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New dates: IMPAC5 to be held in June 2022 in Vancouver, Canada

The 5th International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC5) is confirmed for 23-29 June 2022 in Vancouver, Canada.

Originally scheduled for late 2021, IMPAC5 was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now with many countries starting to roll out the new COVID-19 vaccines, the IMPAC5 team is confident they can deliver a hybrid event – combining in-person and online elements – just nine months later than originally planned.

Held every four years, IMPAC is the main global gathering for marine conservation professionals to share knowledge, experience, and best practice for protecting the natural and cultural heritage of the world ocean. IMPAC5 is expected to be the largest IMPAC to date by attendance. Organizers aim for it to expand the growing movement for global ocean conservation, including by charting a course toward protecting 30% of the ocean by 2030.

Two key focus areas for IMPAC5 are to highlight the leadership role of Indigenous Peoples in MPAs around the world and to engage the next generation of marine conservation professionals.

An IMPAC5 Ministerial Summit will follow on 30 June 2022, where officials from participating governments will hear the results of the Congress, address key issues, and affirm commitments to expanding ocean protection.

For the latest on the Congress, please visit www.IMPAC5.ca and subscribe to IMPAC5's [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) channels.

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