

# IMPORTANT BIRD AND BIODIVERSITY AREAS IN DANGER

*Priority sites for immediate action*



# IBAs in Danger—Priority sites for immediate action

The 2014 IBAs in Danger list includes 356 sites in 102 countries/territories as well as the High Seas.

All face intense threats and need urgent attention. Examples from across each region highlight the diversity of pressures and the urgency with which actions are required.

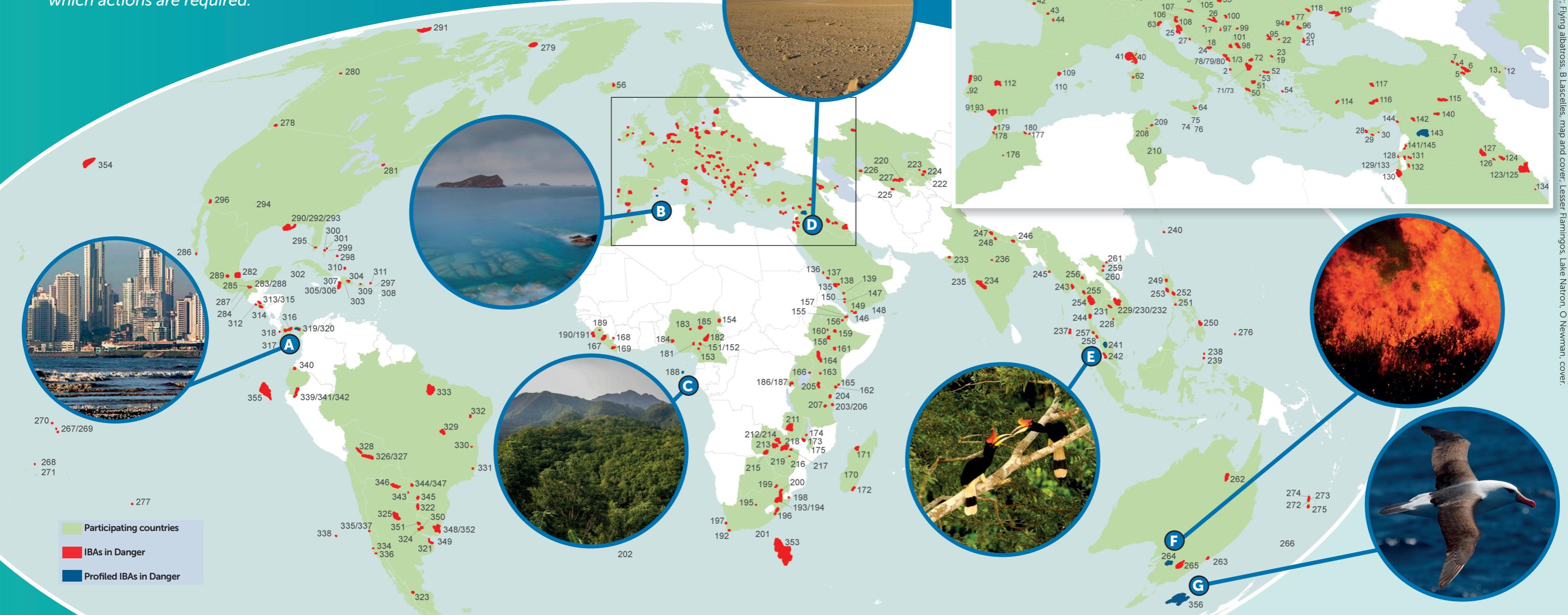


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## A Upper Bay of Panamá, Panamá

[tinyurl.com/casestudy594](http://tinyurl.com/casestudy594)

This IBA hosts up to 2 million migratory shorebirds each year. Despite formal protection, it faces high pressures from a wide range of threats. An attempt to degazette the protected area was successfully defeated in 2013 by the Panama Audubon Society (BirdLife in Panama) and others. Now the challenge is to develop a sustainable land-use plan for the site and improve the management of the protected area.

