

Data Dictionary

Definition of

Nationally designated areas inventory (NatDA) dataset

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About this document

This document holds the technical specifications for a dataflow based on automatically generated output from the Data Dictionary application. The Data Dictionary is a central service for storing technical specifications for information requested in reporting obligations. The purpose of this document is to support countries in reporting good quality data. This document contains detailed specifications in a structured format for the data requested in a dataflow. Suggestions from users on how to improve the document are welcome.

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1. General information for Nationally designated areas inventory (NatDA) dataset

Basic metadata:

Short name	NatDA
Version	December 2025
Definition	<p>The definition of a "protected area" used for inclusion of sites into the NatDA is the one adopted by IUCN:</p> <p>A clearly defined geographical space, recognised, dedicated and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values.</p> <p>(Dudley, N. (Editor), 2008: https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/pag-021.pdf)</p> <p>The definition of a "designated area" within the NatDA is similar but wider. The designation types of designated protected areas are grouped into three categories (A, B, and C) in the Designation types registry. The designation type categories A and C clearly reflect the IUCN definition above, see http://dd.eionet.europa.eu/datasets/latest/DesignationTypes</p> <p>In addition to "protected areas" as defined by the IUCN, designated areas that adhere to the "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECMs) definition may be included in the NatDA. OECM status may be indicated at site level or at designation type level, using the designation type category B. The definition of OECMs adopted by the CBD COP in November 2018 is as follows:</p> <p>A geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in situ conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services, and where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socio-economic, and other locally relevant values.</p> <p>https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/91c3/4484/ab24ef8c1ed10ba59b020342/cop-14-l-19-en.pdf</p> <p>The NatDA inventory is the official source of protected areas and OECMs from European countries to the World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas (WDPCA), maintained by the UNEP-WCMC.</p> <p>The NatDA database was formerly known as the "Common Database on Designated Areas". The database was built through a collaboration between UNEP-WCMC, the Council of Europe, and the EEA. Today, the database available from the EEA website holds information only from the Eionet partner countries; hence, the name was changed to "Nationally designated areas inventory".</p>
Short Description	<p>The Nationally designated areas dataset is a European inventory holding information on protected areas and the designation types which directly or indirectly create protected or other designated areas in Eionet partner countries and territories. The dataset was formerly known as CDDA, but in 2024 the acronym changed to the more accurate NatDA. It is an agreed annual Eionet core data flow maintained by the EEA. The dataset is used by the EEA and, e.g., the UNEP-WCMC for their main European and global assessments, products, and services.</p>
Planned updating frequency	Annual
Methodology for obtaining data	<p>The NatDA reporting is divided into two components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type 1 data includes the spatial data • Type 2 data includes the tabular data (table Designated area) <p>Both Type 1 and Type 2 data files hold mandatory NatDA information.</p>

The NatDA reporting can reuse the INSPIRE Protected Sites and the INSPIRE Area Management datasets to avoid double reporting for countries implementing the INSPIRE Directive. The INSPIRE Area Management data is a potential source of OECMs.

The data is reported on the Reportnet 3 platform.

NatDA reporting guidelines and other supporting material are available from the NatDA reference page <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/cdda/>.

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2. Overview of Nationally designated areas inventory (NatDA) dataset tables

Name	Definition	Short description
Designated area	<p>The designated areas table includes designated sites as well as designated boundaries; see the "Designated boundaries concept" note in the NatDA reference portal http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/cdda/.</p> <p>The unique NatDA ID is identical to the SITE_ID of the World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas (WDPCA) and it is reused in the global database.</p>	<p>The table contains information about designated sites and designated boundaries at national level.</p>

3. Tables

3.1 Designated area table

Short name Designated area

Definition The designated areas table includes designated sites as well as designated boundaries; see the "Designated boundaries concept" note in the NatDA reference portal <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/cdda/>.

The unique NatDA ID is identical to the SITE_ID of the World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas (WDPCA) and it is reused in the global database.

Short Description The table contains information about designated sites and designated boundaries at national level.

Methodology for obtaining data An appointed national user, Eionet NFP or NatDA reporter registered in Reportnet 2, can allocate codes (NatDA ID) for new designated areas on the Site code allocation web page (<http://dd.eionet.europa.eu/services/siteCodes>).

The NatDA ID and the INSPIRE ID are both unique keys for the tabular and the spatial data.

It is recommended that the Local ID of the composite INSPIRE ID reuse the NatDA ID value.

Columns in Designated area table:

	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.1	NatDA ID (natDAId) <i>Public attribute</i>	Unique record identifier within the NatDA database for nationally designated areas. The unique NatDA ID is identical to the SITE_ID of the World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas (WDPCA) and it is reused in the global database.	This value is required. This field may NOT be changed, as it serves as the link to the source database and later to the WDPCA. For newly created designated areas, new site codes must be requested by an appointed Reportnet user, Eionet NFP or NatDA reporter registered in Reportnet 2, via the site code allocation web service at http://dd.eionet.europa.eu/services/siteCodes . If designated areas are to be merged or split, the NatDA helpdesk should be consulted on how to proceed with the site codes.	Datatype: integer Maximum size: 10

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	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.2	<p>National site code (nationalId)</p> <p><i>Public attribute</i></p>	The unique record identifier for the site in the national database on designated areas.	<p>This value is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when the field [designatedAreaType] = 'designatedSite' the nationalId is mandatory - when the field [designatedAreaType] = 'designatedBoundary', the nationalId is optional - when the field [designatedAreaType] = 'strictProtectionBoundary', the nationalId is optional <p>More and more countries are building up national databases for designated areas, which should serve as the source database for the NatDA.</p> <p>If links between the unique record identifiers for designated areas are established, future updates will be much easier to perform.</p>	<p>Datatype: string</p> <p>Minimum size: 0</p> <p>Maximum size: 30</p>
3.1.3	<p>INSPIRE Protected Site identifier Local ID (PSlocalId)</p>	The PS Local ID is mirroring one of the three components of the INSPIRE ID: the localId. The PS Local ID is unique within the PS Namespace, in the same way as the localId (Type 1) is unique within the namespace (Type 1). The localId value from the Type 1 data must be reused for the PS Local ID.	<p>This value is required.</p> <p>The definition of the Local ID is a task at the national level for countries implementing INSPIRE.</p> <p>For NatDA reporting, which also covers countries that do not implement INSPIRE, the EEA recommends reusing the NatDA ID value as the Local ID.</p>	<p>Datatype: string</p> <p>Minimum size: 1</p> <p>Maximum size: 255</p>

