

MPA DAY 2025 REPORT







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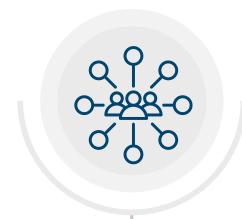












COUNTRIES

CONTINENTS

120+ **PARTNERS**

100+ **ACTIVITIES**

HOPE SPOTS

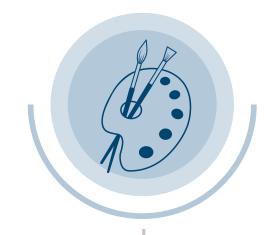
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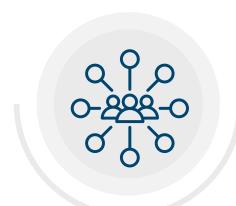
MPA DAY 2025 AT A GLANCE











22 ONLINE EVENTS 4 WEBINARS 80
IN-PERSON
EVENTS

45+
MPACREATIVEWAVES
ENTRIES

800 +
5 KILOMETRES
ON
RUN4MPAS



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES/REGIONS

- Antarctica
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Finland
- French Polynesia
- Germany
- Iceland

- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Italy
- Kenya
- Lithuania
- Macaronesia
- Maldives
- Mexico
- Mozambique
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea

- Peru
- Philippines
- Pitcairn Islands (BOTs)
- Seychelles
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden
- St Helena (BOTs)
- Switzerland
- Tanzania
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Uruguay



MISSION BLUE HOPE SPOTS



PARTICIPATING HOPE SPOTS

AMERICAS

- Alcatrazes Archipelago
- Cagarras Islands and Surrounding Waters Kimbe Bay
- Cocos-Galapagos Swimway
- Cocos Island
- Cordillera de Coida
- Florida Islands and Ten Thousand Keys
- Galapagos Islands
- Golfo Dulce
- Gulf of California
- Malpelo Island
- Tropical Pacific Sea of Peru
- Whale and Dolphin Sanctuary of Uruguay Northeast Iceland

ASIA-PACIFIC

- Conflict Islands
- Laamu Atoll
- Pangatalan Island
- Sydney Coast
- Tetiaroa Atoll
- Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park

EUROPE

- Alborán Sea
- Greater Skellig Coast and Islands

AFRICA

- Aliwal Shoal
- Cape Whale Coast
- False Bay
- Great Fringing Reef of the Red Sea
- Jangamo Bay
- Knysna
- Maputaland
- Plettenberg Bay
- St Helena

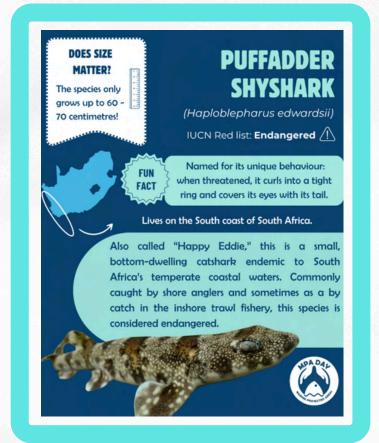
MPA DAY VIDEO



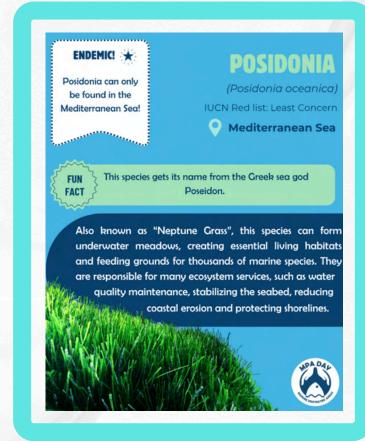
WATCH AT https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dWROVm2USc

CAMPAIGN SAMPLES



















JOIN US AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN SHARK CONSERVANCY FOR



WORLD ~~~ MPADAY

WORLD MARINE PROTECTED AREA DAY IS AN EVENT CELEBRATED EVERY AUGUST 1ST TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AROUND THE WORLD.

OPEN DAY AT THE SHARK LAB - LIVE SHARKS!

JOIN OUR SHARK LAB OPEN DAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MPA'S, HOW YOU CAN BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST, AND TO EXPERIENCE A LIVE SHARK DEMONSTRATION!

→ AUGUST.01.2025 ←













Celebrate World Marine Protected Areas Day and join us for a FREE guided snorkel session!

Experience our Marine Protected Area with our marine biologists and learn how we can make a difference and protect our oceans!

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST 2025



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Knysna Estuary Research Foundation – Hope Spot invites you to celebrate Marine Protected Area Day (1 August 2025) by submitting a photograph that captures your connection to the Knysna Estuary.

Our theme is <u>CONNECTIVITY</u> – how are you connected to this special place?

The winning entry will receive a Whale Watching trip on Ocean Odyssey and have their photo featured on our website, social media, and Mission Blue's pages.

Deadline: 20 July 2025

Submit via Google Form (link in bio).