## B Isle of Conejera and islets of Bledes and Espartar, Spain

[tinyurl.com/casestudy588](http://tinyurl.com/casestudy588)

Isle of Conejera is one of the last remaining undeveloped islands in the Balearic archipelago and home to a colony of Critically Endangered Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus*. SEO/BirdLife (BirdLife in Spain) is lobbying local authorities to drop controversial, and potentially devastating, plans to turn the island's lighthouse into a hotel.

## C São Tomé lowland forests, São Tomé & Príncipe

[tinyurl.com/casestudy589](http://tinyurl.com/casestudy589)

This site holds three species that are Critically Endangered and seven more that are Endangered or Vulnerable. The IBA is threatened by industrial-scale plantations and hydroelectric dam building as well as illegal hunting. Strengthening local capacities, working with the private sector to improve the sustainability of business practices, and research are all urgently needed actions.

## D Tadmur desert and mountains, Syria

[tinyurl.com/casestudy590](http://tinyurl.com/casestudy590)

This IBA holds the last remaining population of the Critically Endangered Northern Bald Ibis *Geronticus eremita* in the Middle East. The site is facing diverse threats, including agricultural expansion and intensification, road building, oil and gas exploitation and hunting. The Syrian Society for Conservation of Wildlife (BirdLife in Syria) has been working to increase local capacities and awareness.

## E Belum-Temenggor, Malaysia

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The site has an exceptional diversity of mammals and birds, including 10 species of hornbills. One-third of the IBA is protected as a State Park. The highest threats to the site are commercial logging, land conversion and industrial development. The Malaysian Nature Society (BirdLife in Malaysia) is advocating for the protection and sustainable management of the whole forest complex and the establishment of a sustainable financing mechanism.

## F Murray-Sunset, Hattah and Annuello, Australia

[tinyurl.com/casestudy592](http://tinyurl.com/casestudy592)

This IBA is particularly important for a range of threatened bird species restricted to the unique mallee shrubland. Recent large-scale wildfires have destroyed vast areas of habitat and increased the extinction risk for these birds, exacerbated by political pressure on government agencies to carry out planned burning. Protection of unburnt mallee from fire is now the top priority.

## G Tasman Sea, Australia and New Zealand

[tinyurl.com/casestudy593](http://tinyurl.com/casestudy593)

The Tasman Sea, in international waters between Australia and New Zealand, is a key feeding area for many globally threatened seabirds. Unfortunately, the ingestion of plastic debris by seabirds is estimated to be higher at this site than any other worldwide. The threat from fisheries bycatch is also high. Actions needed include bycatch mitigation measures and innovative solutions to the plastic pollution problem.

