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Over 60 known ship losses and over 67 known aircraft crashes make up over 120 potential maritime heritage resource sites in the remote atolls of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, the earliest dating back to 1818. Because of their isolated location, these are some of the most untouched shipwreck sites in the world, resting within the remarkable coral reef ecosystem of Papahānaumokuākea.

NOAA's Maritime Heritage Program is committed to preserving historical, cultural and archaeological resources within the National Marine Sanctuaries.

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