Photo guidelines:
Photo file type: JPEG
Min file size: 1MB
Max file size: 2MB



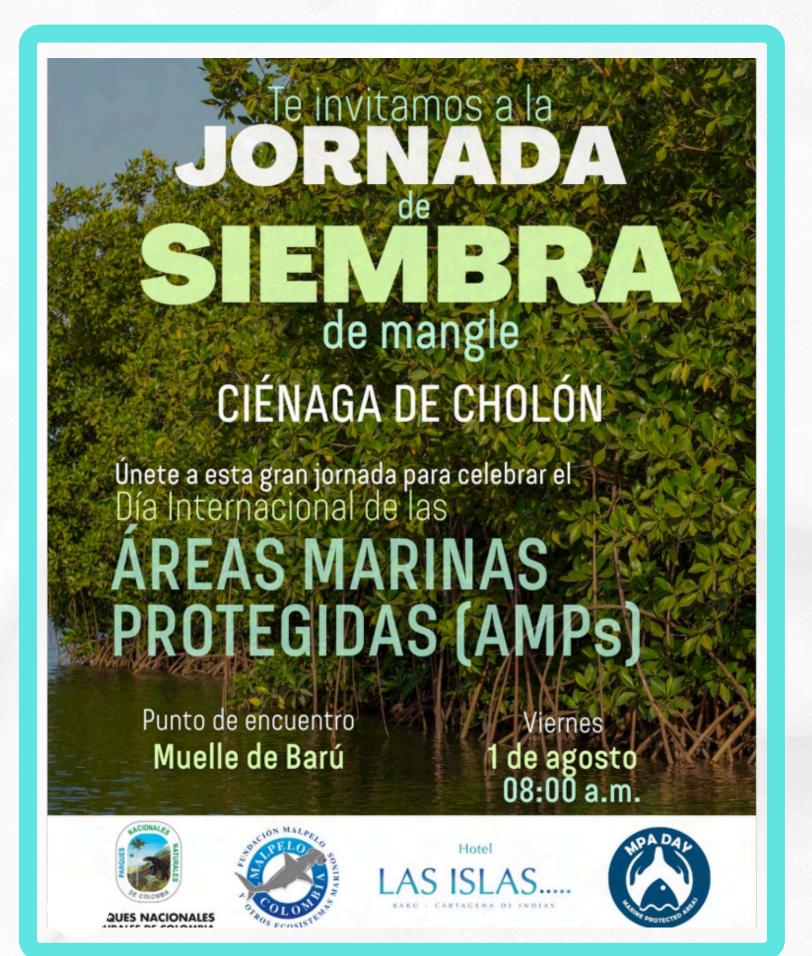






1. August 2025 Internationaler Tag der Meeresschutzgebiete







COUNTDOWN

















WEBINARS

SMALL BUT MIGHTYTHE BALTIC SEA AS A CATALYST FOR SCALABLE MARINE PROTECTION

This webinar explored how the Baltic Sea, despite its small size, drove transformative change in marine protection. It highlighted how the region's collaborative governance, rich marine data, and science-based policies served as a global model for turning knowledge into impactful action.

Speakers:

- Gunilla Rosenqvist Blue Centre Gotland
- Jannica Haldin HELCOM
- Jenny Hertzman SwAM
- Vita Gardauskė VSTT





ESPERANZA PARA EL OCEANO AREAS MARINAS PROTEGIDAS EN EL PACIFICO ESTE TROPICAL

This webinar explored the importance of Marine Protected Areas in three iconic locations in the Eastern Tropical Pacific: Cocos Island (Costa Rica), Malpelo Island (Colombia), and the Gulf of California (Mexico)—the session showcased these extraordinary sites and highlighted the scientific research driving their conservation.

Speakers:

- James Ketchum Pelagios Kakunjá
- Sandra Bessudo Fundación Malpelo
- Randall Arauz CREMA Costa Rica





ADVANCING OCEAN RESILIENCE SCALING IMPACT THROUGH MPAS IN TANZANIA

This national hybrid webinar, explored the role of Marine Protected Areas in achieving the 30x30 target, advancing the SDGs, and driving sustainable blue economy solutions.

Speakers:

- Ailars Lema MPRU
- Amin Abdallah MIMP
- Aziza Mangosongo MIMP
- Clever Mwaikambo CPSP
- Davis Mpotwa Manager at MPRU
- January Ndagala MIMP
- Jason Rubens Conservation Expert





MARINE PROTECTED AREAS OCEAN CONSERVATION NEEDS HUMAN CONNECTION

This webinar brought together experts to underscore the value of Marine Protected Areas in Pakistan, showcased conservation successes, and emphasized the role of MPAs in protecting biodiversity and advancing sustainable development.

Speakers:

- Danish Rashdi IUCN
- Fauzia Bilqis Malik IUCN
- Mahmood Akhtar Cheema IUCN
- Mohammad Khalid Pasha IUCN
- Naveed Ali Soomro IUCN
- Olivier Chassot IUCN





Pakistan

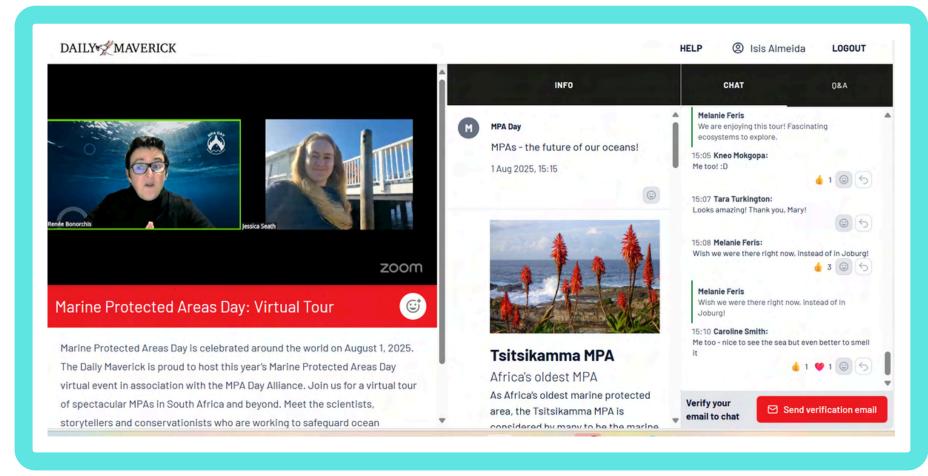
VIRTUAL TOUR



Guests:

- Bianca Engel Two Oceans Aquarium Found.
- Jessica Seath KERF
- Judy Mann-Lang Two Oceans Aquarium Found.
- Keagan Philander Two Oceans Aquarium
- Kirshia Govender IOI
- Mary Basson Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife

This virtual tour, held in partnership with Daily Maverick, showcased some of South Africa's incredible marine ecosystems and celebrated the vital role of Marine Protected Areas in protecting biodiversity, combating climate change, and supporting coastal communities.





HEADLINES

Celebrate The Ocean With Unmissable MPA Day Events Hosted Across SA And The World

Celebrating MPA Day 2025: Ocean Protection Needs Human Connection

Jul 31, 2025

SIKU YA MAENEO YA HIFADHI YA BAHARI (MPA 2025)

31 Jul, 2025

Ocean Lovers! Here Are the Awesome Events to Attend This MPA Day

Rocherpan cleanup kicks off MPA Day 2025 celebrations

1 Aug 2025

Image of the day

Marine Protected Areas Day: Gorgona National Natural Park, Colombia

Dia das Áreas Marinhas Protegidas 2025

Marine Protectors Day: People, Communities, **Groups Safeguard SA's Rich Marine Ecosystems**

01 AUGUST 2025

SANParks Marks Marine Protected Areas Day By Celebrating The Tsitsikamma Marine Protected Area As A Model Of Inclusive Conservation

NEWS

Celebrating our Marine Protected Areas in an ocean of ways!