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	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.4	INSPIRE Protected Site identifier Namespace (PSnamespace)	The PS Namespace is mirroring one of the three components of the INSPIRE ID: the namespace. The PS Namespace uniquely identifies (copies) the data source of the spatial object in Type 1. The namespace element from the Type 1 data must be reused for the PS Namespace.	<p>This value is required.</p> <p>The definition of the Namespace is a task at the national level for countries implementing INSPIRE.</p> <p>For NatDA reporting, which also covers countries that do not implement INSPIRE, the EEA suggests the following Namespace structure: EIONET.ENVIRONMENT.PS.NATDA.(natDARegionCode)</p>	Datatype: string Minimum size: 1 Maximum size: 255
3.1.5	INSPIRE Protected Site identifier Version ID (PSversionId)	The PS Version ID is mirroring one of the three components of the INSPIRE ID: the versionId. This element provides the life cycle information. The versionId element from the Type 1 data must be reused for the PS Version ID, if it is provided in Type 1.	This value is optional.	Datatype: string Minimum size: 0 Maximum size: 255
3.1.6	Country code (natDACountryCode) <i>Public attribute</i>	Code of the reporting country.	<p>This value is required.</p> <p>Two-letter code as defined by the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 standard, except for Greece and the United Kingdom, where Eurostat country code is used instead ('EL' and 'UK' respectively).</p> <p>If the region, from which the data is reported, has a different code than the reporting (parent) country (e.g., overseas entities as Outermost Regions or Overseas Countries and Territories), provide it in the natDARegionCode. The parent country of that region code must match the natDACountryCode.</p>	reference codelist: see section 4

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	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.7	Region code (natDARegionCode) <i>Public attribute</i>	Code of the reporting entity, being a country, autonomous or overseas region or community, or other territory (e.g., overseas entities as Outermost Regions or Overseas Countries and Territories).	<p>This value is required.</p> <p>Two-letter code as defined by the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 standard, except for Greece and United Kingdom where Eurostat country code is used instead ('EL' and 'UK' respectively).</p> <p>The code must either match the natDACountryCode value or the region's parent country must match the natCountryCode value.</p>	reference codelist: see section 4

	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.8	<p>Designated area type (designatedAreaType)</p> <p><i>Public attribute</i></p>	<p>This element indicates whether the spatial object is a designated site, a designated boundary or a strict protection boundary. The designated boundary or strict protection boundary will always be a multi-polygon.</p> <p>The concept of a “designated boundary” is introduced to enable countries to report on areas while not classified as protected sites in the traditional sense are nevertheless subject to durable protection of flora and fauna. Such areas could be OECMs.</p> <p>The concept of a “strict protection boundary” is introduced to enable countries to report the spatial delineation of parts of sites (e.g. zones) that fulfill the requirements for strict protection as defined in the EU Biodiversity Strategy. The "strict protection boundary" is used for statistical purposes only and does not inform about site details such as site name, year of designation, etc. Any area reported as part of a "strict protection boundary" must always also be reported as (part of) a designated site.</p> <p>Examples of boundaries could be sets of areas under general or strict protection because of the occurrence of a specific habitat type (this could be raised bogs, specific meadow types, old growth forests, etc) or where sets of areas are owned and managed with the purpose of improving conditions for habitat types and species (e.g. owned by certain NGOs or trusts).</p>	<p>This value is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - designatedSite: A site designated by national legislation with the intent to protect fauna, flora, or habitats. - designated Boundary: A boundary of a group of areas (multi-polygon) which provides adequate and durable protection for fauna, flora, or habitats through national, sectorial, or private statutes. Only one NatDA ID is allocated to the group of areas constituting the designated boundary. - strictProtectionBoundary: A boundary of a group of areas (multi-polygon) which provides strict protection for fauna, flora, or habitats through national, sectorial, or private statutes. Only one NatDA ID is allocated to the group of areas constituting the strict protection boundary. <p>In the context of reporting, a boundary will often lack some of the mandatory information required for the reporting of a designated site (e.g. site name).</p>	<p>reference codelist: see section 4</p>

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	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.9	<p>Designation type code (designationTypeCode)</p> <p><i>Public attribute</i></p>	<p>A four character code linked to the legal or other effective means used by countries to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values. The code consists of the two digit country code and a two digit numerical value.</p> <p>The regional (sub-national) and national designation type codes are used in the Nationally designated areas reporting format.</p> <p>The codes are maintained in the Designation type code registry: http://dd.eionet.europa.eu/vocabulary/cdda/designationTypeCodeValue</p>	<p>This value is required.</p> <p>The national designation type codes are maintained by the countries on an ad hoc basis via the Designation type data collection, https://rod.eionet.europa.eu/obligations/758</p> <p>The designation types should be reviewed at least annually before the reporting of Nationally designated areas.</p> <p>The national designation type code consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two-letter country or region code, as defined by the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 standard, except for Greece and United Kingdom where Eurostat country codes are used instead ('EL' and 'UK' respectively) - two numerical values starting with '00', indicating "No protection status", and ending with '99', indicating "Others". The code '70' is reserved to indicate "Strictly protected" (please use this name) and the code '74' is reserved to indicate "OECMs" (you may use other names, if needed). <p>The two-letter country or region code must match either the natDACountryCode or the natDARegionCode value.</p>	<p>reference codelist: see section 4</p>

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	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.10	IUCN management category (iucnCategory) <i>Public attribute</i>	IUCN protected area management categories (2008) classify protected areas according to their management objectives. The categories are recognised by international bodies such as the United Nations and by many national governments as the global standard for defining and recording protected areas and as such are increasingly being incorporated into government legislation. For more information on the IUCN definitions, categories and governance types see N. Dudley (edt.) 2008 "Guidelines for applying protected area management categories".	This value is required. In addition to the IUCN management categories, there are three options available for informing why a designated area is not or cannot be assigned to an IUCN category: - not reported: The IUCN management category has not been reported. It is currently not available for reporting, but it may become available in the future. - not assigned: A protected area whereby the data provider has chosen not to use the IUCN management categories. This option addresses situations in which IUCN categories are not meaningful at the site or record level. This is the case, e.g., for [designatedAreaType] = 'strictProtectionBoundary' records. - not applicable: The IUCN management categories do not apply to the designation type. Examples are designation types defined at international level like Natura 2000 network sites, World Heritage Sites or OECMs. In the Remark field, it is possible to describe the reasoning for not assigning or applying the IUCN code.	reference codelist: see section 4
3.1.11	Site area (siteArea) <i>Public attribute</i>	Surface area in hectares (ha)	This value is required. A "0" area value may be given to point objects, like trees, caves or steep cliffs etc. This field should contain the latest surface area figure. Changes in surface area for a particular designated area are not recorded.	Datatype: decimal Maximum size: 15 Minimum inclusive value: 0 Decimal precision: 5 Unit: ha

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	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.12	<p>Major ecosystem type (majorEcosystemType)</p> <p><i>Public attribute</i></p>	<p>The major ecosystem type can be: marine, marine and terrestrial (incl. freshwater) or terrestrial (incl. freshwater).</p>	<p>This value is required.</p> <p>It is for the countries to determine the appropriate major ecosystem type for each site. In the countries, you know which coastline dataset is the most appropriate in case a spatial analysis is used to provide the major ecosystem type information.</p> <p>If a spatial analysis is used, we recommend that you introduce a threshold to reduce the number of marineAndTerrestrial artifact sites. A spatial analysis using a coastline, likely digitised at a different scale than the designated areas, will inevitably introduce some misleading results.</p> <p>It is recommended to consider sites with less than 1% terrestrial ecosystem as fully marine sites and sites with less than 1% marine ecosystem as fully terrestrial.</p> <p>If your country has a complicated coastline, you may even consider to investigate manually all sites below a 5% threshold to determine the appropriate major ecosystem type.</p> <p>A coastal designated area located on the terrestrial side of the coastline should be considered fully terrestrial.</p> <p>Please note that when the Major ecosystem type = "marine" or Major ecosystem type = "terrestrial", no value is expected in the Percentage of marine area field.</p>	<p>reference codelist: see section 4</p>

