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Senator Singh asked:

Is the Department able to provide an update on how the Government is tracking in meeting its obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Target 11 which relates to the establishment and expansion of a system of well-connected and representative protected areas?

Answer:

The Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 requires parties to have 17 per cent of terrestrial land and inland waters and 10 per cent of marine and coastal waters protected by 2020.

More than 17 per cent of Australia's landmass is now included in our network of protected areas, the National Reserve System.

More than 36 per cent of waters with Australia's jurisdiction now make up the marine protected estate.