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Part 2 of our continuing coverage of MPAs, COVID-19, and the financial crisis

Last month, MPA News featured first-hand accounts from ten MPA practitioners worldwide on how the COVID-19 pandemic was already impacting their MPAs – from steep declines in tourism, to cuts in budgets and staffing, to increased poaching at some sites. The likelihood of a lasting global financial crisis, and uncertainties about the directions COVID-19 will take, threaten to prolong these and other challenges for the foreseeable future. If the MPA field does not prepare and adapt, it risks losing gains in protection that have been made to this point.

This month, we continue our coverage of the pandemic and financial crisis:

- A. Insights from Markus Knigge of Blue Action Fund on how the financial crisis could impact grants to MPAs
- B. Highlights from a June panel on MPAs and COVID-19, moderated by MPA News
- C. A list of additional resources, including guidance and grants

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