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	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.13	<p>Percentage of Marine area (marineAreaPercentage)</p> <p><i>Public attribute</i></p>	<p>Percentage of the total area of marine ecosystems in the designated area.</p>	<p>This field should be filled when the designated area includes more than just marginal marine as well as terrestrial ecosystems (Major ecosystem type = "marineAndTerrestrial"). The value can be estimated.</p> <p>No value is allowed if the site is defined as purely marine or terrestrial (Major ecosystem type = "marine" or Major ecosystem type = "terrestrial").</p> <p>If a spatial analysis is used, we recommend that you introduce a threshold to reduce the number of marineAndTerrestrial artifact sites. A spatial analysis, using a coastline likely digitised at a different scale than the designated areas, will inevitably introduce misleading results.</p> <p>It is recommended to consider sites with less than 1% terrestrial ecosystem as fully marine sites and sites with less than 1% marine ecosystem as fully terrestrial. If your country has a complicated coastline, you may even consider to investigate manually all sites below a 5% threshold to determine the appropriate major ecosystem type.</p> <p>It is not required to provide a highly precise value with decimal digits. In the future the data type of this element will be changed to integer.</p> <p>A coastal designated area located on the terrestrial side of the coastline should be considered fully terrestrial.</p>	<p>Datatype: float Minimum inclusive value: 0 Maximum inclusive value: 100 Unit: %</p>

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3.1.14	Contribution to 30 percent target (target30Percent)	Indicates whether the site is to be used for assessments of progress towards the EU and global targets for protected and other effectively conserved areas (the 30 % target) by 2030.	<p>This value is required.</p> <p>The validity of values depends on the Designated area type field ([designatedAreaType]) and whether the area is fully or partly subject to strict protection.</p> <p>If the feature is a designated site ([designatedAreaType] = 'designatedSite'), valid values are: 'yes' or 'no'. If [strictProtection] = 'yes' or 'partly', the target30Percent value must be 'yes'.</p> <p>If the feature is a designated boundary ([designatedAreaType] = 'designatedBoundary'), valid values are: 'yes' or 'no'.</p> <p>If the feature is a group of polygons (a multipolygon) under strict protection ([designatedAreaType] = 'strictProtectionBoundary'), the target30Percent value must be 'yes'.</p>	string codelist: see section 4

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Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.15 Strict protection (strictProtection) <i>Public attribute</i>	Indicates whether the site is to be used for assessment of progress towards the EU target, to strictly protect at least a third of the EU's protected areas (the 10 % target) by 2030.	This value is required. The validity of values depends on the Designated area type field ([designatedAreaType]). If the feature is a designated site ([designatedAreaType] = 'designatedSite'), valid values are: 'yes', 'no', 'partly' or 'notYetAssessed'. If the feature is a designated boundary ([designatedAreaType] = 'designatedBoundary'), the strictProtection value must be 'no'. If the feature is a group of polygons under strict protection ([designatedAreaType] = 'strictProtectionBoundary'), the strictProtection value must be 'yes'.	string codelist: see section 4
3.1.16 Conservation objectives for protected area (conservationObjectivesPA)	Indicates whether conservation objectives have been set for the area.	This value is optional for protected areas ([OECM] = 'no'). This value should not be filled for OECMs ([OECM] = 'yes').	string codelist: see section 4
3.1.17 Management plan(s) for protected area (managementPlanPA)	Indicates whether a management plan for the area has been set up.	This value is optional for protected areas ([OECM] = 'no'). This value should not be filled for OECMs ([OECM] = 'yes'). If the value is 'other' of 'noMP', an explanation must be provided in the field [remark].	string codelist: see section 4
3.1.18 Management plan(s) link (managementPlanPA_URI)	Link to the relevant online resources containing information on management plans (e.g., link to the webpage of a national information system, link to a PDF, Digital Object Identifier - DOI).	This value is optional. Do not use dynamically generated URIs and prefer URIs that are considered stable. If the resource is not identified with a permanent URL, provide a link to the search page or to the reference pages from which it can be retrieved.	Datatype: string Minimum size: 0 Maximum size: 500

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3.1.19	Conservation measures for protected area (conservationMeasuresPA)	Indicates whether conservation measures have been established for the area.	This value is optional for protected areas ([OECM] = 'no'). This value should not be filled for OECMs ([OECM] = 'yes'). If the value is 'yes', indicate if the conservation measures are available in the management plan (in the field [conservationMeasuresPA_inMP]).	string codelist: see section 4
3.1.20	Conservation measures included in management plan(s) (conservationMeasuresPA_inMP)	Indicates whether conservation measures are included in the management plan(s).	This value should be provided if [conservationMeasuresPA] = 'yes'.	string codelist: see section 4
3.1.21	Conservation measures link (conservationMeasuresPA_URI)	Link to relevant online resources containing information on conservation measures that is not included in the management plans (e.g., link to the webpage of a national information system, link to a PDF, Digital Object Identifier - DOI).	This value is optional. Do not use dynamically generated URIs and prefer URIs that are considered stable. If the resource is not identified with a permanent URL, provide a link to the search page or to the reference pages from which it can be retrieved.	Datatype: string Minimum size: 0 Maximum size: 500
3.1.22	Assessment management effectiveness for protected area (managementEffectivenessPA)	Indicates whether the effectiveness of the conservation measures is periodically assessed.	This value is optional for protected areas ([OECM] = 'no'). This value should not be filled for OECMs ([OECM] = 'yes').	string codelist: see section 4

	Column name	Column definition	Methodology	Data specifications
3.1.23	OECM (OECM) <i>Public attribute</i>	Indicates whether the area is considered an OECM (Other Effective area-based Conservation Measure) meaning a geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in-situ conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services and where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socio-economic, and other locally relevant values.	This value is required. The validity of values depends on the Designated area type ([designatedAreaType]). If the feature is a designated site ([designatedAreaType] = 'designatedSite'), valid values are: 'yes', 'no' or 'notYetAssessed'. If the feature is a designated boundary ([designatedAreaType] = 'designatedBoundary'), valid values are: 'yes', 'no' or 'notYetAssessed'. If the feature is a group of polygons (a multipolygon) under strict protection ([designatedAreaType] = 'strictProtectionBoundary'), the OECM value must be 'no'.	string codelist: see section 4
3.1.24	Conservation objectives for OECM (conservationObjectivesOECM)	Indicates whether conservation objectives have been set for the area.	This value is optional for OECM's ([OECM] = 'yes'). This value should not be filled for protected areas ([OECM] = 'no').	string codelist: see section 4
3.1.25	Supplementary information on OECM (supplementaryInfoOECM)	Supplementary information concerning the recognition of the area as an OECM, for example, on how the area meets the OECM criteria.	This value is optional for OECM's ([OECM] = 'yes'). This value should not be filled for protected areas ([OECM] = 'no').	Datatype: string Minimum size: 0 Maximum size: 5000
3.1.26	Supplementary information on OECM link (supplementaryInfoOECM_URI)	Link to the relevant online resources regarding supplementary information on OECM (e.g., link to the webpage of a national information system, link to a PDF, Digital Object Identifier - DOI).	This value is optional. Do not use dynamically generated URIs and prefer URIs that are considered stable. If the resource is not identified with a permanent URL, provide a link to the search page or to the reference pages from which it can be retrieved.	Datatype: string Minimum size: 0 Maximum size: 500