1 August, 2025 - Marine Protected Areas, Conservation, Foundation, Events, Blog

Marine Protected Areas Celebrates South African-Born **MPA Day 2025**

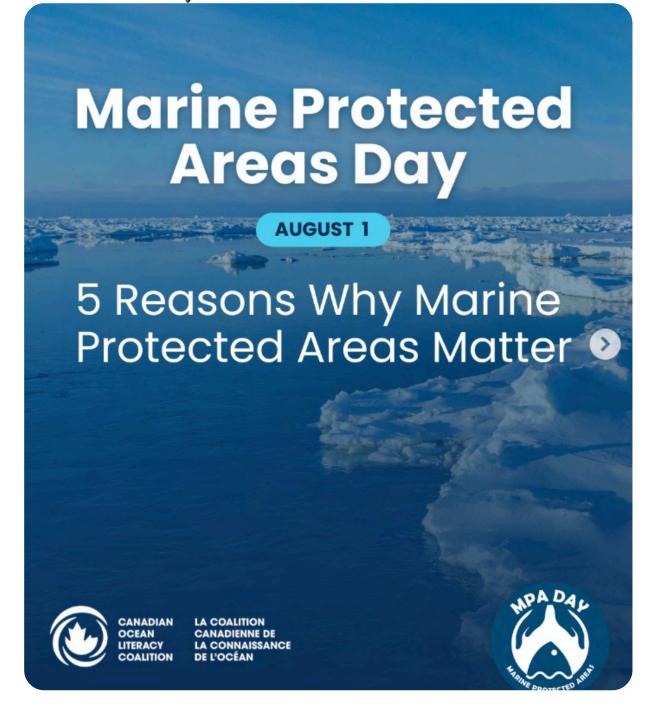
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SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS SAMPLES

