



Conception Island National Park
Established 1964

Conception Island National Park is significant as one of the three islands where Columbus landed in the Bahamas. Today it is an unspoiled sanctuary for migratory birds and an important feeding habitat for juvenile green and hawksbill sea turtles.

Conception Island is a no-take land and sea park and all flora and fauna are protected on land and in the sea out to 100 fathoms.

Experts believe that Conception Island has the largest concentration of nesting Tropicbirds in The Bahamas and that Booby Cays and South Rocks have one of the largest Sooty Tern and Brown Noddy colonies. The island has been designated an Important Bird Area by Birdlife International.

The lagoon has extensive mangrove stands and beds of *Laurencia* red algae, many of which provide key nursery habitats for young Nassau grouper and spiny lobster. Since 1985 the Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research has conducted an ongoing research program in the lagoon.

Visitors: Please report fishing violations or harm to nesting seabirds to the Bahamas National Trust at 242-393-1317 or email bnt@bnt.bs.

tropicbird nesting area

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seabird nesting areas
no visitation allowed (April 1 - Aug. 31)
no dogs ashore

osprey nest

CONCEPTION ISLAND

NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

Positions WGS 84 - System B - red to starboard