

## Marine Life Protection Act Initiative



### Goal 3 Evaluation: MPA Proposals Relative to Recreational, Educational and Study Opportunities

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## Goal 3 of the MLPA

### Goal 3 of the Marine Life Protection Act is:

*“To improve **recreational, educational, and study opportunities** provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal human disturbance, and to manage these uses in a manner consistent with protecting biodiversity.”*

Seven parameters to evaluate marine protected area (MPA) proposals relative to Goal 3

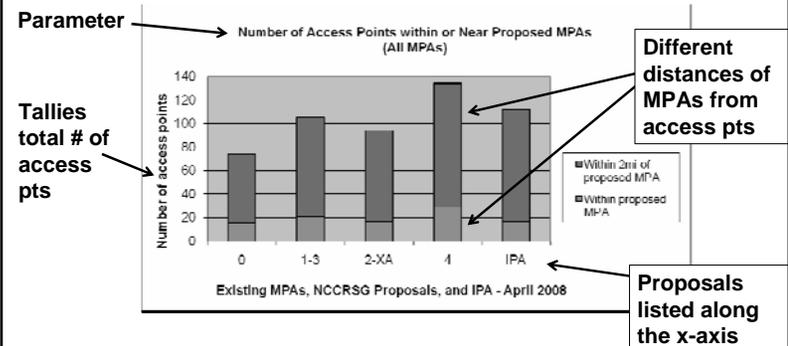
## Recreational Opportunities

### Parameters to evaluate recreational opportunities

- Access points within or near proposed MPAs
- Boat and kayak launch sites within or near proposed MPAs
- Ports and harbors within given distances of proposed MPAs
- State parks adjacent to proposed MPAs

## Recreational Opportunities

Example figure (from the north central coast)



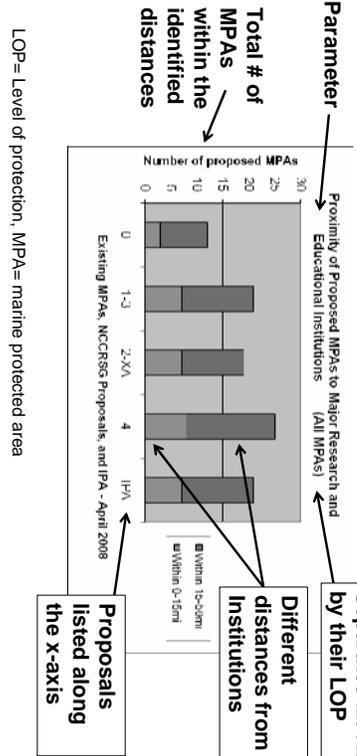
## Educational Opportunities

### Parameters to evaluate educational opportunities

- Major marine research and educational institutes within given distances of proposed MPAs
  - Aquariums
  - Research and education
  - Research only
  - Education only
- State park with educational components that are adjacent to proposed MPAs (also recreational parameter)

## Educational Opportunities

### Example figure (from the north central coast)



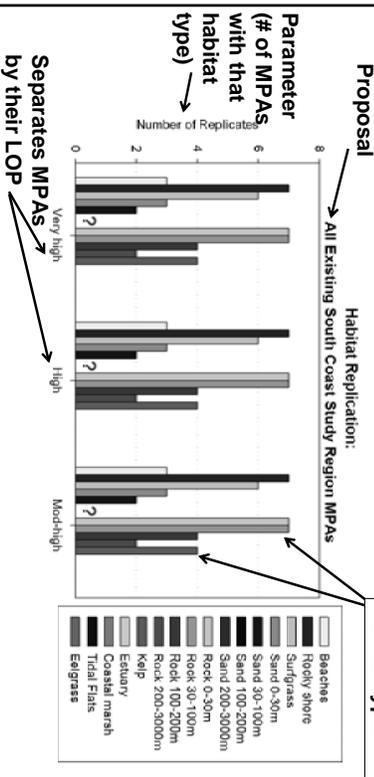
## Study Opportunities

### Parameters to evaluate study opportunities

- Number of long-term marine monitoring sites
  - CALCOFI, CRANE, MARINE, PISCO, Reef Check, SCCOOS
- Replication of habitats within study region
  - 16 habitat types
  - Sandy beaches, rocky shore, surfgrass, kelp, etc

## Study Opportunities

### Example figure of preliminary habitat replication for existing MPAs in the south coast





## Evaluation process

- Evaluation will be conducted following each round of MPA proposal development by the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSSG)
- SCRSSG may use evaluation to inform refinement of proposals in order to better address Goal 3 of the MLPA