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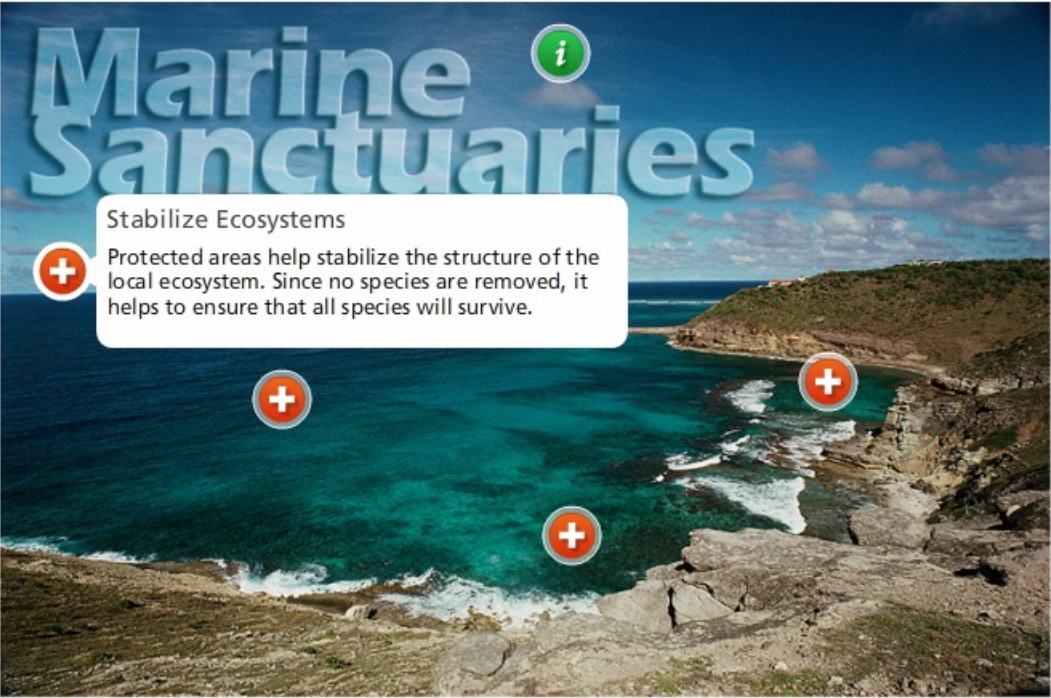


In this interactivity, click each of the buttons below to learn how marine sanctuaries help preserve the oceans.