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3.1.27	Spatial data dissemination instruction code (spatialDataDissemination)	Code for instructions to EEA regarding dissemination of geographical data (boundaries or coordinates).	This value is required. Three levels of dissemination are available: - 'public' - 'no dissemination except to partners for internal use' (partners = UNEP-WCMC) - 'only EEA internal use'	reference codelist: see section 4
3.1.28	Spatial resolution code (spatialResolutionCode)	Codes for spatial resolution of dataset from which geographical data for this feature (boundaries, coordinates) has been derived.	The resolution of the source material used should be indicated based on the code list.	reference codelist: see section 4
3.1.29	EIONET change date (eionetChangeDate) <i>Administrative attribute</i>	The date the designated area record was edited	Use the YYYY-MM-DD format.	Datatype: date
3.1.30	EIONET change type (eionetChangeType) <i>Administrative attribute</i>	The type of change to the designated area record	If some fields in the designated area record are corrected and some are updated, you may choose the most important change type, according to your expert judgement.	string codelist: see section 4
3.1.31	EIONET edited by (eionetEditedBy) <i>Administrative attribute</i>	The name of the person who did the actual editing of the data.		Datatype: string Minimum size: 0 Maximum size: 64
3.1.32	EIONET institute (eionetInstitute) <i>Administrative attribute</i>	The abbreviation of the institution responsible for editing of the record.		Datatype: string Minimum size: 0 Maximum size: 64
3.1.33	Remark (remark) <i>Public attribute</i>	Remarks about the designated area record	Any remark, which is useful to understand the data entered in the other fields of the designated area record, can be added here. The reason for flagging a designated area record for deletion should be given here.	Datatype: string Minimum size: 0 Maximum size: 5000
3.1.34	Site ended (siteEnded) <i>Administrative attribute</i>	Indicates whether the designated area is not valid anymore and is supposed to be deleted.	When a designated area has been marked for deletion in this field, the remarks field in the DesignatedArea table should be used to indicate the reason for doing so.	boolean codelist: see section 4

Code	Definition	Label
designatedBoundary	A boundary of a group of areas (multi-polygon) which provides adequate and durable protection for fauna, flora, or habitats through national, sectorial, or private statutes.	designatedBoundary
designatedSite	A site designated by national legislation with the intent to protect fauna, flora, and habitats.	designatedSite
strictProtectionBoundary	A boundary of a group of areas (multi-polygon) which provides strict protection for fauna, flora, or habitats through national, sectorial, or private statutes.	strictProtectionBoundary

4. Codelists

4.1 Non-common Elements Codelists

Code	Definition	Label
4.1.1 Codelists for Designated area type		
4.1.1.1 Designated area type (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist		
la	Strictly protected areas set aside to protect biodiversity and also possibly geological/geomorphological features, where human visitation, use and impacts are strictly controlled and limited to ensure protection of the conservation values. Such protected areas can serve as indispensable reference areas for scientific research and monitoring.	strict nature reserve
lb	Usually large unmodified or slightly modified areas, retaining their natural character and influence without permanent or significant human habitation, which are protected and managed so as to preserve their natural condition.	wilderness area
II	Large natural or near natural areas set aside to protect large-scale ecological processes, along with the complement of species and ecosystems characteristic of the area, which also provide a foundation for environmentally and culturally compatible, spiritual, scientific, educational, recreational, and visitor opportunities.	national park
4.1.1.2 IUCN management category (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist		
III	Protected areas set aside to protect a specific natural monument, which can be a landform, sea mount, submarine cavern, geological feature such as a cave, or even a living feature such as an ancient grove. They are generally quite small protected areas and often have high visitor value.	natural monument or feature

Code	Definition	Label
IV	Protected areas aiming to protect particular species or habitats, their management reflects this priority. Many Category IV protected areas will need regular, active interventions to address the requirements of particular species or to maintain habitats, but this is not a requirement of the category.	habitat/species management area
notApplicable	The IUCN management categories are not applicable to a specific designation type.	not applicable
notAssigned	A protected area whereby the data provider has chosen not to use the IUCN management categories.	not assigned
notReported	The IUCN management category has not been reported.	not reported
V	A protected area where the interaction of people and nature over time has produced an area of distinct character with significant, ecological, biological, cultural and scenic value: and where safeguarding the integrity of this interaction is vital to protecting and sustaining the area and its associated nature conservation and other values.	protected landscape/seascape
VI	Protected areas that conserve ecosystems and habitats together with associated cultural values and traditional natural resource management systems. They are generally large, with most of the area in a natural condition, where a proportion is under sustainable natural resource management and where low-level non-industrial use of natural resources compatible with nature conservation is seen as one of the main aims of the area.	protected area with sustainable use of natural resources

4.1.1.3 Major ecosystem type (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
marine	Marine	marine
marineAndTerrestrial	Marine and terrestrial (incl. freshwater)	marine and terrestrial
terrestrial	Terrestrial (incl. freshwater)	terrestrial

4.1.1.4 Contribution to 30 percent target (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
no	The designated site should not be counted when assessing the 30 % target.	No
yes	The designated site will be counted by the EEA and UNEP-WCMC when assessing the EU and the global 30 % targets.	Yes

4.1.1.5 Strict protection (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
no	The designated site is not under strict protection in any part of its area.	No

Code	Definition	Label
notYetAssessed	The site may be under strict protection in it entirety or partly. It is not yet assessed.	Not yet assessed
partly	The designated site is under strict protection in part of its area.	Partly
yes	The designated site or strictly protected boundary is strictly protected in its entirety. It is counted for the 10 % target of strict protection.	Yes

4.1.1.6 Conservation objectives for protected area (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
no		No
yes		Yes

4.1.1.7 Management plan(s) for protected area (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
noMP	No, because a management plan is not necessary	No, MP not necessary
other	No, other reason	No, other
partially	No, site only partially covered	No, partially covered
preparation	No, but in preparation	No, preparation
yes	Yes	Yes

4.1.1.8 Conservation measures for protected area (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
no		No
yes		Yes

4.1.1.9 Conservation measures included in management plan(s) (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
no		No
yes		Yes

