

Spain, Europe

Number of Protected areas

4,052

Polygons/Points ratio

99%

Polygons

1%

Points

Number of sources

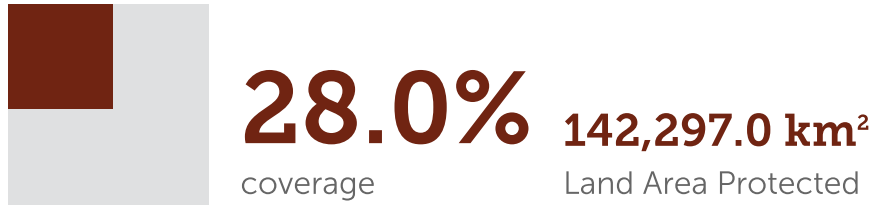
For International designations	10
For National designations	1
For Regional designations	3
TOTAL	14

Governance types

Name	Governance type	Count	%
Federal or national ministry or agency		112	2.76
Not Reported		77	1.9
Local communities		2	0.05
Collaborative governance		13	0.32
Sub-national ministry or agency		3848	94.97

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

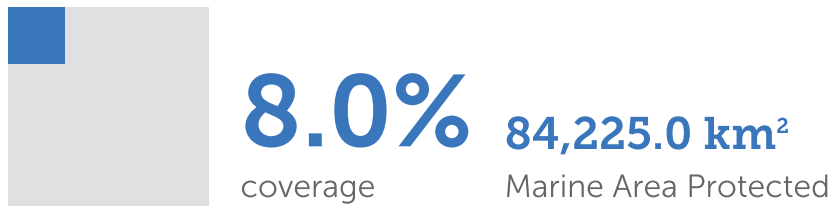
Area terrestrial



507,013.0 km²

Total Land Area

Area marine



1,005,717.0 km²

Total Marine Area

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.

42 National designations

Categories	Count
Natural Area (singular)	5
Regional Park	12
Periurban Park	11
Protected Biotop	8
Nature Reserve (Special)	17
Biosphere Reserve	1
Fluvial Reserve	6
Marine Protected Area	1
Natural Park	131
Nature Place (Local Interest)	75
Nature Reserve (Parcial)	64
Integral Reserve	3
Site of national interest	4
Rural Park	7
Cave	134
Nacional Park	15
Nature Reserve (Integral)	19
Nature Place (picturesque)	1
Microreserve	48
Site of scientific interest	91
Protected Landscape	57
Natural Area (recreational)	2
Area of regional interest	4
Periurban Protected Area	21
Animal Refuge	1
Private Area (Ecological interest)	1
Nature Place	33
Nature enclave	28

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Wetland Site	48
Natural Monument	248
Natural Monument (National Interest)	1
Marine Reserve	11
Protected Wetland	5
Ecocultural corridor	1
Protection Plan	184
Nature Reserve	112
Singular tree	72
Nature Place (National Interest)	7
Ecological corridor	4
Natura 2000	285
Nature Reserve (Management)	3
Nature Reserve (Wildlife)	13

4 Regional designations

Categories	Count
Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (Barcelona Convention)	9
Special Protection Area (Birds Directive)	647
Marine Protected Area (OSPAR)	13
Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	1467

3 International designations

Categories	Count
World Heritage Site (natural or mixed)	6
UNESCO-MAB Biosphere Reserve	39
Ramsar Site, Wetland of International Importance	75

Citation

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