## IBAs in Danger List 2014

### EUROPE

- 1 Delta e Drinit (ALB)
- 2 Laguna e Karavastase (ALB)
- 3 Velipoja (ALB)
- 4 Dsegh (ARM)
- 5 Khosrov Reserve (ARM)
- 6 Lake Sevan (ARM)
- 7 Tashir (ARM)
- 8 Machland (AUT)
- 9 Parndorfer Platte und Heideboden (AUT)
- 10 Riede im nördlichen Rheintal (AUT)
- 11 Zentrales Marchfeld (AUT)
- 12 Gizelyoy (AZE)
- 13 Hajigabul Gyolu (AZE)
- 14 Al'manskija baloty (BLR)
- 15 Ščara floodplain (BLR)
- 16 Vyhanasčanskaja baloty (BLR)
- 17 Bardaca (BIH)
- 18 Hutovo blato (BIH)
- 19 Besaparski ridove (BGR)
- 20 Durankulaklu ezero (BGR)
- 21 Kaliakra (BGR)
- 22 Ribarnitsi Mechka (BGR)
- 23 Ribarnitsi Plovdiv (BGR)
- 24 Delta Neretve (HRV)
- 25 Kvarnerski otoci (HRV)
- 26 Podunavje i donje Podravje (HRV)
- 27 Vransko jezero (HRV)
- 28 Akamas and Agia Aikaterini – Agia Paraskevi Gorges (CYP)
- 29 Akrotiri Peninsula - Episkopi Cliffs (CYP)
- 30 Larnaca Salt Lakes (CYP)
- 31 Komarov (CZE)
- 32 Sumava (CZE)
- 33 Vychodni Krusne hory (CZE)
- 34 Ringkøbing Fjord (DNK)
- 35 Rønne Banke (DNK)
- 36 Vadehavet (DNK)
- 37 Pakri (EST)
- 38 Väinameri (EST)
- 39 Suomenoja (FIN)
- 40 Forêts domaniales de Corse (FRA)
- 41 Golfe de Porto, presqu'île de Scandola et golfe de Galeria (FRA)
- 42 Marais de Brière (FRA)
- 43 Plaine de Niort (nord-ouest) (FRA)
- 44 Vallée de la Charente : amont d'Angoulême (FRA)
- 45 Hellwegbörde (DEU)
- 46 Leda-Jümme-Niederung (DEU)
- 47 Mühlener Loch (DEU)
- 48 Unterer Niederrhein (DEU)
- 49 Vorpommersche Küsten- und Boddenlandschaft (DEU)
- 50 Amvrakikos Kolpos (GRC)
- 51 Antikhassia Ori and Meteora (GRC)
- 52 Limnes Volvi-Langada (or Koronia-Ag., Vasiliou) kai Stena Rentinas (or Makedonika Tempi) (GRC)
- 53 Limnothalassa Alyki Kitros (GRC)
- 54 Oros Kohilas, Nissos Skyros (GRC)
- 55 Del-Hevesi-sik (HUN)
- 56 Myvatn-Laxá (ISL)
- 57 Blasket Islands (IRL)
- 58 Boyne estuary (IRL)
- 59 Falcarragh to Min an Chladaigh (IRL)
- 60 Lambay Island (IRL)
- 61 River Shannon callows: Portumna-Athlone (IRL)
- 62 Altopiano di Campeda (ITA)
- 63 Laguna di Venezia (ITA)
- 64 Medio corso e foce del Símeto e Biviere di Lentini (ITA)
- 65 Grybaulia (Grybaulios zuvininkystes ukiis) (LTU)
- 66 Kalvaiu (Kalviu zyzyro karjerias) (LTU)
- 67 Kursiu nerijos pajuris (Baltijos juros akvatoriai ties Kursiu Nerija) (LTU)
- 68 Palangos pajuris (Baltijos juros akvatoriai ties salies zemynine dalimi) (LTU)
- 69 Visbarai (LTU)
- 70 Vallée supérieure de l'Alzette (LUX)
- 71 Mariovo (MKD)
- 72 Ovče Pole (MKD)
- 73 Pelagonija (MKD)
- 74 Rdum Ta'Cenc (MLT)
- 75 Rdum Tal-Madonna, L-Ahrax (MLT)
- 76 West of Wied ix-Xaqqa to Wied Maqbyl Cliffs (MLT)
- 77 Manta-Beleu (MDA)
- 78 Sasko jezero (MNE)
- 79 Skadarso jezero (MNE)
- 80 Ulcinjska solane (MNE)
- 81 IJsselmeer (NLD)
- 82 Markermeer (NLD)
- 83 Waddenzee (NLD)
- 84 Westerschelde en Saetinghe (NLD)
- 85 Bory Tucholskie (POL)
- 86 Dolina Biebrzy (POL)
- 87 Dolina Dolnej Odry (POL)
- 88 Ujście Warty (POL)
- 89 Zalew Szczecinski (POL)
- 90 Figueira da Foz (PRT)
- 91 Lagoa dos Salgados (PRT)
- 92 Salinas de Alverca e do Forte da Casa (PRT)

