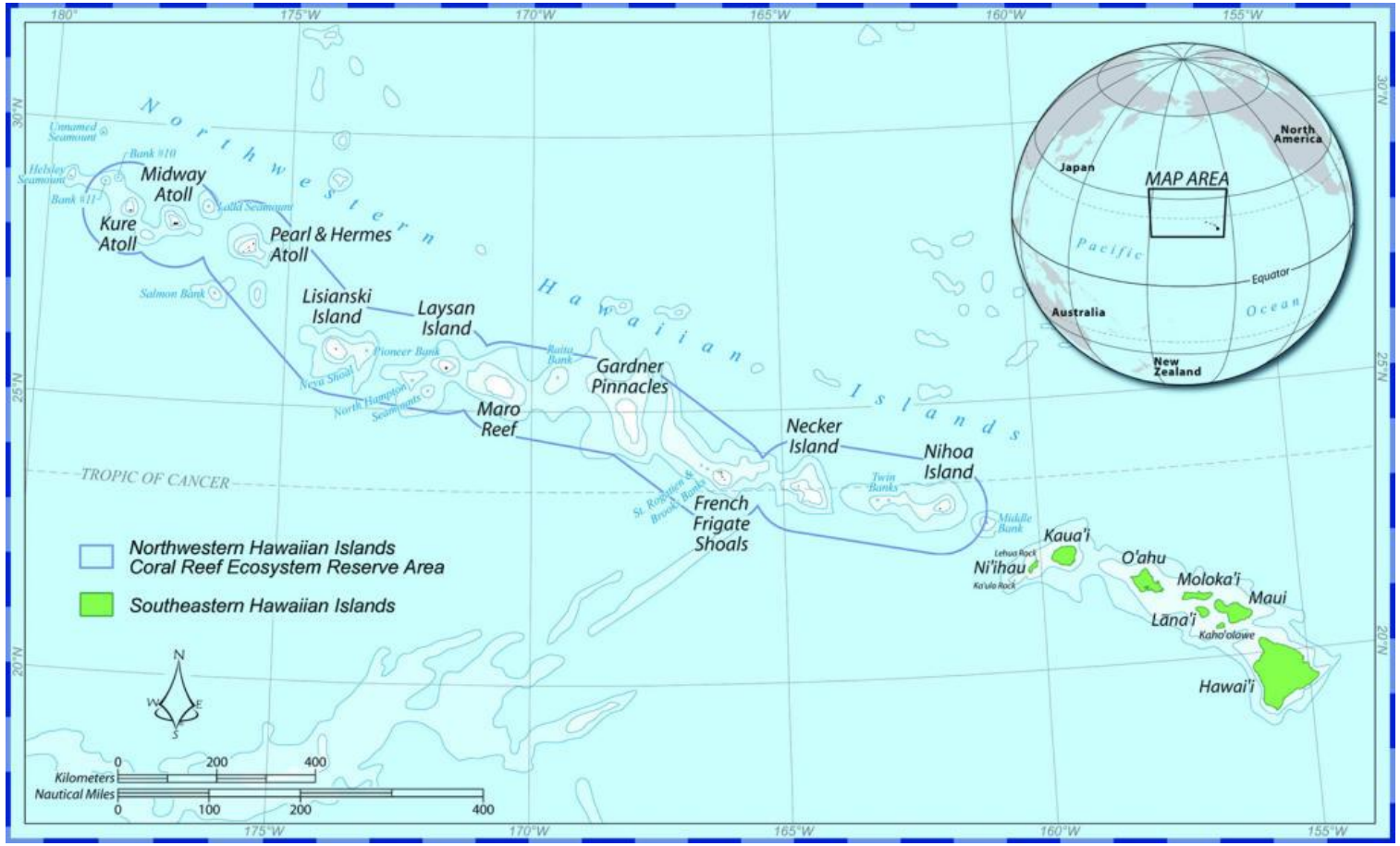
Protecting Marine Habitats Introduction

There is a growing movement in the US and the world for individuals to know more about the ocean. An understanding of the ocean's influence on you and your influence on the ocean is called **ocean literacy**. The goal is for a person to be able to make personal and societal decisions related to the ocean.

1. Why are oceans important?
2. What personal decisions do you make that relate to the ocean?
3. What societal decisions related to the ocean are currently being made either by the US or world-wide?

Protecting Marine Habitats Guided Practice

Read the “Explain” on pages 585 – 590 in the Marine Science: The Dynamic Ocean textbook and answer questions 7 & 8.



Protecting Marine Habitats Independent Practice

1. Why are Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) important to the United States?
2. How might an MPA in the Antarctic protect the animals there?
3. What might be the costs and benefits of designating an MPA in the Antarctic?