

Costa Rica, Latin America & Caribbean

Number of Protected areas

165

↓ **69**

with management effectiveness evaluations

Polygons/Points ratio



94%

Polygons

6%

Points

Number of sources

For International designations	5
For National designations	2
TOTAL	7

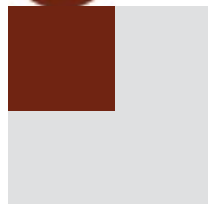
Governance types

Name	Governance type	Count	%
Not Reported		164	99.39
Joint governance		1	0.61

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



Area terrestrial



28.29%

coverage

14,609 km²

Land Area Protected

51,636 km²

Total Land Area

26%

6th National Report Coverage

↓ **20.36%**

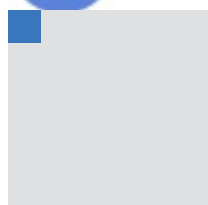
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10,510.76419 km²

Area Assessed



Area marine



2.61%

coverage

15,062 km²

Marine Area Protected

576,110 km²

Total Marine Area

3%

6th National Report Coverage

↓ **0.77%**

with management effectiveness evaluation

4,443.430402 km²

Area Assessed

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.

9 National designations

Categories	Count
National Park	28
Biological Reserve	17
Conservation Easement	1
National Monument	1
National Wildlife Refuge	54
Protected Zone	32
Absolute Natural Reserve	1
Wetland	11
Marine Management Area	2

0 Regional designations

3 International designations

Categories	Count
UNESCO-MAB Biosphere Reserve	3
World Heritage Site (natural or mixed)	3
Ramsar Site, Wetland of International Importance	12

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