# **Channel Islands National Park**



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#### Read below and vote if statement <u>True</u> or <u>False</u> for you:

"I have visited Channel Islands National Park."







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#### Significance



The isolated and undeveloped nature of the Channel Islands makes them an exceptional laboratory...



Isolation, Endemic Species

Marine Ecosystems

**Cultural Connections** 

# **Island Place Names**



# **Archeological Districts**



With more than 13,000 years of human occupation, the Channel Islands have a high density of precontact sites, as well as sites, structures, and features related to the historic period. There are approximately 3,000 archeological sites recorded within the five islands that make up the park.





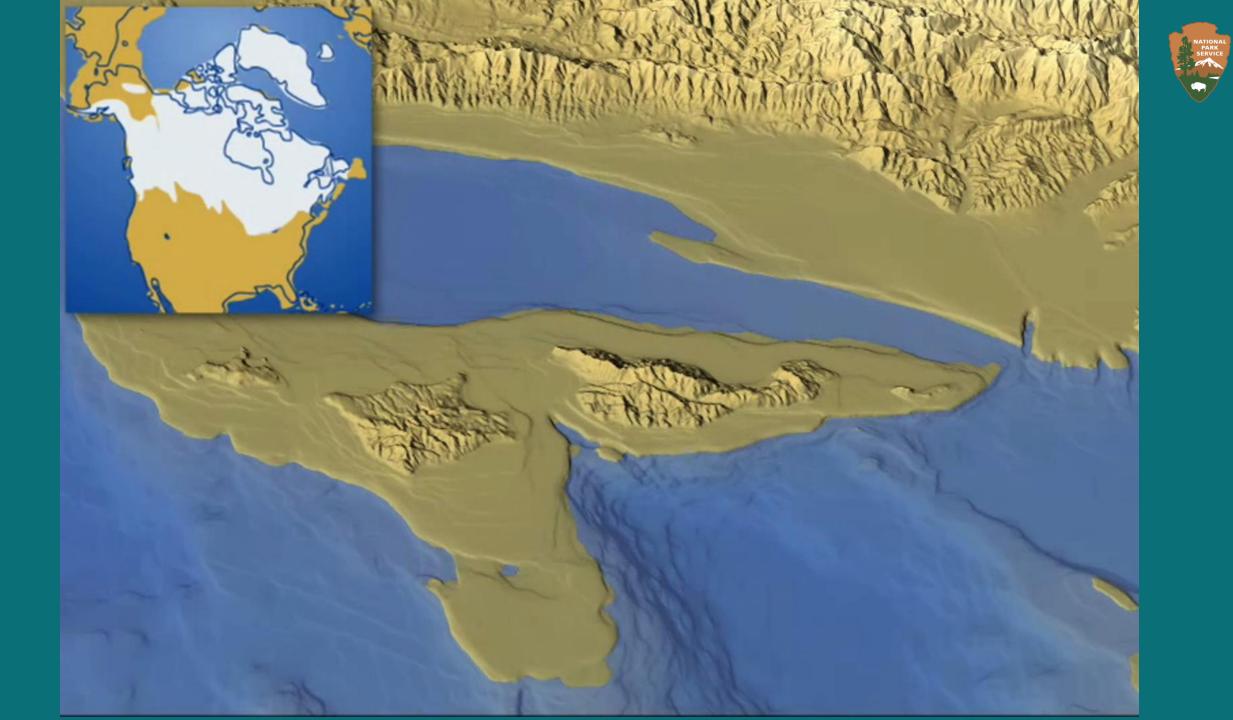


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# Point Bennett, San Miguel Island

Tim Hauf

#### **Endemic Species**

The islands are home to nearly 150 endemic species.



