Costa Rica Establishes Seamounts Marine Management Area

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Costa Rica has greatly expanded a marine protected area surrounding Cocos Island National Park, safeguarding a total of 2,900 nautical square miles (one million hectares) still rich with endangered sharks and sea turtles. The Seamounts Marine Management Area, or Area Marina de Manejo Montes Submarinos, is intended to conserve an entire marine ecosystem and protect a group of underwater mountains southwest of Cocos Island. President Laura Chinchilla Miranda formalized the protected area in an Executive Decree on Thursday. More here

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