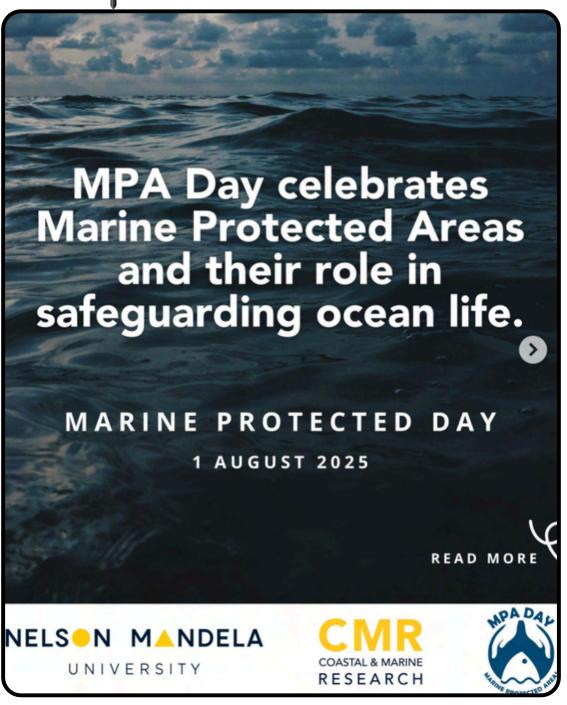


Canada





South Africa





Peru

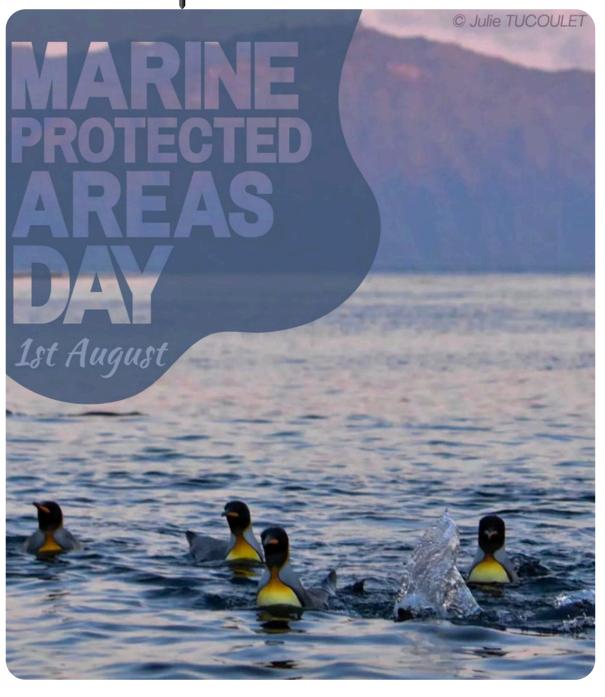










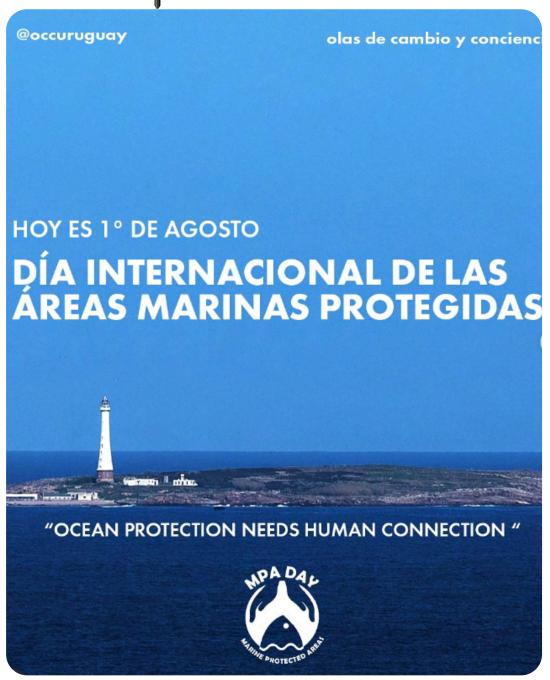


Chile



Uruguay

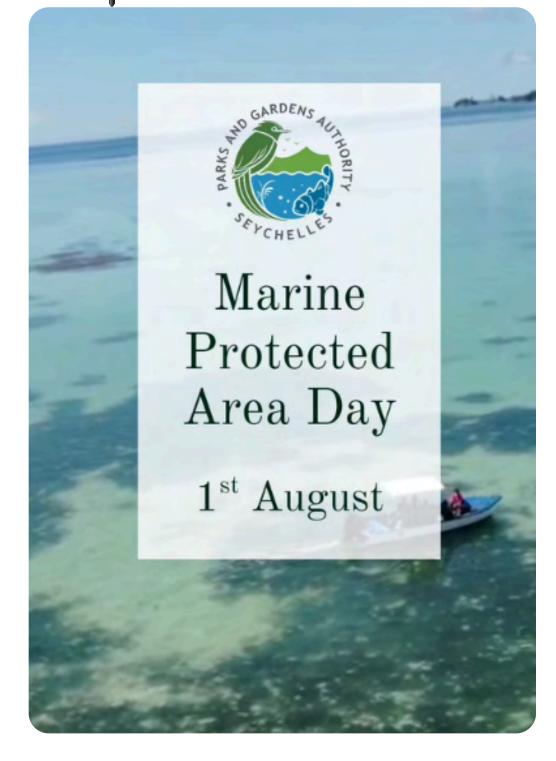


















Pitcairn Islands



Video highlighting the Pitcairn Islands MPA



Saint Helena





Mexico



#RUN4MPAS





MPA Day run





MPA Day Run

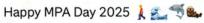




Walk for the MPA, Saint Hyppolite le Fort



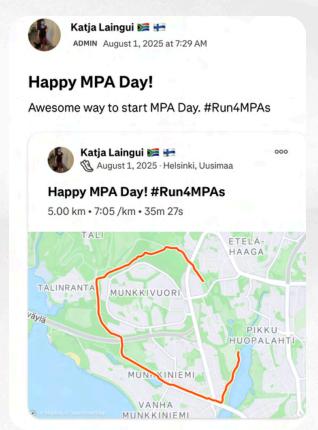


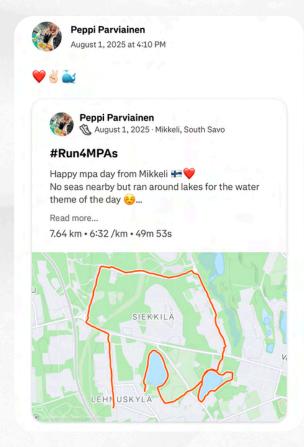


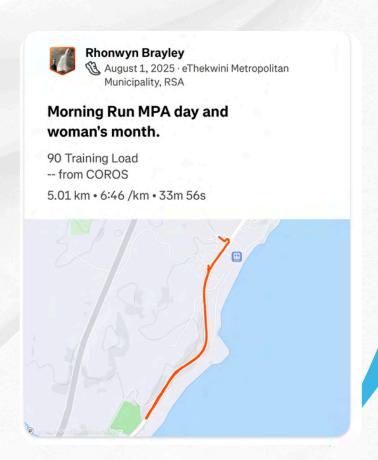
















August 1, 2025 at 9:20 AM

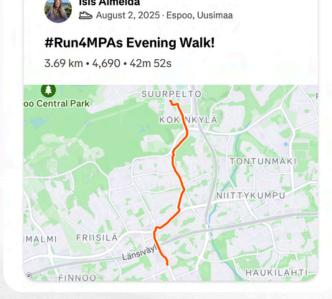
#Run4MPAs chilly morning in Johannesburg! Happy #MPADay everyone! We can all do something to protect the oceans - they need our help!



Final entry for me on #Run4MPAs challenge!!!

Ísis Almeida

Evening walk after eating my weight in fried chicken



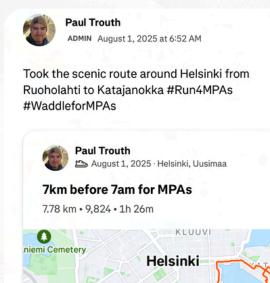


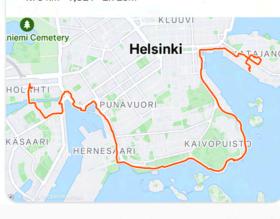
Amanda Van Jaarsveld in Marine Protected Area 2. Aug 2025

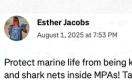
Run For MPA DAY 2025, Sodwana Bay! Unbelievable turn out 40 runners/run walkers and walkers showing up for MPA Day celebrations and appreciation! 15.21km!



End is near!

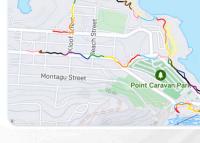






Protect marine life from being killed on drumlines and shark nets inside MPAs! Take action on our Earth Legacy Foundation website #Run4MPAs







#Run4MPAs

(although it looks more like it's falling into the waddle category 😄) #EarthLegacyFoundation. 🐔 🐬 🦙







MPA Day #Run4MPAs



MPACREATIVEWAVES

PAINTINGS











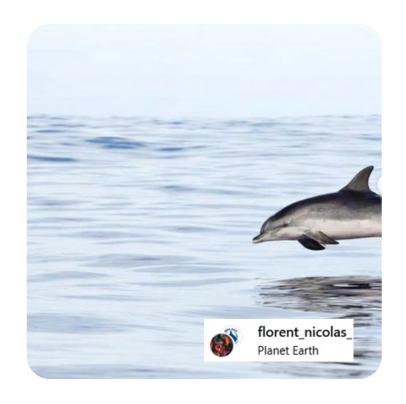






PHOTOGRAPHS

















OTHER MEDIAS



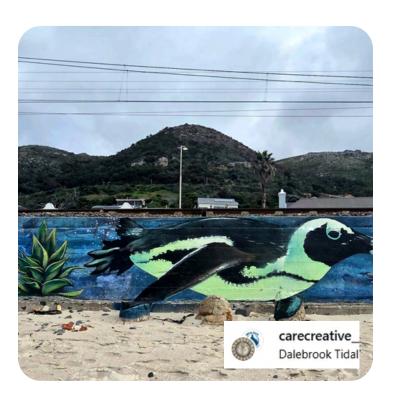














AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

Oceans for All Alliance



Photo by: Mnqobi Zuma

Youth from the iNkamva Centre joined a hands-on snorkel workshop

Ocean Pledge



Photo by: Ocean Pledge

Outreach event with over 700 students from De Duine Primary

The Ocean Festival, Wild Alliance Africa, Aliwal Shoal Surfski, South Africa Surfski



Photo by: Barry Lewin

Marine-life census and 32K walk around the Aliwal Shoal MPA

SOUTH AFRICA



Two Oceans Aquarium



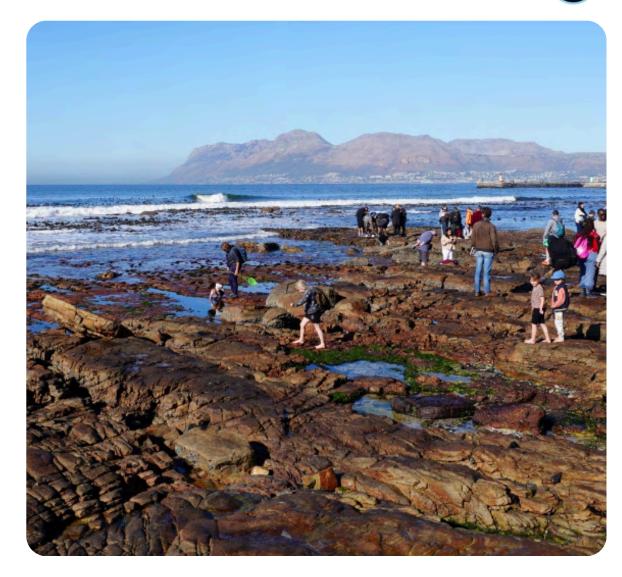


Photo by: Two Oceans Aquarium

Rocky-shore explorations done at Dalebrook Tidal Pool, gathered people from all ages

