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Definition

Protected Areas

Protected areas designated under international conventions and agreements	
World Heritage sites	✔
Natural	
Cultural	✔
Mixed	
Ramsar sites (Wetlands of International Importance)	
Man and the Biosphere Reserves	
National-level protected areas	
IUCN Protected Area Management Categories	
Ia	
Ib	
II	
III	
IV	
V	
VI	
Not Assigned or Not Reported	

Biodiversity Designations

Biodiversity designations represent the sites or regions that have been identified as important for biodiversity conservation due to their biological uniqueness or the high threat that they face. A plethora of different approaches have been promoted by conservation organisations and researchers in order to guide decisions about where to invest in biodiversity conservation. These approaches use globally consistent criteria and available data in order to identify and classify sites. The designations themselves do not confer protected area status, but many of the sites identified may partly or fully overlap with a protected area designation on-ground.

Key Biodiversity Areas

Alliance for Zero Extinction Sites

Crisis Ecoregions

Centres of Plant Diversity

Endemic Bird Areas
Global 200 Ecoregions
High Biodiversity Wilderness Areas
Intact Forest Landscapes
Last of the Wild

Conventions and Treaties

Important conventions and multi-lateral agreements that relate to biodiversity and the environment.

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW)
International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)
International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Convention)
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Plant Treaty)
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
Chapter XXI 3. Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas
World Heritage Convention Ratification
Antarctic Treaty

Other Membership

Arctic Council	
International Maritime Organisation	Member
IPBES	Member
IPCC	Member
OECD	Member

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