

Southern California's ocean area is one of the most ecologically productive and diverse in the world. These waters are home to over:

- ◆ 500 species of fish
- ◆ 1,500 species of marine invertebrates
- ◆ 41 species of marine mammals, nine of which are threatened or endangered

As the Navy conducts activities in the waters off Southern California, it takes care to protect these important species.



Preventing Marine Mammal Strandings

To minimize the potential for a stranding event, the Navy takes precautions and uses software tools when planning and conducting exercises to avoid certain factors that could potentially harm marine mammals.