Students from a local school took part in an interactive marine exploration day at Maputaland

Thonga Trails





Photo by: Carissa Prinsloo

SOUTH AFRICA







Photo by: Cape RADD

Participants about to embark on a guided snorkel tour of the kelp forest

Community members listening to a pre-snorkel briefing about the estuary

Knysna Estuary Research (Foundation



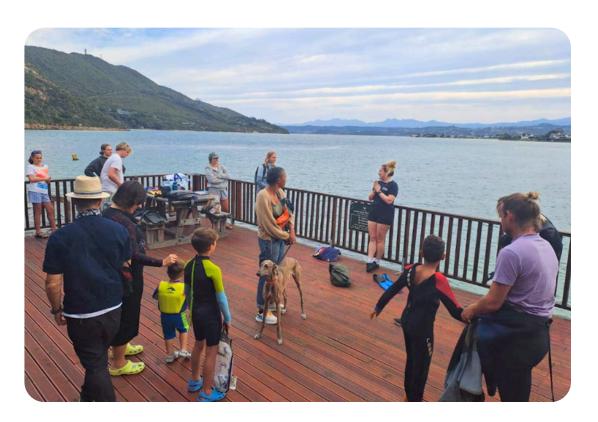


Photo by: Wilma Swanepoel





MOZAMBIQUE

Fundação Likhulu



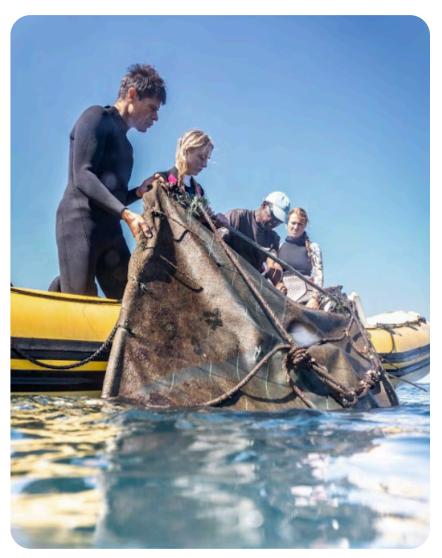
Photo by: ANAC

A range of stakeholders gathered to share the vital role of MPAs in ocean conservation

Volunteers
assisted with
removing
discarded fishing
gear from the
coral reef at
Jangamo Bay

Love the Oceans







KENYA

Millenium Global International School



Photo by: Millenium Global International School



Students from the Millennium Global International School used the ocean as their muse to celebrate MPA Day

Community members took part in a local beach clean-up

EGYPT

Hurghada Environmental
Protection and Conservation
Association



Photo by: HEPCA

AMERICAS



BRAZIL



Projeto Verde Mar





Photo by: Joäo Werneck

Event combined public outreach with direct conservation action, aiming to raise awareness and reduce marine pollution

Dive with bull sharks at the Bat Islands to raise awareness about the importance of marine conservation

COSTA RICA

Asociación Conservacionista Misión Tiburón



Photo by: José Fabio Araya



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

California Institute of Environmental Design & Management



Photo by: Dr. Edward Huang

Community
members gathered
for a clean-up to
reduce stormwater
pollution flowing
into the Pacific

Educational dive collecting behavioural and reef structure data at Conch Reef, Florida Keys

Tropical Fish Ecology Lab, Florida International University



Photo by: TFELAB_FIU

COLOMBIA





Fundación Malpelo





Local community members took part in a mangrove restoration project





Photo by: Fundación Malpelo

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ASIA - PACIFIC

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FRENCH POLYNESIA

MALDIVES





Photo by: Emma Cunault

Youth-focused event, raising awareness for marine protection and highlighting the role of young ocean stewards

Guided kayak adventure through the protected mangrove forests of the Laamu Atoll Hope Spot Maldives Underwater Initiative, Six Senses Laamu





Photo by: Ahmed Risfaan



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Conflict Islands
Conservation Initiative (CICI)



Photo by: CICI

Dive and beach clean-up to tackle marine debris in the heart of the Conflict Islands Atoll Hope Spot

Participant of a Crown-of-thorns starfish removal snorkel trip at Kimbe Bay

Mahonia Na Dari Inc 🥃

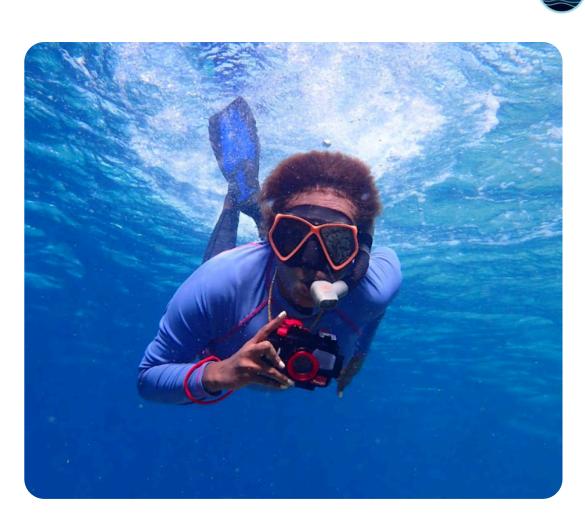


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PHILIPPINES





Photo by: Sulubaai Foundation

Discovery dive done with local high-schoolers to promote a new ocean initiative: #BlueGen

Children gathered
for a special
storytelling session
at the Gregorio
Oquendo Memorial
School

Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park and World Heritage Site



Photo by: Dylan Chua

EUROPE

SWEDEN

Blekinge Archipelago Biosphere Reserve



Photo by: Simone Wentzel

Guided cycling and kayak tour done by Arkipelag Kayak through the islands of Tjurkö and Sturkö

Activities included boat tours around the protected island of Walfisch near Poel

GERMANY

Landschaftspflegeverein Dummersdorfer Ufer e.V.



