

Legend

Species richness of benthic animals

Low —————> High

0 - 3	30 - 38	71 - 83
4 - 12	39 - 47	84 - 111
13 - 21	48 - 59	112 - 172
22 - 29	60 - 70	173 - 271
		272 - 531

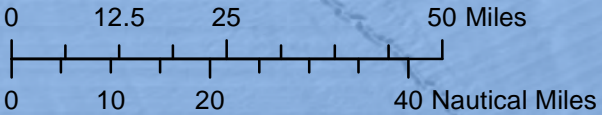
Connecticut Delegation MNM Proposal (canyon unit)

Connecticut Delegation MNM Proposal (seamount unit)

Depth below ocean surface

-100 meters -200 meters -400 meters

U.S. EEZ (200 nautical miles from shore)



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This map shows the numbers of different species of bottom-dwelling animals in the New England Canyons and Seamounts areas. Species are especially diverse along the edge of Georges Bank, where the shelf descends into the deep ocean. Hot spots are also visible on Bear, Physalia, Retriever, and Mytilus Seamounts.