### MIDDLE EAST

- 93 Vilamoura (PRT)
- 94 Balta Albă - Amara - Jirlău (ROU)
- 95 Confluența Olt - Dunăre (ROU)
- 96 Stepa Casimcea (ROU)
- 97 Donje Podrinje (SRB)
- 98 Kopaonik (SRB)
- 99 Labudovo Okno (SRB)
- 100 Pašnjaci Velike Droplje (SRB)
- 101 Pester (SRB)
- 102 Dolné Považie (SVK)
- 103 Nízke Tatry (SVK)
- 104 Puste Ulaný-Zelenec (SVK)
- 105 Syslovske polia (SVK)
- 106 Ljubljansko barje (SVN)
- 107 Mura (SVN)
- 108 Snežnik - Pivka (SVN)
- 109 Delta de l'Ebre (ESP)
- 110 Isla Conejera e Islotes de Bledes y Espartar (ESP)
- 111 Marismas del Guadalquivir (ESP)
- 112 Monfragüe (ESP)
- 113 Södra Midsjöbäckarna (SWE)
- 114 Burdur Gölü (TUR)
- 115 Dicle Vadisi (TUR)
- 116 Ereğli Ovası (TUR)
- 117 Seyfe Gölü (TUR)
- 118 Dnestri delta (UKR)
- 119 Karkinitskyi i Dzhariłgatchkiy zaliv (UKR)
- 120 Usovskiy zakaznik (UKR)
- 121 Humber Estuary (GBR)
- 122 Severn Estuary (GBR)

### AFRICA

- 123 Central Marshes (IRQ)
- 124 Dalmaj Marsh (IRQ)
- 125 Hawizeh (IRQ)
- 126 Ibn Najm (IRQ)
- 127 Razzaqa Lake (Bahr Al Milh) (IRQ)
- 128 Carmel coast (ISR)
- 129 Northern lower Jordan valley (ISR)
- 130 Western Negev (ISR)
- 131 Irbid - Mafrqa plains (JOR)
- 132 Madaba - Hisban (JOR)
- 133 Northern Jordan Valley (North Ghor) (JOR)
- 134 Dawhat Kazima (KWT)
- 135 Al-Habrou al-Arabi (SAU)
- 136 Jiddah south corniche and port (SAU)
- 137 Qishran Bay (SAU)
- 138 Shallal ad-Dahna (SAU)
- 139 Wadi Jawwah (SAU)
- 140 Jabal Abdul Aziz (SYR)
- 141 Jabal al-Shaykh (SYR)
- 142 Sabkhat al-Jabboul (SYR)
- 143 Tadmur desert and mountains (SYR)
- 144 Umm al-Tuyyur (SYR)
- 145 Wadi al-Qarn - Burqush (SYR)
- 146 Aden (YEM)
- 147 Al-'Urq (YEM)
- 148 Islands off Bir Ali (YEM)
- 149 Jabal Iraf (YEM)
- 150 Wadi Mawr - Al-Zuhrah (YEM)

## IBAs in Danger List 2014 (cont.)

### NORTH AMERICA

- 188 São Tomé lowland forests (STP)
- 189 Lake Sonfon and environs (SLE)
- 190 Sierra Leone River Estuary (SLE)
- 191 Yawri Bay (SLE)
- 192 Botrivierlei and Kleinmond estuary (ZAF)
- 193 Chrissie Pans (ZAF)
- 194 Grasslands (ZAF)
- 195 Kamfers Dam (ZAF)
- 196 KwaZulu-Natal Mistbelt Grasslands (ZAF)
- 197 Lower Berg river wetlands (ZAF)
- 198 Ndumo Game Reserve (ZAF)
- 199 Nyl River Floodplain (ZAF)
- 200 Steenkampsberg (ZAF)
- 201 Swartkops Estuary - Redhouse and Chatty Saltpans (ZAF)
- 202 Gough Island (SHN)
- 203 Dar es Salaam coast (TZA)
- 204 East Usambara Mountains (TZA)
- 205 Lake Natron and Engaruka basin (TZA)
- 206 Pande Game Reserve and Dondwe Coastal Forests (TZA)
- 207 Uluguru Mountains (TZA)
- 208 El Houareb reservoir (TUN)
- 209 Sebkhet Kelbia (TUN)
- 210 Snam (TUN)
- 211 Bangweulu Swamps (ZMB)
- 212 Chisamba (ZMB)
- 213 Kafue Flats (ZMB)
- 214 Lukanga Swamp (ZMB)
- 215 Machile (ZMB)
- 216 Driefontein grasslands (ZWE)
- 217 Mavuradonha Mountains (ZWE)
- 218 Middle Zambezi Valley (ZWE)
- 219 Robert McLlwaine Recreational Park (ZWE)

