

# Belgium, Europe

Number of Protected areas

**1,993**

Polygons/Points ratio

**100%**

Polygons

**0%**

Points

Number of sources

For International designations	2
For National designations	1
For Regional designations	2
TOTAL	5

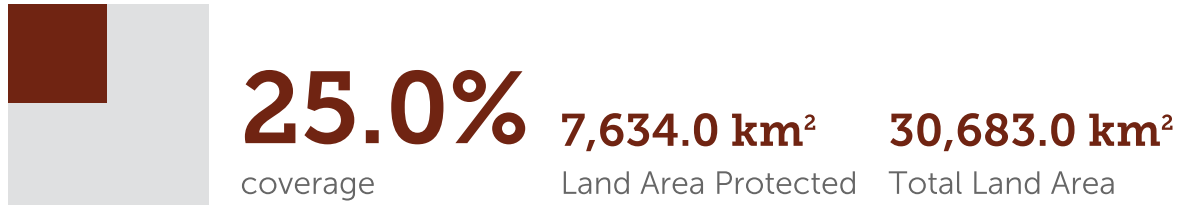
Governance types

Name	Governance type	Count	%
Federal or national ministry or agency		1958	98.24
Not Reported		33	1.66
Collaborative governance		2	0.1

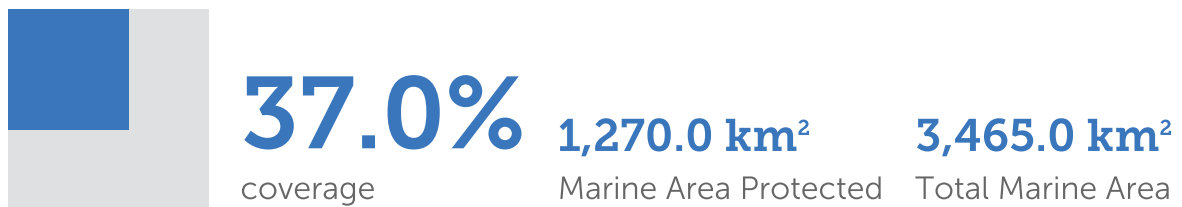
## Protected areas coverage [\(Ref 1 ↓\)](#)

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### Area terrestrial



### Area marine



**Warning:** These statistics might differ from those reported officially by countries due to difference in methodologies and datasets used to assess protected area coverage and differences in the base maps used to measure terrestrial and marine area of a country or territory.

## 17 National designations

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Categories	Count
Protected Dunes (Flemish Region)	104
Regional Nature Reserve (Flemish Region)	74
Certified Nature Reserve (Brussels Capital Region)	1
Public Forest (Flemish Region)	5
Protected zone in the forest (Brussels Capital Region)	4
Scientific Interest Site (Walloon Region)	153
Certified Nature Reserve (Walloon Region)	153
Regional nature reserve (Brussels Capital Region)	13
Military zones (Flemish Region)	24
Forest Reserve (Brussels Capital Region)	2
Forest Reserve (Walloon Region)	18
Certified Forest Reserve (Flemish Region)	16
State Nature Reserve (Walloon Region)	222
Forest Reserve (Flemish Region)	62
Certified Nature Reserve (Flemish Region)	361
Flemish Ecological Network (Flemish Region)	222
Nature Park (Walloon Region)	11

## 3 Regional designations

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Categories	Count
Special Protection Area (Birds Directive)	255
Marine Protected Area (OSPAR)	2
Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	281

## 2 International designations

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Categories	Count
World Heritage Site (natural or mixed)	1

## Citation

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## References

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**(Ref 2)** Coad, L. et al. (2015). Measuring impact of protected area management interventions: current and future use of the Global Database of Protected Area Management Effectiveness. *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B* 370: 20140281.

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