

Belgium, Europe

Number of Protected areas

1,968

Polygons/Points ratio

100%

Polygons

0%

Points

Number of sources

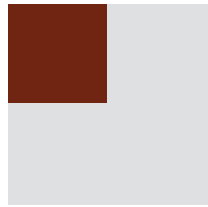
For International designations	1
For National designations	1
For Regional designations	2
TOTAL	4

Governance types

Name	Governance type	Count	%
Federal or national ministry or agency		1957	99.44
Not Reported		9	0.46
Collaborative governance		2	0.1

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

Area terrestrial

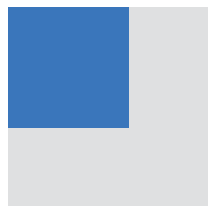


24.88% coverage
7,634.0 km² Land Area Protected

30,683.0 km²

Total Land Area

Area marine



36.65% coverage
1,270.0 km² Marine Area Protected

3,465.0 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.

18 National designations

Categories	Count
Nature Park (Walloon Region)	9
Regional Nature Reserve (Flemish Region)	74
Military zones (Flemish Region)	23
Forest Reserve (Brussels Capital Region)	2
Forest Reserve (Flemish Region)	62
Scientific Interest Site (Walloon Region)	153
Protected zone in the forest (Brussels Capital Region)	4
Certified Nature Reserve (Walloon Region)	150
State Nature Reserve (Walloon Region)	178
Protected Dunes (Flemish Region)	104
Certified Forest Reserve (Flemish Region)	16
Certified Nature Reserve (Flemish Region)	352
Public Forest (Flemish Region)	5
Flemish Ecological Network (Flemish Region)	222
Certified Nature Reserve (Brussels Capital Region)	1
Green zone of high biological value (Brussels Capital Region)	39
Forest Reserve (Walloon Region)	14
Regional nature reserve (Brussels Capital Region)	13

3 Regional designations

Categories	Count
Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	281
Special Protection Area (Birds Directive)	255
Marine Protected Area (OSPAR)	2

1 International designations

Citation

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