4.1.1.10 Assessment management effectiveness for protected area (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
no		No
yes		Yes

4.1.1.11 OECM (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
no	The site or boundary is a protected area, not an OECM.	No
notYetAssessed	The site or boundary may be an OECM rather than a protected area. It is not yet assessed. This category is considered as a protected area.	Not yet assessed
yes	The site or boundary is an OECM, not a protected area.	Yes

4.1.1.12 Conservation objectives for OECM (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
no		No
yes		Yes

4.1.1.13 Spatial data dissemination instruction code (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
eeaOnlyInternal	No dissemination, only for EEA internal use	EEA only internal
eeaPartnersInternal	No dissemination, except to UNEP-WCMC for internal use	EEA partners internal
public	Yes, public dissemination by EEA allowed	public

4.1.1.14 Spatial resolution code (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
scale100K-250K	Between 1:100 000 and 1:250 000	scale between 100K and 250K
scale250K-1M	Between 1:250 000 and 1:1 000 000	scale between 250K and 1000K
scaleLarger100K	More than 1:100 000	scale larger than 100K
scaleSmaller1M	Smaller than 1:1 000 000	scale smaller than 1M
unknown	Unknown	unknown

4.1.1.15 EIONET change type (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
A	Additional new record	record added to Sites table
C	Correction of a real error	Not an update
U	Updated field	A field was updated to a more recent value or text

4.1.1.16 Site ended (Released at 25 Mar 2026) codelist

Code	Definition	Label
false	No	Site record is valid and should not be deleted
true	Yes	Site record is not valid anymore and should be deleted

4.2 Common Elements Codelists

4.2.1 Region code (Released at 29 Oct 2025)

4.2.1.1 Codelist

Code	Definition	Label
AI		Anguilla
AL		Albania
AT		Austria
AW		Aruba
AX		Åland Islands
BA		Bosnia and Herzegovina
BE		Belgium
BG		Bulgaria
BL		Saint Barthélemy
BM		Bermuda
BQ		Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba
BV		Bouvet Island
CH		Switzerland
CW		Curaçao
CY		Cyprus
CZ		Czech Republic
DE		Germany
DK		Denmark
EE		Estonia
EL		Greece
ES		Spain
FI		Finland
FK		Falkland Islands
FO		Faroe Islands
FR		France
FW		Wallis and Futuna Islands
GF		French Guiana
GG		Guernsey
GI		Gibraltar
GL		Greenland
GP		Guadeloupe
GS		South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands
HR		Croatia
HU		Hungary

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Code	Definition	Label
IC		Canary Islands
IE		Ireland
IM		Isle of Man
IO		British Indian Ocean Territory
IS		Iceland
IT		Italy
JE		Jersey
KY		Cayman Islands
LI		Liechtenstein
LT		Lithuania
LU		Luxembourg
LV		Latvia
ME		Montenegro
MF		Saint-Martin
MK		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
MQ		Martinique
MS		Montserrat
MT		Malta
NC		New Caledonia and Dependencies
NL		Netherlands
NO		Norway
PF		French Polynesia
PL		Poland
PM		St. Pierre and Miquelon
PN		Pitcairn
PT		Portugal
RE		Réunion
RO		Romania
RS		Serbia
SE		Sweden
SH		Saint Helena, Ascension Island, Tristan da Cunha
SI		Slovenia
SJ		Svalbard and Jan Mayen
SK		Slovakia
SX		Sint Maarten
TC		Turks and Caicos Islands
TF		French Southern and Antarctic Territories
TR		Turkey
UK		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
VG		British Virgin Islands
XK		Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244/99)
YT		Mayotte

4.2.1.2 Referencing Tables

Table Name

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4.2.2 Country code (Released at 29 Oct 2025)

4.2.2.1 Codelist

Code	Definition	Label
AI		Anguilla
AL		Albania
AT		Austria
AW		Aruba
AX		Åland Islands
BA		Bosnia and Herzegovina
BE		Belgium
BG		Bulgaria
BL		Saint Barthélemy
BM		Bermuda
BQ		Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba
BV		Bouvet Island
CH		Switzerland
CW		Curaçao
CY		Cyprus
CZ		Czech Republic
DE		Germany
DK		Denmark
EE		Estonia
EL		Greece
ES		Spain
FI		Finland
FK		Falkland Islands
FO		Faroe Islands
FR		France
FW		Wallis and Futuna Islands
GF		French Guiana
GG		Guernsey
GI		Gibraltar
GL		Greenland
GP		Guadeloupe
GS		South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands
HR		Croatia
HU		Hungary
IC		Canary Islands
IE		Ireland
IM		Isle of Man
IO		British Indian Ocean Territory
IS		Iceland

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IT		Italy
JE		Jersey
KY		Cayman Islands
LI		Liechtenstein
LT		Lithuania
LU		Luxembourg
LV		Latvia
ME		Montenegro
MF		Saint-Martin
MK		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
MQ		Martinique
MS		Montserrat
MT		Malta
NC		New Caledonia and Dependencies
NL		Netherlands
NO		Norway
PF		French Polynesia
PL		Poland
PM		St. Pierre and Miquelon
PN		Pitcairn
PT		Portugal
RE		Réunion
RO		Romania
RS		Serbia
SE		Sweden
SH		Saint Helena, Ascension Island, Tristan da Cunha
SI		Slovenia
SJ		Svalbard and Jan Mayen
SK		Slovakia
SX		Sint Maarten
TC		Turks and Caicos Islands
TF		French Southern and Antarctic Territories
TR		Turkey
UK		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
VG		British Virgin Islands
XK		Kosovo (under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244/99)
YT		Mayotte

4.2.2.2 Referencing Tables

Table Name
Designated area

4.2.3 Designation type code (Released at 13 Jan 2026)

4.2.3.1 Codelist

Code	Definition	Label
AD00		No Protection Status
AD01		Hunting Reserve
AD02		Municipal Natural Park
AD99		Other
AL01		National Park (category II)
AL02		Strict Nature Reserve (category I)
AL03		Managed Nature Reserve (category IV IUCN)
AL05		Protected Landscape (category V IUCN)
AL06		Nature Monument (Category III IUCN)
AL09		Resource Reserve (category VI)
AL99		Others
AM00		Not protected
AM01		Reserve
AM02		National park
AM03		Reservation
AM04		Nature monument
AM05		Ecological Network
AM06		Ecological corridor
AM07		Biosphere area
AM08		Specially protected areas lands
AM09		Ecological system, landscape
AM20		Forest range of water objects and water conservation
AM21		Protective forests
AM22		Specially protective forests
AM23		Water resources acvatories or water protection zones territory
AM24		The ground layer of The Republican border, Border zone, Border layer
AM25		Production forest
AM26		Land fund of the Republic of Armenia
AM27		Forests lands
AM28		Agricultural lands
AM29		Water lands
AM99		Other
AT01		National Park
AT02		Nature Park
AT03		Nature Reserve
AT04		Landscape Protection Area
AT05		Rest Area
AT06		Protected Landscape Section
AT08		Protected Natural Objects of local importance
AT10		Natural Monument or Site
AT23		Protected Habitat
AT25		Flora Protection Area
AT29		Biosphere Park