Photo by: Evelyne Beckmann



SPAIN





Photo by: ECO&DIVE

Hands-on biodiversity census and invasive species monitoring event in the Alborán Sea Hope Spot

Green Lecture
titled "Secrets of
the Baltic Sea",
where participants
discovered
different marine
species

LITHUANIA

Seaside Regional Park and VSTT



Photo by: Karolis Rupkus





FINLAND

PROTECT BALTIC, HELCOM



Photo by: PROTECT BALTIC

Beach clean-up in
Espoo, to
highlight the
importance of
community action
in protecting the
Baltic Sea's MPAs

Special live radio broadcast from aboard the Godzilla catamaran sailing across the Gulf of Finland

Imagining Godzilla



Photo by: Imagining Godzilla



ITALY

Fundazione WorldRise ETS



Photo by: Fundazione Worldrise

Mural design creation in collaboration with South Africa's Nature Valley Trust

Community
members taking
part in a
beachcombing and
snorkel session

IRELAND

Sea Synergy & Fair Seas





Photo by: Sea Synergy



ANALYTICS OVERVIEW

ANALYTICS - MONTH OF AUGUST







reach





34.5K

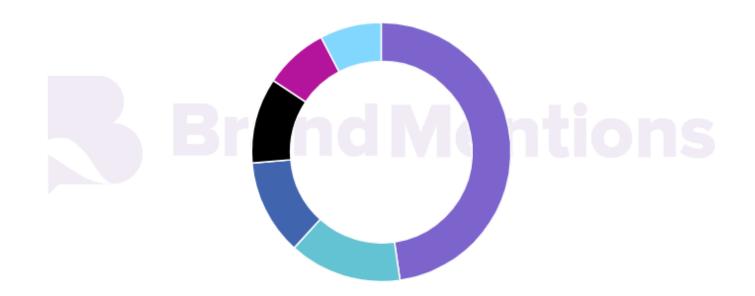
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Reach: total number of unique individuals who have seen your content.

ANALYTICS - MONTH OF AUGUST

MENTIONS BY MEDIA TYPE:



Source	% - mentions
Instagram	47.69% - 733
Linkedin	14.05% - 216
Facebook	11.91% - 183
X(Twitter)	10.67% - 164
Site	8% - 123
Others	7.68% - 118

ANALYTICS - MONTH OF AUGUST

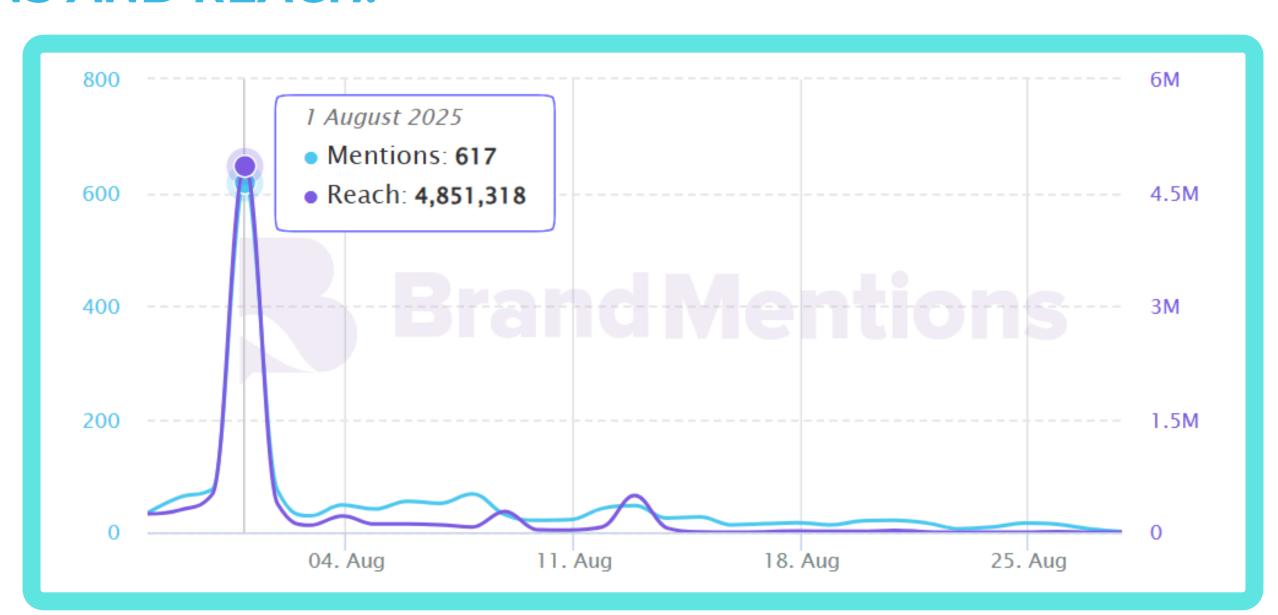
HASHTAG TRENDS:





ANALYTICS - 1ST OF AUGUST

MENTIONS AND REACH:



*includes all social media platforms, websites, blog posts and forums

META ANALYTICS

FACEBOOK MENTIONS AND REACH

MONTH OF AUGUST:

Mentions: 183

Reach: 467 K

1ST OF AUGUST:

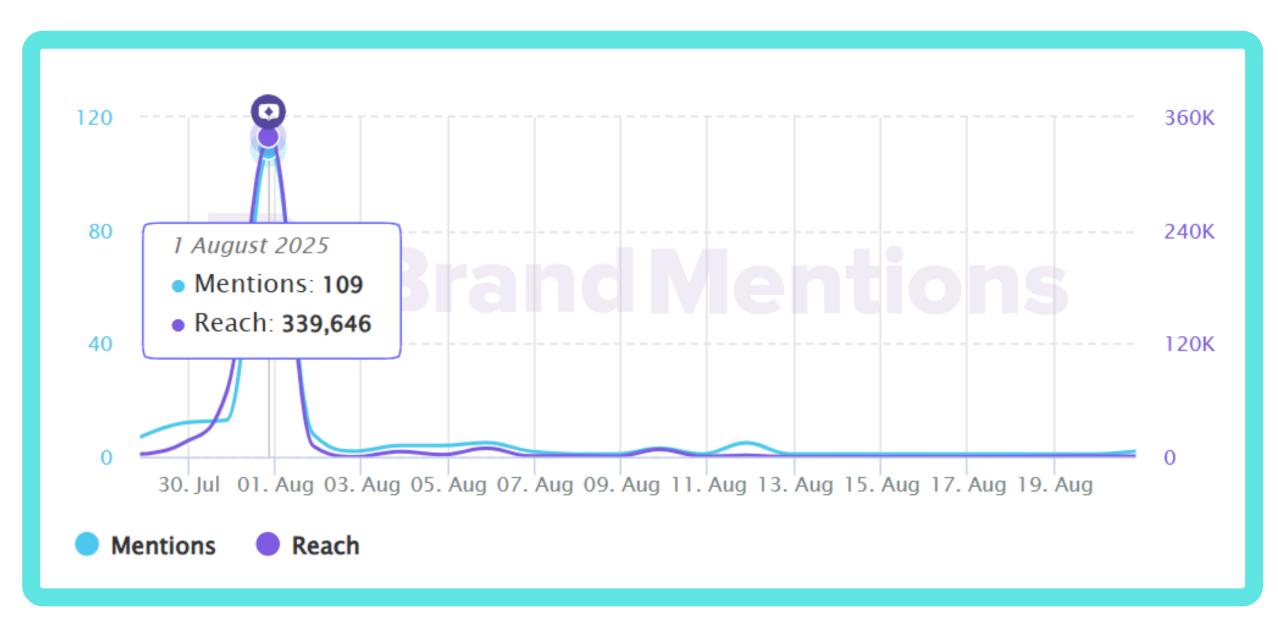
Mentions: 109

Reach: 339 K

MPA DAY WEEKEND:

