

Ireland, Europe

Number of Protected areas

825

Polygons/Points ratio

99%

Polygons

1%

Points

Number of sources

For International designations	3
For National designations	1
For Regional designations	2
TOTAL	6

Governance types

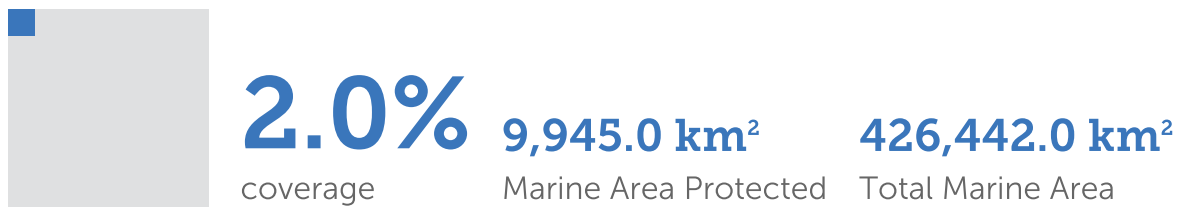
Name	Governance type	Count	%
Federal or national ministry or agency		759	92.0
Not Reported		47	5.7
Collaborative governance		19	2.3

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

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.

1 National designations

Categories	Count
Natural Heritage Area	155

3 Regional designations

Categories	Count
Special Protection Area (Birds Directive)	165
Marine Protected Area (OSPAR)	19
Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	439

2 International designations

Categories	Count
UNESCO-MAB Biosphere Reserve	2
Ramsar Site, Wetland of International Importance	45

Citation

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