

South Africa, Africa

Number of Protected areas

1,580

↓ **205**

with management effectiveness evaluations

Polygons/Points ratio

100%
Polygons

0%
Points

Number of sources

For International designations	3
For National designations	1
TOTAL	4

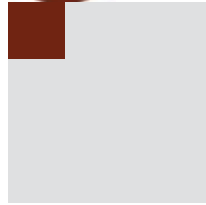
Governance types

Name	Governance type	Count	%
Federal or national ministry or agency		645	40.82
Not Reported		2	0.13
Joint governance		1	0.06
Non-profit organisations		8	0.51
Individual landowners		924	58.48

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



Area terrestrial



8.34%

coverage

102,060 km²

Land Area Protected

1,224,385 km²

Total Land Area

↓ **62.18%**

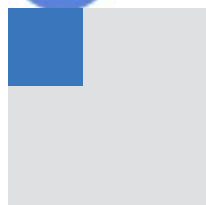
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63,462.08719 km²

Area Assessed



Area marine



14.56%

coverage

224,640 km²

Marine Area Protected

1,542,560 km²

Total Marine Area

↓ **1.44%**

with management effectiveness evaluation

3,231.525696 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.

8 National designations

Categories	Count
National Park	21
Forest Wilderness Area	12
Forest Nature Reserve	53
Special Nature Reserve	2
Nature Reserve	1371
Protected Environment	30
Mountain Catchment Area	16
Marine Protected Area	39

0 Regional designations

3 International designations

Categories	Count
Ramsar Site, Wetland of International Importance	23
UNESCO-MAB Biosphere Reserve	9
World Heritage Site (natural or mixed)	4

Citation

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