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Code	Definition	Label
AT39		landscape and nature protection area
AT40		protected biotopes
AT51		Ecological Development Area
AT52		ex-lege landscape protection
AT54		special conservation areas
AT55		townscape protected area
AT56		regional protected areas
AT70		strictly protected
AZ00		No Protection Status
AZ01		Strict Nature reserve,
AZ02		National Park
AZ03		Nature Park
AZ04		Ecological park
AZ05		State Natural Sanctuary
AZ06		Natural Monument
AZ07		Zoological park
AZ08		Botanical garden
AZ10		Medical - improving places and resorts
AZ11		Hunting management
AZ99		Other
BA00		No Protection Status
BA05		Reserve of Natural Landscape (former RBIH law)
BA07		National Park (FBIH law)
BA09		Protected Landscape - Terrestrial landscape - marine landscape (FBIH law)
BA10		Monument of nature and natural features IIIb (FBIH law)
BA11		Protected Natural Landscape V.1 (RS law)
BA12		Protected cultural landscape V.2 (RS law)
BA13		National Park II (RS law)
BA14		Nature Monument (RS law)
BA15		Wilderness area Ib (FBIH law)
BA16		Nature park IIIb (FBIH law)
BA17		Habitat / species management area IV (FBIH law)
BA18		Regional park Vb (FBIH law)
BA19		Protected areas with sustainable use of natural resources VI (FBIH law)
BA20		Strict nature reserve Ia (RS Law)
BA21		Special Nature Reserve Ib (RS law)
BA22		Protected habitat (RS law)
BA23		Nature park V.3 (RS law)
BA24		Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources VI (RS law) - Forest Park - objects of a shaped nature
BA99		Others
BE00		No Protection Status
BE01		State Nature Reserve (Walloon Region)
BE02		Certified Nature Reserve (Walloon Region)

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Code	Definition	Label
BE03		Forest Reserve (Flemish Region)
BE04		Forest Reserve (Walloon Region)
BE05		Nature Park (Walloon Region)
BE06		Certified Forest (Walloon Region)
BE07		Regional Nature Reserve (Flemish Region)
BE08		Certified Nature Reserve (Flemish Region)
BE09		Certified Forest Reserve (Flemish Region)
BE10		Military zones (Flemish Region)
BE11		Protected Dunes (Flemish Region)
BE13		Public Forest (Flemish Region)
BE14		Scientific Interest Site (Walloon Region)
BE16		Flemish Ecological Network (Flemish Region)
BE17		Nature management plan type 4 (Flemish Region)
BE18		Nature management plan type 3 (Flemish Region)
BE19		Nature management plan type 2 (Flemish Region)
BE20		Extended forest management plan (Flemish Region)
BE22		National park - core area
BE23		National park - development area
BE30		Regional nature reserve (Brussels Capital Region)
BE31		Certified Nature Reserve (Brussels Capital Region)
BE32		Forest Reserve (Brussels Capital Region)
BE33		Protected zone in the forest (Brussels Capital Region)
BE34		Green zone of high biological value (Brussels Capital Region)
BE99		Others
BG00		No Protection Status
BG01		Strict Nature Reserve
BG02		National Park
BG03		Natural Monument
BG04		Managed Reserve
BG05		Nature Park
BG06		Protected Site
BG08		Protected Zone in accordance with the Bird Directive
BG09		Protected Zone in accordance with the Habitat Directive
BG21		State Game Husbandries
BG22		Protected Forests
BG23		Recreation Forests
BG31		Fish Farm
BG99		Others
BY00		No Protection Status
BY01		National Park
BY02		Biosphere Reserve

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Code	Definition	Label
BY03		Reserve of National Importance
BY04		Reserve of Local Importance
BY05		Key Plant Habitats
BY06		Key Birds Habitats
BY07		Natural Monument
BY99		Others
CH01		Swiss National Park
CH02		Federal Inventory of Raised and Transitional Mires of National Importance
CH03		Federal Inventory of Alluvial Zones of National Importance
CH04		Federal Inventory of Fenlands of National Importance
CH05		Federal Inventory of Amphibian Spawning Areas of National Importance
CH06		Federal Inventory of Dry Grasslands and Pastures of National Importance
CH09		Federal Inventory of Reserves for Waterbirds and Migratory Birds of International and National Imp.
CH10		Federal Hunting Reserves
CH13		RAMSAR Sites
CH14		Emerald Sites
CH21		Cantonal Nature Reserves
CH22		Communal Nature Reserves
CH23		Contracts of Management for Compensating Areas in Agriculture
CH24		Cantonal Hunting Reserves
CH32		Waterside Vegetation
CH33		Protection of Hedges
CH34		Private Nature Reserves
CH51		Geoparks
CH52		Forest Reserves
CH53		Core zone
CY00		No Protection Status
CY01		State Forest Area
CY02		Permanent Forest Reserve
CY03		National Forest Park
CY04		Nature Reserve
CY05		Permanent Game Reserve Area
CY06		Turtle Nesting Beach
CY07		National Park
CY08		Marine Reserve
CY09		RAMSAR Wetland
CY10		UNESCO Global Geopark
CY11		Marine Protected Area
CY12		Coasts and Areas for Nature Protection
CY13		Areas of Special Aesthetic Value
CY14		Protected Landscape
CY99		Others
CZ01		National Nature Reserve

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Code	Definition	Label
CZ02		Nature Reserve
CZ03		National Nature Monument
CZ04		Nature Monument
CZ07		National Park
CZ09		Protected Landscape Area
CZ10		Contract Protected Area
DE00		No Protection Status
DE01		National Park
DE02		Nature Reserve
DE03		Natural Monument
DE04		Protected Landscape Component
DE06		Species Protection Area
DE07		Landscape Protection Area
DE08		Nature monuments
DE09		biosphere reserve
DE11		Forest Protection Area - No exploitation
DE12		Forest Protection Area - Limited exploitation
DE13		Protection Forest (Soil, Erosion, Avalanche)
DE21		Nature Conservation Organisation Property
DE22		Private statue (contracts) providing durable protection for fauna, flora and habitats
DE23		Agreements on nature conservation on military used estates
DE30		biosphere reserve - core area
DE31		biosphere reserve - buffer zone
DE32		biosphere reserve - transition area
DE99		Others
DK01		Protected by conservation order, excl. Church surroundings
DK03		§3 protected habitats (all lakes, bogs, streams, heaths and meadows etc.)
DK04		Ancient monument surroundings
DK05		Nature and Wildlife reserve
DK06		EU Habitats Directive area
DK07		EU Birds Directive area
DK08		Ramsar area
DK10		Marine Strategy Area
DK11		State Forest with untouched or biodiversity managed forest
DK21		Owned by foundation with Nature protection Aims
DK22		National Park
DK91		Coast protection line
DK92		River and lake protection line
DK93		Forest protection line
DK94		Forest reserves - multiple use forestry areas
DK95		Oak scrub protected by law
DK96		Indigenous/semi-natural forest protected in State Forests
DK97		Forest untouched or biodiversity managed, protected by statute

