

France, Europe

Number of Protected areas

4,748

Polygons/Points ratio

100%

Polygons

0%

Points

Number of sources

For International designations	5
For National designations	1
For Regional designations	3
TOTAL	9

Governance types

Name	Governance type	Count	%
Federal or national ministry or agency		4566	96.17
Not Reported		142	2.99
Collaborative governance		40	0.84

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

Area terrestrial



548,954.0 km²
Total Land Area

Area marine



343,866.0 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.

Related countries & territories

↓ Child countries & territories

Name ↕	Code ↕
New Caledonia	NCL
French Polynesia	PYF
Wallis and Futuna	WLF
Terres australes et antarctiques françaises	ATF
Saint Barthélemy	BLM

Saint Bartnelemy	BLM
Guadeloupe	GLP
French Guyana	GUF
Saint Martin	MAF
Martinique	MTQ
Mayotte	MYT
Réunion	REU
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	SPM

14 National designations

Categories	Count
Marine Nature Park	6
Biotope Protection Order	870
National Park - Buffer zone/Area of adhesion	7
Forest Managed Biological Reserve	169
Land acquired by Conservatoire du Littoral (national seaside and lakeside conservancy)	590
National Nature Reserve	151
National Park - Integrale Reserve	2
Regional Nature Reserve	169
National Hunting and Wildlife Reserve	10
Forest Integral Biological Reserve	66
Regional Nature Park	50
National Park - Core Area	7
Corsican Nature Reserve	7
Land acquired by a regional conservatory of natural areas	780

4 Regional designations

Categories	Count
Special Protection Area (Birds Directive)	399
Marine Protected Area (OSPAR)	39
Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	1374
Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (Barcelona Convention)	5

3 International designations

Categories	Count
World Heritage Site (natural or mixed)	2

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UNESCO-MAB Biosphere Reserve	8
Ramsar Site, Wetland of International Importance	37

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