Island Red Buckwheat

Island Fox

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#### Island Fox (Urocyon littoralis)



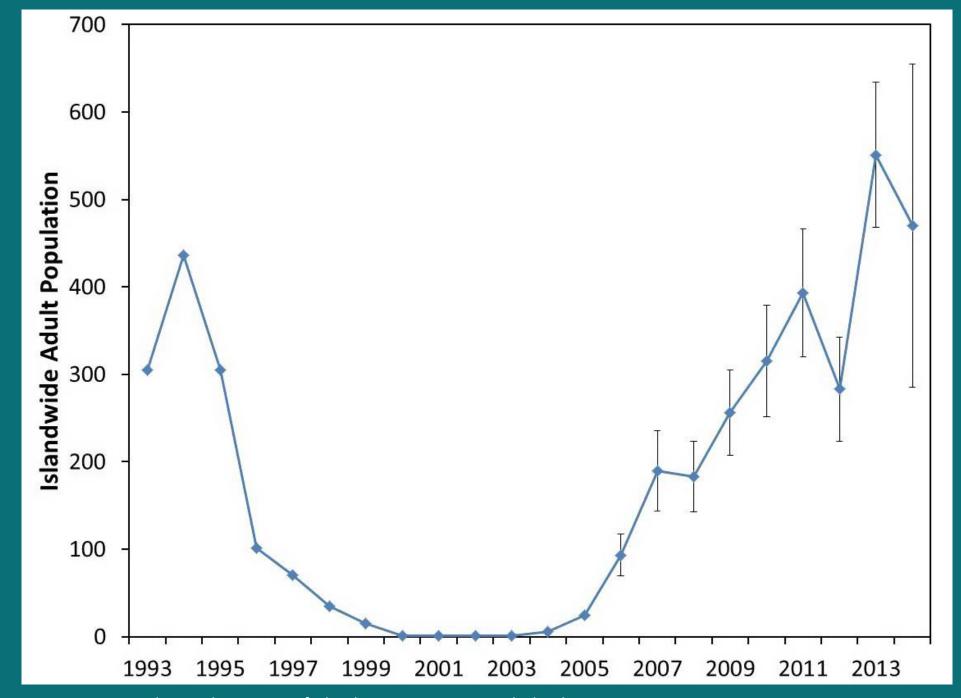


One of the smallest canids in the world. Occurring only on six of California's eight Channel Islands.









Source NPS: Decline and Recovery of Island Foxes on San Miguel Island



# Half the park is under water!







Scott Gabara /NPS

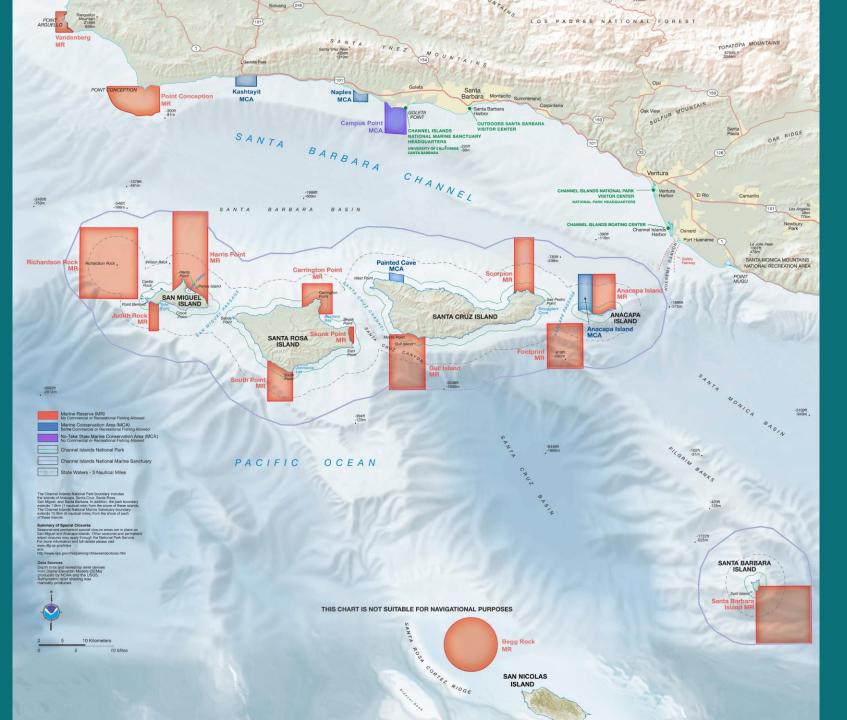


# **Kelp Forest Monitoring**



NPS / Yasmeen Smalley

#### Marine Protected Areas





# **Channel Islands Live**



# **Questions?**



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## Thank you!

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