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Code	Definition	Label
DK98		Protected dune areas (§8)
EE01		Strict nature reserve of nature reserve
EE02		Wilderness conservation zone of nature reserve
EE03		Managed conservation zone of nature reserve
EE04		Limited management zone of nature reserve
EE05		Nature reserve
EE06		Strict nature reserve of national park
EE07		Wilderness conservation zone of national park
EE08		Managed conservation zone of national park
EE09		Limited management zone of national park
EE10		National park
EE11		Wilderness conservation zone of protected landscape
EE12		Managed conservation zone of protected landscape
EE13		Limited management zone of protected landscape
EE14		Protected landscape (nature park)
EE15		Unzoned protected area
EE16		Species' protection site
EE17		Limited-conservation area
EE18		Protected nature monument
EE20		Spawning area
EE23		Woodland key habitat
EE24		Heritage conservation area
EE25		Cultural monument
EE27		Environmental monitoring station or site
EE28		No-construction zone of shore or bank
EE29		Limited management zone of shore or bank
EE30		Water protection zone of shore or bank
EE33		Sanitary protection zone of water intake
EE34		Nitrate sensitive area
EE41		Natural object protected at municipal level
EE42		Habitat/species management zone of species' protection site
EE43		Limited management zone of species' protection site
EE44		Limited management zone of natural object protected at municipal level
EL01		Absolute Nature Reserve area
EL02		Absolute nature reserve zone in National Park
EL03		Absolute nature reserve zone in National Marine Park
EL05		Core zone in National (Woodland) Park
EL06		Natural Monuments and landmarks (protected as strict nature reserve)
EL07		Nature reserve area
EL08		Nature reserve zone in National Park
EL09		Nature reserve zone in National Marine Park
EL11		National (Woodland) Park - Peripheral zone
EL12		Aesthetic Forest

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Code	Definition	Label
EL21		Game breeding station
EL23		Controlled hunting area
EL24		Protected Forest
EL28		Protected significant natural formation, protected landscape and landscape elements
EL84		Nature reserve zone in Regional Park
EL85		Absolute nature reserve zone in Regional Park
EL86		Absolute nature reserve zone in Nature Reserve Area
EL87		Protected Natural Formation
EL88		Protected Landscape /Seascape
EL89		Regional Park
EL90		Nature reserve area - Peripheral zone
EL91		National Marine Park - Peripheral zone
EL92		National Park - Peripheral zone
EL95		Wildlife Refuge
EL96		National Park
EL97		National Marine Park
EL98		Protected area not yet classified
EL99		Others
ES01		Nature Reserve (Special)
ES02		Integral Reserve
ES03		Marine Protected Area
ES04		Nature Reserve
ES05		Nature Reserve (Wildlife)
ES06		Nature Reserve (Parcial)
ES07		Nature Reserve (Integral)
ES08		Nacional Park
ES09		Periurban Protected Area
ES10		Natural Park
ES11		Regional Park
ES12		Periurban Park
ES13		Nature Place
ES14		Nature Place (National Interest)
ES15		Nature Place (Local Interest)
ES16		Site of national interest
ES17		Site of scientific interest
ES18		Nature enclave
ES19		Natural Monument
ES20		Natural Monument (National Interest)
ES21		Singular tree
ES24		Natural Area (recreational)
ES25		Nature Place (picturesque)
ES30		Nature Reserve
ES31		Nature Reserve (Management)
ES32		Microreserve
ES33		Biosphere Reserve
ES34		Protected Wetland
ES35		Natural Area of Special Interest

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Code	Definition	Label
ES40		Natural Area (singular)
ES43		Protection Plan
ES44		Wild Fauna Reserve
ES46		Natura 2000
ES47		Area of regional interest
ES48		Natura 2000
ES49		Natura 2000
ES50		Wetland Site
ES51		Cave
ES52		Ecocultural corridor
ES53		Private Area (Ecological interest)
ES54		Natura2000
ES55		Natura2000
ES56		Natura2000
ES88		Marine Reserve
ES89		Nature Reserve (Marine)
ES90		Protected Biotop
ES91		Fluvial Reserve
ES92		Rural Park
ES93		Site of scientific interest
ES94		Protected Landscape
ES96		Natura 2000
ES97		Ecological corridor
ES98		Animal Refuge
FI01		Strict Nature Reserve
FI02		National Park
FI03		State Nature Reserve
FI04		Natural Monument on State Owned Land
FI11		Wilderness Area
FI12		State Hiking Area
FI13		State Forest Protected by Decision of the Forest and Park Service
FI14		Esker or Rock Area Protected by the Land Extraction Act
FI15		Watersystem protected by the Act on Protection of Rapids
FI16		Private Nature Reserve
FI17		Natural Monument on Private Land
FI18		Private Nature Reserve administrated by Metsähallitus
FI20		Forest habitats of special importance according to the Forest Act (OECM)
FI21		Forestry environmental aid contracts (OECM)
FI92		Temporary Protection Order
FI93		Site of Species Under Strict Protection
FI94		Protected Habitat Type
FI95		Grey Seal Protection Area
FI96		Old Growth Forest Reserve
FI97		Herb Rich Forest Reserve
FI98		Protected Mire

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Code	Definition	Label
FR00		No Protection Status
FR01		National Park - Core Area
FR02		National Park - Integrale Reserve
FR03		National Nature Reserve
FR05		Biotope Protection Order
FR06		Forest Biological Reserve
FR07		Forest Managed Biological Reserve
FR08		Forest Integral Biological Reserve
FR11		Protection Forest
FR12		Registered natural monument/site
FR13		Classified natural monument/site
FR14		Land acquired by Conservatoire du Littoral (national seaside and lakeside conservancy)
FR15		Regional Nature Park
FR16		National Park - Buffer zone/Area of adhesion
FR17		National Hunting and Wildlife Reserve
FR18		National Marine Hunting Reserve
FR19		National River Hunting Reserve
FR20		ACCA Hunting Reserve
FR21		State Riverine Fishing Reserve
FR22		Conventional Nature Reserve
FR23		State Forest
FR24		Community Forest
FR31		Land acquired by a regional conservatory of natural areas
FR32		Land acquired by territorial duty on sensitive natural areas
FR34		Marine Nature Park
FR35		Regional Nature Reserve
FR36		Corsican Nature Reserve
FR37		Protected perimeter around a national nature reserve
FR38		Protected perimeter around a regional nature reserve
FR39		Geotope Protection Order
FR40		Natural habitats protection Order
FR99		Others
GE00		No Protection Status
GE01		Strict Nature Reserve
GE02		National Park
GE03		Natural Monument
GE04		Managed Nature Reserve
GE05		Protected Landscape/Seascape Reserve
GE06		Multiple Use Area
GE99		Other
GL01		National Park
GL02		Nature Reserve
HR00		No Protection Status
HR01		Strict Reserve
HR02		Special Reserve