Mentions: 119

Reach: 351 K

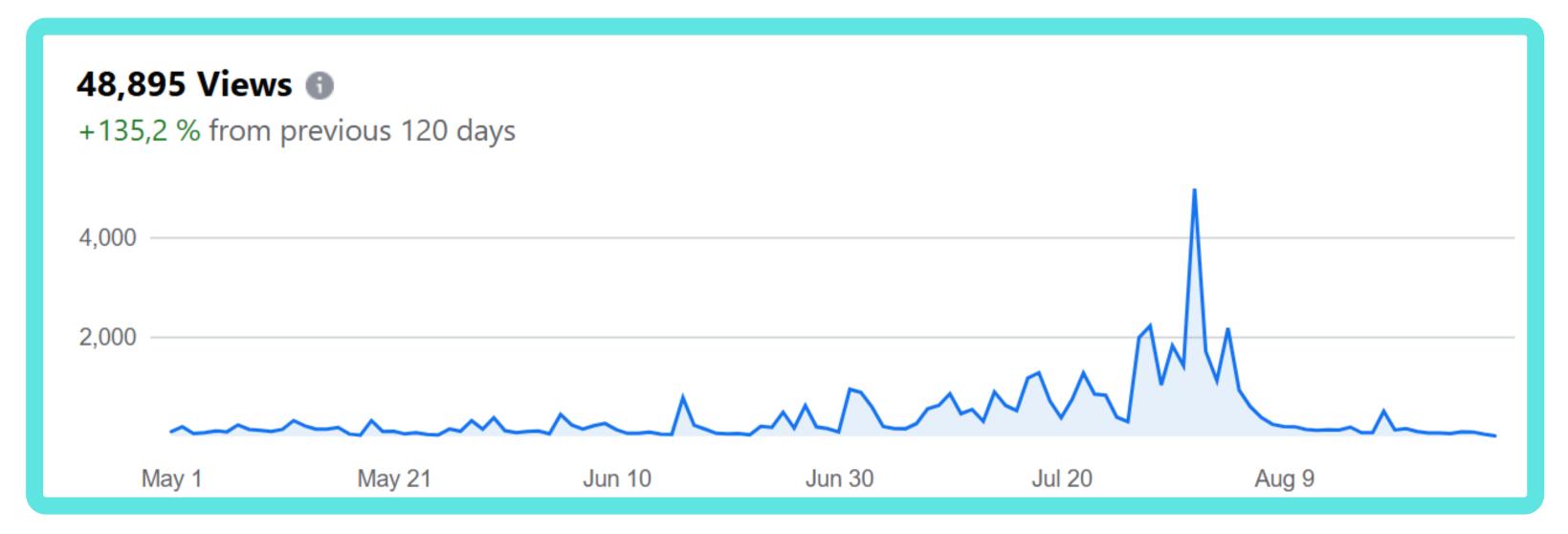


Monthly overview

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FACEBOOK

VIEWS:



1st of May - 28th August (campaign duration)

INSTAGRAM MENTIONS AND REACH

MONTH OF AUGUST:

Mentions: 733

Reach: 3.5 M

1ST OF AUGUST:

Mentions: 233

Reach: 2.5 M

MPA DAY WEEKEND:

Mentions: 285

Reach: 2.8 M

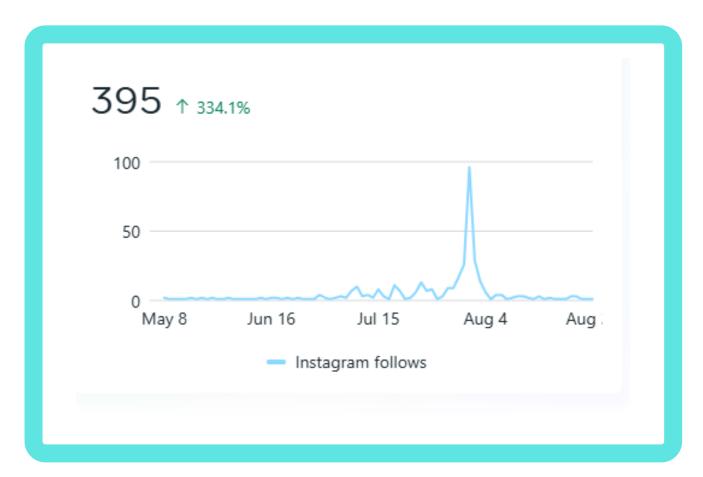


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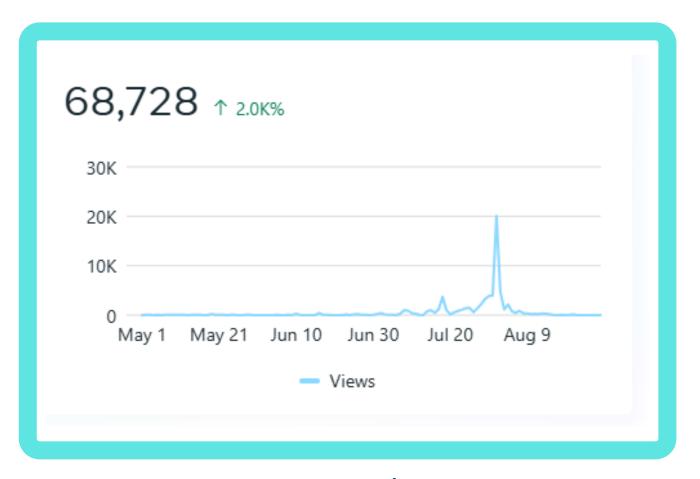
INSTAGRAM

NEW FOLLOWERS:



1st of May - 28th August (campaign duration)

VIEWS:



1st of May - 28th August (campaign duration)

Views: The number of times your content was played or displayed. Content includes reels, posts and stories.

