

# United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Europe

Number of Protected areas

**11,684**

Polygons/Points ratio

**100%**

Polygons

**0%**

Points

Number of sources

For International designations	5
For National designations	2
For Regional designations	2
TOTAL	9

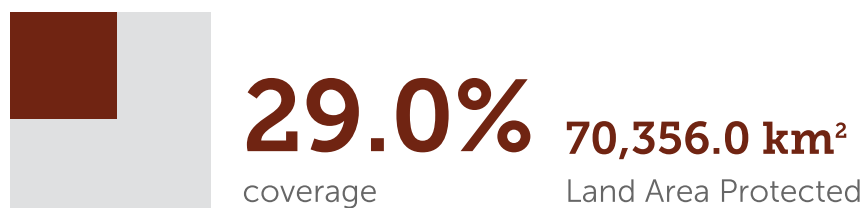
Governance types

Name	Governance type	Count	%
Federal or national ministry or agency		10321	88.33
Not Reported		159	1.36
Local communities		3	0.03
Collaborative governance		313	2.68
Joint governance		198	1.69
Non-profit organisations		690	5.91

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

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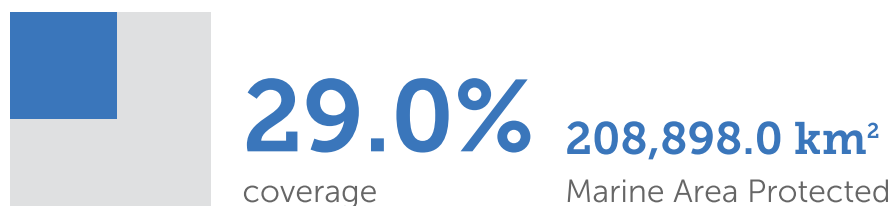
### Area terrestrial



**245,248.0 km<sup>2</sup>**

Total Land Area

### Area marine



**723,405.0 km<sup>2</sup>**

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

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#### ↓ Child countries & territories

Name <a href="#">↕</a>	Code <a href="#">↕</a>
Anguilla	AIA
Bermuda	BMU
British Virgin Islands	VGB
Cayman Islands	CYM
British Indian Ocean Territory	IOT

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Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	FLK
Montserrat	MSR
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	SGS
Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	SHN
Pitcairn Islands	PCN
Turks and Caicos Islands	TCA
Jersey	JEY
Guernsey	GGY
Gibraltar	GIB
Isle of Man	IMN

## 17 National designations

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Categories	Count
Regional Park	3
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	38
Demonstration and Research Marine Protected Area	1
Site of Special Scientific Interest (GB)	6613
Marine Conservation Zone	56
Heritage Coast	46
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NI)	8
National Nature Reserve	364
Wildland reserve	9
National Scenic Area	41
Voluntary Reserve	1
National Nature Reserve, Wetland of International Importance, Site of Community Importance, Special Protection Area Site of Community Importance	1
Area of Special Scientific Interest (NI)	390
National Park	15
Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area	30
Nature Reserve	947
Local Nature Reserve	1782

## 3 Regional designations

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Categories	Count
Special Protection Area (Birds Directive)	275
Marine Protected Area (OSPAR)	246
Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	658

## 3 International designations

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Categories	Count
World Heritage Site (natural or mixed)	3
UNESCO-MAB Biosphere Reserve	6
Ramsar Site, Wetland of International Importance	151

## Citation

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## References

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