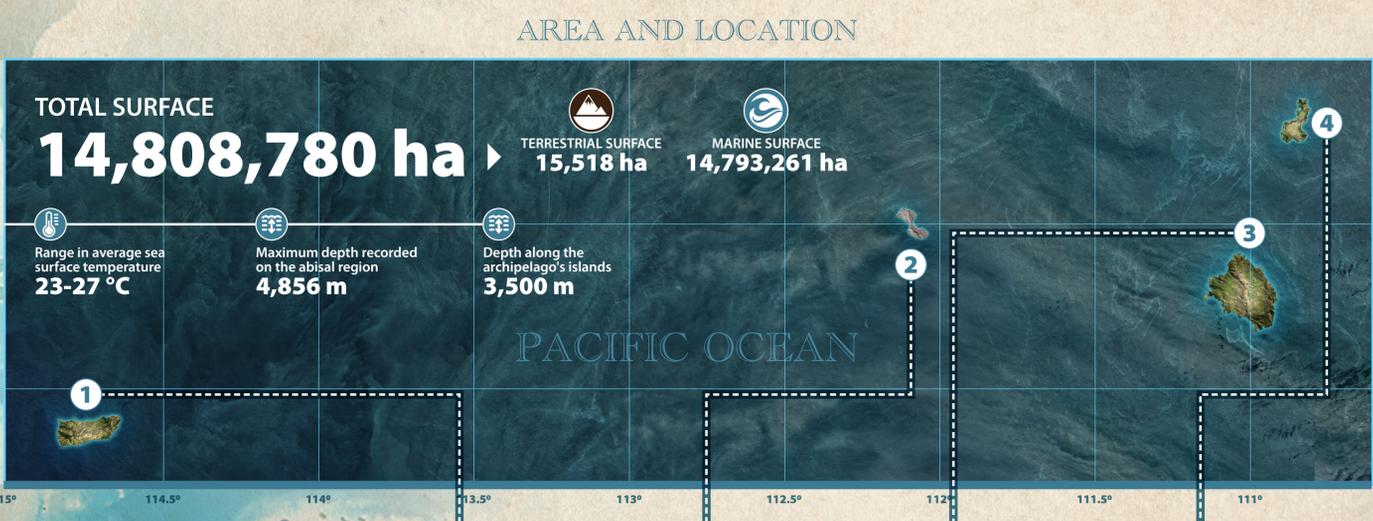
The Revillagigedo archipelago is located in Mexico's Pacific Ocean and is part of an underwater mountain range of volcanic origin. The four islands that make up this archipelago are home to unique ecosystems that offer critical habitat to hundreds of species. The marine environment is influenced by the California and Equatorial currents that create favorable conditions for pelagic species like hammerhead sharks, jacks, tuna and several species of cetaceans.

HISTORY AND CONSERVATION

- 1533:** On December 21st, Fernando de Grijalva discovered Socorro island, which he originally named Santo Tomás, while navigating on the San Lázaro.
- 1542:** Ruy López de Villalobos and his crew discovered San Benedicto island and the Los Inocentes bluffs.
- 1779:** José Camacho discovered Santa Rosa island (currently Clarión) and Roca Partida.
- 1793:** Captain James Colnett named the set of four islands Archipelago Revillagigedo in honor of Count Revillagigedo.
- 1861:** President Benito Juárez declared the Revillagigedo islands as sovereign territory of the state of Colima on July 25th.
- 1994:** On June 6th, the area is decreed as Revillagigedo Archipelago Biosphere Reserve.
- 2016:** Revillagigedo was added to UNESCO's World Natural Heritage Sites.
- 2017:** On November 27th, the protection category changed to National Park, thus becoming the largest marine reserve in North America.
- 2019:** SEMARNAT and CONANP published the reserve's management program.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CHARISMATIC SPECIES



BIODIVERSITY



TOURISM



FISHING



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