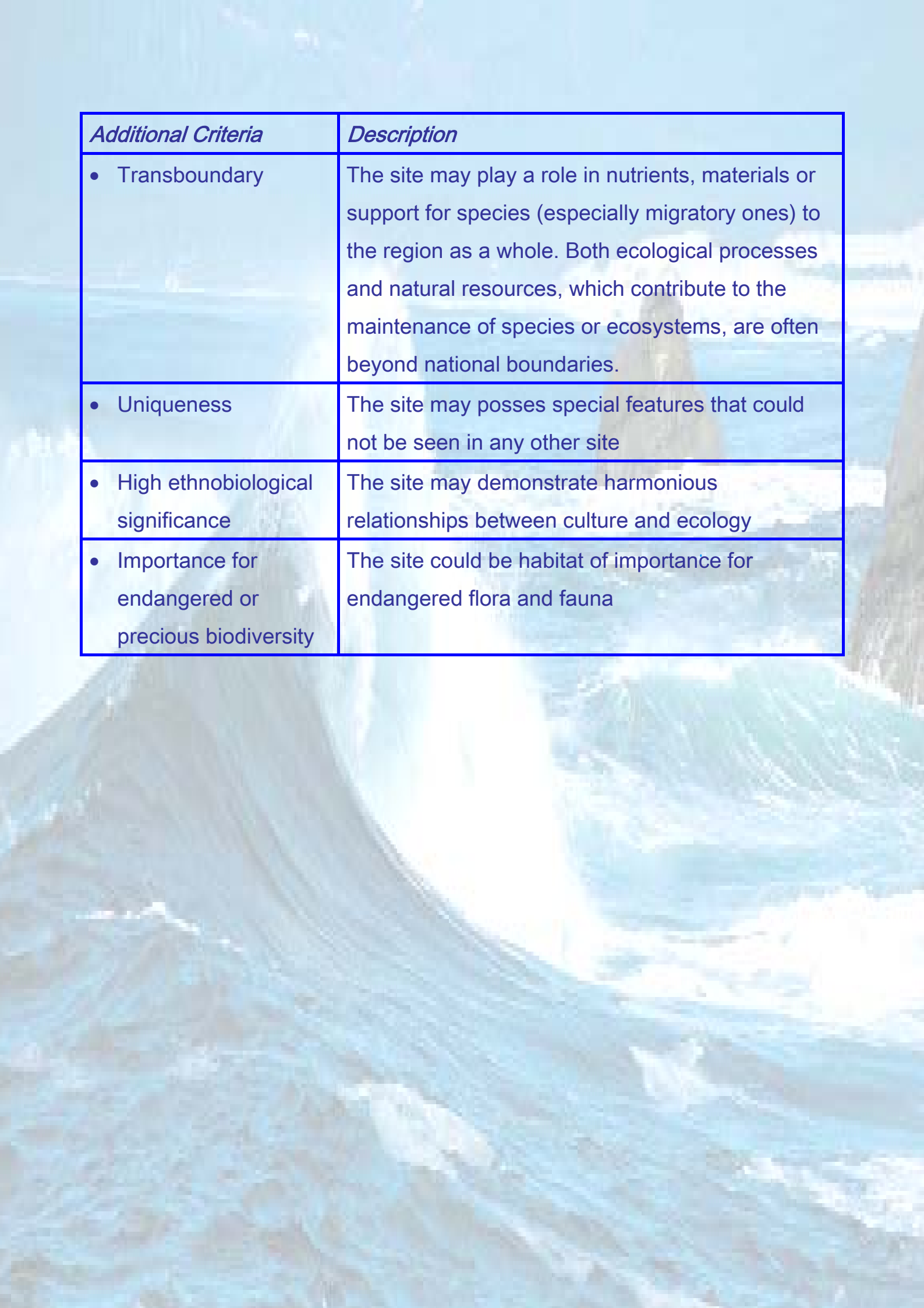


## ASEAN CRITERIA FOR MARINE HERITAGE AREAS

Criteria	Description
<i>Main Criteria</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecological Completeness</li> </ul>	The site must demonstrate wholesome ecological processes and must have the capability to regenerate with minimal human intervention.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representativeness</li> </ul>	The site embodies the variety of ecosystems or species representing or typical of ASEAN region.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naturalness</li> </ul>	The area must be, for the most part, in a natural condition. It may be a second growth forest or rescued coral reef formation but the natural processes are still going on.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Conservation Importance</li> </ul>	The site is recognized as a site of REGIONAL significance for the conservation of important or valuable species, ecosystems or genetic resources. It creates or promotes awareness of the importance of nature, biodiversity and ecological process; it evokes respect for nature whenever people see it. There is a feeling of loss whenever the natural condition is lost.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legally Gazetted Areas</li> </ul>	The site must be identified, defined and designated by law or any legally accepted instrument of the owning country. Its boundaries defined and its use should be primarily as a protected area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved Management Plan</li> </ul>	The site must have a management plan duly approved by authorities of the AMC



<i>Additional Criteria</i>	<i>Description</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transboundary</li></ul>	The site may play a role in nutrients, materials or support for species (especially migratory ones) to the region as a whole. Both ecological processes and natural resources, which contribute to the maintenance of species or ecosystems, are often beyond national boundaries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uniqueness</li></ul>	The site may possess special features that could not be seen in any other site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High ethnobiological significance</li></ul>	The site may demonstrate harmonious relationships between culture and ecology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Importance for endangered or precious biodiversity</li></ul>	The site could be habitat of importance for endangered flora and fauna