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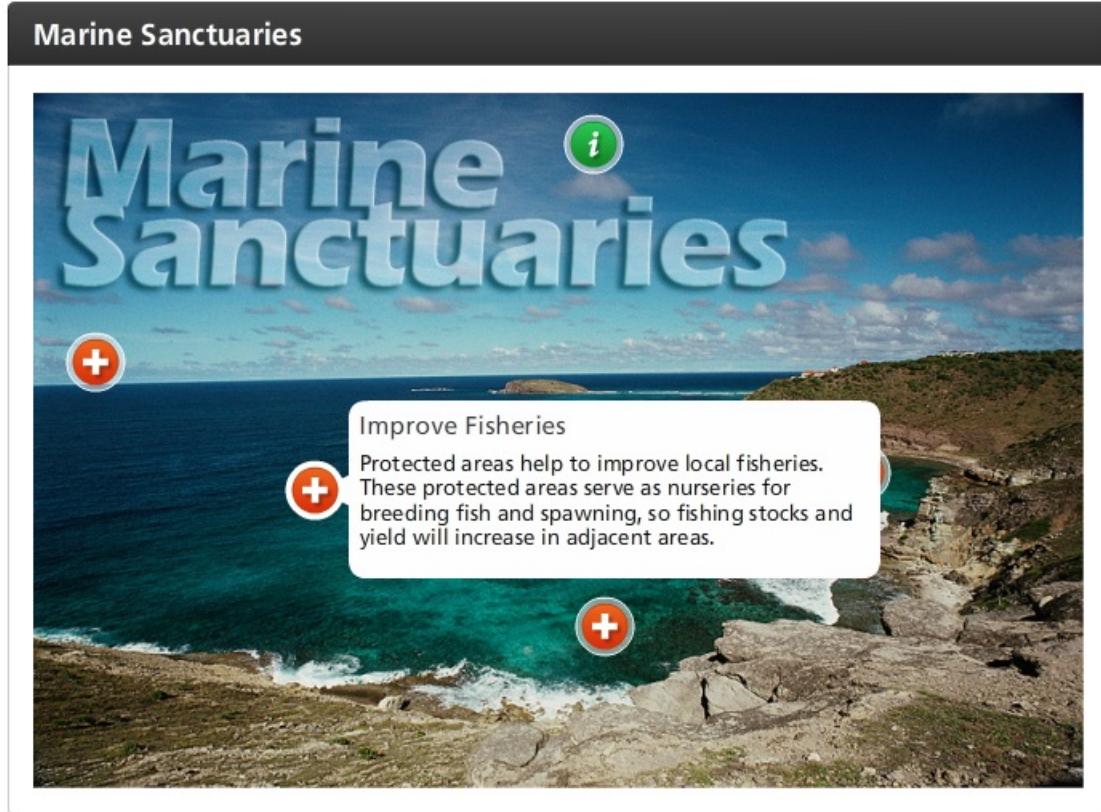
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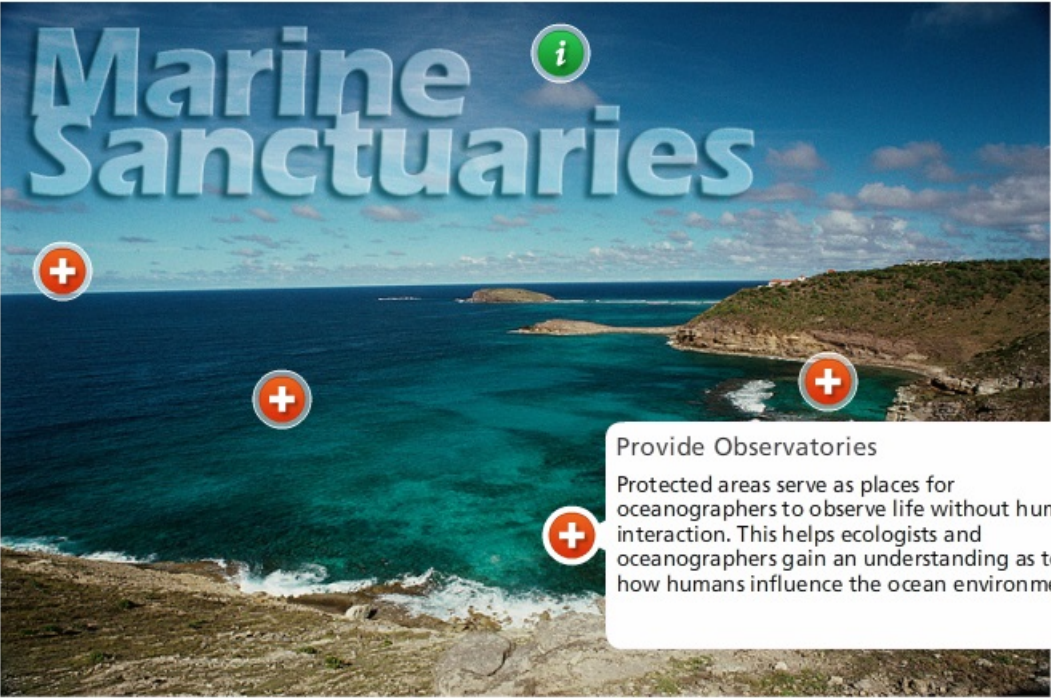


Protected areas help to improve local fisheries. These protected areas serve as nurseries for breeding fish and spawning, so fishing stocks and yield will increase in adjacent areas.

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