LINKEDIN ANALYICS

MENTIONS AND REACH

MONTH OF AUGUST:

Mentions: 216

Reach: 2.2 M

1ST OF AUGUST:

Mentions: 116

Reach: 1.1 M

MPA DAY WEEKEND:

Mentions: 129

Reach: 1.3 M



Monthly overview

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LINKEDIN

HIGHLIGHTS

13,987

Impressions

▲ 660.2%

592

Reactions

▲ 1,809.7%

1st of May - 28th August (campaign duration)

Impressions: The estimate number of times your post was shown on LinkedIn.

Reactions: The number of reactions (for example, likes) your post received.

TIKTOK ANALYTICS

MENTIONS AND REACH

MONTH OF AUGUST:

Mentions: 16

Reach: 151 K

1ST OF AUGUST:

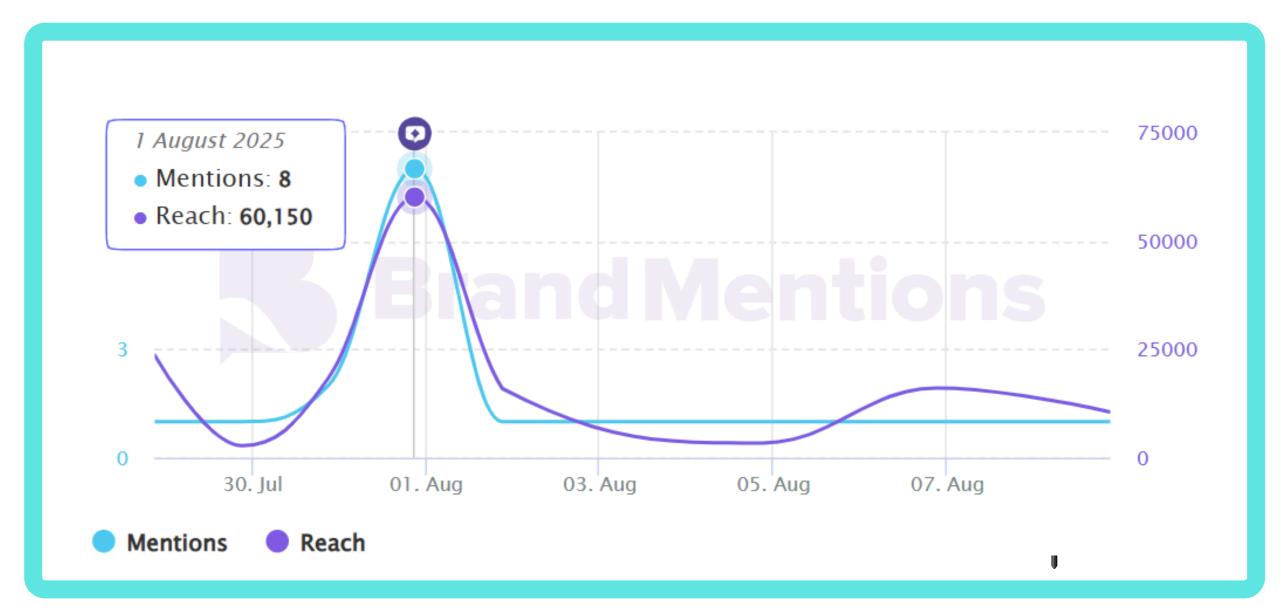
Mentions: 8

Reach: 60 K

MPA DAY WEEKEND:

Mentions: 9

Reach: 76 K



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ANALYTICS

MENTIONS AND REACH

MONTH OF AUGUST:

Mentions: 164

Reach: 790 K

1ST OF AUGUST:

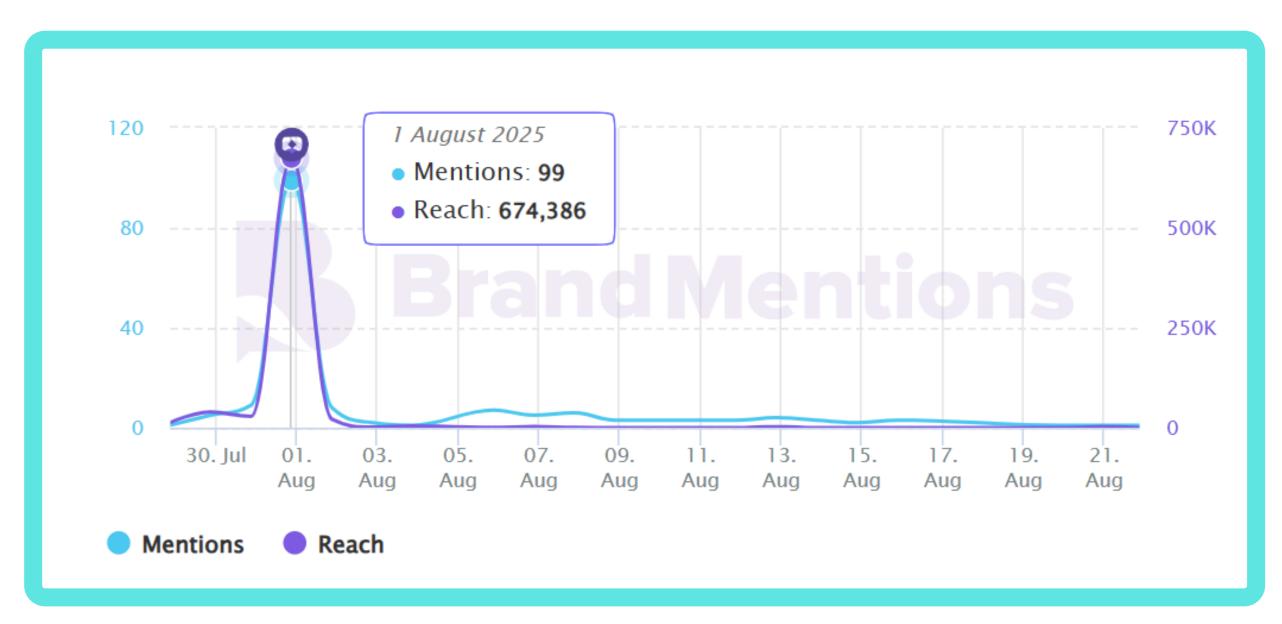
Mentions: 99

Reach: 674 K

MPA DAY WEEKEND:

Mentions: 109

Reach: 696 K



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ANNEX

BRANDMENTIONS ANALYTICS



"REACH" FORMULA:

Reach = Impressions ÷ Frequency

Impressions: the total number of times your content was displayed

Frequency: the average number of times each unique user saw your content.