### CARIBBEAN

- 297 Dog Island (AIA)
- 298 Graham's Harbour (BHS)
- 299 Harrold and Wilson Ponds National Park (BHS)
- 300 Jouster Cays (BHS)
- 301 Kemp Cay to Pigeon Cay (BHS)
- 302 Bluff Forest (CYM)
- 303 Honduras (DOM)
- 304 Los Haitises (DOM)
- 305 Parque Nacional Jaragua (DOM)
- 306 Sierra de Bahoruco (DOM)
- 307 Sierra de Neyba (DOM)
- 308 South Soufrière Hills (MSR)
- 309 Caño Tiburones (PRI)
- 310 East Caicos and adjacent areas (TCA)
- 311 Anegada: Western salt ponds and coastal areas (VGB)

### CENTRAL AMERICA

- 312 Barra de Santiago (SLV)
- 313 Cerrón Grande (SLV)
- 314 Jiquilisco y Jaltepeque (SLV)
- 315 San Diego y La Barra (SLV)
- 316 Bosques del Golfo de los Mosquitos (PAN)
- 317 Cerro Santiago (PAN)
- 318 El Chorogo-Palo Blanco (PAN)
- 319 Parte Alta de la Bahía de Panamá (PAN)
- 320 Serranía de Majé (PAN)

### SOUTH AMERICA

- 321 Bahía de Samborombón y Punta Rasa (ARG)
- 322 Cuenca del río Aguapey (ARG)
- 323 Meseta Lago Buenos Aires (ARG)
- 324 Perdices (ARG)
- 325 Reserva de Uso Múltiple Bañados del Río Dulce y Laguna Mar Chiquita (ARG)
- 326 Yungas Inferiores de Amboró (BOL)
- 327 Yungas Inferiores de Carrasco (BOL)
- 328 Yungas Inferiores de Isiboro-Sécuré / Altamachi (BOL)
- 329 Aurora do Tocantins / Taguatinga (BRA)
- 330 Bandeira / Macarani (BRA)
- 331 Complexo Pedra Azul / Forno Grande (BRA)
- 332 Curaçá (BRA)
- 333 Rio Capim (BRA)
- 334 Desembocadura del Rio Bío-Bío (CHL)
- 335 Isla Pájaro Niño de Algarrobo (CHL)
- 336 Lago Lanalhue (CHL)
- 337 Lago Peñuelas (CHL)
- 338 Parque Nacional Archipiélago de Juan Fernández: Isla Alejandro Selkirk (CHL)
- 339 Bosque Protector Alto Nangaritza (ECU)
- 340 Cayapas-Santiago-Wimbí (ECU)
- 341 Cordillera del Cóndor (ECU)
- 342 Zumba-Chito (ECU)
- 343 Bahía de Asunción (PRY)
- 344 Cerrado de Laguna Blanca (PRY)
- 345 Parque Nacional San Rafael (PRY)
- 346 Parque Nacional Tinfunqué - Estero Patiño (PRY)
- 347 Paso Curuzú (PRY)
- 348 Bañados del Este (URY)
- 349 Laguna José Ignacio (URY)
- 350 Pastizales de Lorenzo Geyres y Quebracho (URY)
- 351 Pastizales de Young (URY)
- 352 Quebradas de Treinta y Tres (URY)

### PACIFIC

- 262 Boodjamulla (AUS)
- 263 Lower Hunter Valley (AUS)
- 264 Murray-Sunset, Hattah and Annuello (AUS)
- 265 Riverina Plains (AUS)
- 266 Norfolk Island (NFK)
- 267 Fatu Hiva (PYF)
- 268 Makatea (PYF)
- 269 Mohotani (PYF)
- 270 Ua Huka (PYF)
- 271 Vallées Maruapo, Papehue, Hopuetamai et Orofero (PYF)
- 272 Aoupinié (NCL)
- 273 Massif des Lèvres (NCL)
- 274 Massif du Panié (NCL)
- 275 Massifs du Grand Sud - entre le mont Humboldt et la rivière Bleue (NCL)
- 276 Peleliu (PLW)

### HIGH SEAS

- 353 Indian Ocean, Western 1 - Marine
- 354 Pacific, Eastern Central 2 - Marine
- 355 Pacific, Southeast 24 - Marine
- 356 Pacific, Southwest 11 - Marine