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Code	Definition	Label
HR03		National Park
HR04		Nature Park
HR05		Regional Park
HR06		Natural Monument
HR07		Significant Landscape
HR08		Forest Park
HR09		Horticultural Monument
HR99		Others
HU00		No Protection Status
HU01		National Park
HU02		Landscape Protection Area
HU03		Nature Conservation Area
HU04		Local Nature Conservation Area
HU05		Forest Reserve
HU06		Ex lege Protected Mire
HU07		Ex lege Protected Sodic Lake
HU08		Natural Monument
HU09		Cave
HU10		Environmentally Sensitive Areas
HU11		Naturpark
HU99		Other
IE00		No Protection Status
IE01		National Nature Reserve (state ownership)
IE02		National Nature Reserve (private ownership)
IE03		National Park
IE04		Refuge for Fauna
IE05		No shooting area (Wildfowl Sanctuary)
IE11		Fresh waters designated under terms of Directive 87/659/EEC - S.I. 293 of 1988
IE12		Tree preservation order
IE13		Special amenity area order
IE21		Land owned by a non-governmental organisation for nature conservation
IE97		Refuge for Flora
IE98		Natural Heritage Area
IS00		No Protection Status
IS01		National Park
IS02		Nature Reserve
IS03		Natural Monument
IS04		Public Recreation Area or Country Park
IS05		Conservation Area
IS06		Habitat protection
IS07		Strict Nature Reserve
IS08		Wilderness Area
IS09		Protected Landscape/Seascape
IS10		Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources
IS99		Others
IT00		No Protection Status

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Code	Definition	Label
IT01		National Park
IT02		State Nature Reserve
IT03		Interregional Nature Park
IT04		Regional/Provincial Nature Park
IT05		Regional/Provincial Nature Reserve
IT06		Natural Monument
IT07		Fauna Protection Area
IT11		Natural Beauties
IT13		Hydrogeological Obligation Area
IT14		Spring and Water-Bearing Stratum Protection Areas
IT30		Other Protected Natural Regional Areas
IT31		Biogenetic forest reserve
IT32		Protection Area for Lanes of Migratory Birds
IT33		Catch and Release Zone
IT34		Bordering Areas of Protected Areas
IT35		Environmental assets
IT36		Sensible Areas
IT37		International significance Natural Marine Area
IT41		Site of Community importance
IT42		Special Area of Conservation
IT43		Nitrate vulnerable zones
IT44		Fresh waters needing protection or improvement in order to support fish life
IT45		Shellfish waters
IT90		Natural Marine Reserve and Natural Protected Marine Areas
IT94		Biological Protection Marine Area
IT95		Hunting and Fauna Management Farm
IT99		Others
LI01		Nature Reserve
LI02		Protected Area
LI03		Forest Reserve
LI04		Protected Forest
LT00		No Protection Status
LT01		State Strict Reserve
LT02		Nature Reserve
LT03		State Park
LT04		Biosphere Reserve
LT05		Recuperational plot
LT06		Biosphere polygon
LT99		Other
LU00		No Protection Status
LU01		RAMSAR
LU02		Protected Area
LU03		Integral forest protection area
LU04		Protected Landscape
LU05		Nature Park
LU06		ZSC - Natura 2000

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Code	Definition	Label
LU07		ZPS - Natura 2000
LU08		ZPIC
LU09		Reglemented drinking water protection zones
LU99		Others
LV01		Strict Nature Reserve
LV02		National Park
LV03		Nature Park
LV04		Nature Monument
LV05		Nature Reserve
LV06		Protected Landscape Area
LV07		Biosphere Reserve
LV08		Micro-reserve
LV09		Protected Marine Area
MD00		Unprotected
MD01		Scientific Reserve
MD02		National Park
MD03		Nature Monument
MD04		Natural Reserve
MD05		Landscape Reserve
MD06		Resources Reserve
MD07		Areas of Multifunctional Management
MD08		Biosphere Reserve
MD09		Botanical Garden
MD10		Dendrological Garden
MD11		Monuments of Landscape Architecture
MD12		Zoological Garden
MD13		Wetlands of International Importance
MD99		Others
ME00		No Protection Status
ME01		Strict Nature Reserve
ME02		Special Nature Reserve
ME03		National Park
ME04		Nature Park
ME05		Natural Monument
ME07		Landscape with special features
ME08		Protected species of plants, animals and fungi - strictly protected and protected wild species
ME99		Others
MK01		Strict Natural Reserve
MK02		National Park
MK03		Natural Monument
MK04		Nature Park
MK05		Protected Landscape
MK06		Multipurpose Area
MK13		Natural rarities
MK98		Designated area not yet reviewed
MK99		Other protected areas
MT00		No Protection Status
MT01		Area of Ecological Importance

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MT02		Area of Ecological Importance/Site of Scientific Importance
MT03		Bird Sanctuary
MT04		Nature Reserve (Islands)
MT05		Nature Reserve (Filfla)
MT06		Tree Protection Area
MT07		Site of Scientific Importance
MT08		List of Historical Trees Having an Antiquarian Importance
MT09		No Berthing Zone/No Entry Zone except for Fisheries
MT10		Special Areas of Conservation - National Importance
MT11		Special Areas of Conservation - International Importance
MT12		Protected Beaches
MT13		Special Protection Areas
MT14		National Park
MT15		Area of High Landscape Value
MT16		Special Area of Geological Importance
MT17		Nature Reserve(Il-Ponta tal-Qawra)
MT99		Others
NL00		No Protection Status
NL01		Nature Conservation Act
NL21		Nature Reserves owned by professional nature management organizations
NL22		National Park
NL92		National Park to be established
NL99		Others
NO01		National Park
NO02		Protected Landscape
NO03		Nature Reserve
NO04		Habitat management area
NO05		Marine Protected Area
NO11		Natural Monument
NO13		Botanical Protection of Species
NO15		Zoological Protection of Species
NO16		Botanical/Zoological Protection of Species
NO17		Wildlife Conservation Area
NO19		Botanical Conservation Area
NO21		Wildlife/Botanical Conservation Area
NO23		Wildlife Conservation Area
NO31		National Park (Svalbard)
NO33		Nature Reserve (Svalbard)
NO34		Protected Geotope (Svalbard)
NO39		Protected Biotope (Svalbard)
NO43		Nature Reserve (Antarctic)
NO53		Nature Reserve (Jan Mayen)
NO90		Temporary Protected Area
NO99		Other designation

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PL00		No Protection Status
PL01		National Park
PL02		Nature Reserve
PL03		Landscape Park
PL04		Protected Landscape Area
PL99		Others
PT00		No Protection Status
PT01		Integral Reserve
PT03		Botanical Reserve
PT06		National Park
PT07		Nature Reserve
PT08		Nature Park
PT09		Natural Monument
PT11		Protected Landscape
PT12		Leisure and Mountain Reserve
PT13		Geological and High Altitude Vegetation Reserve
PT14		Silence and Tranquility Area
PT15		Habitats or Species Management Protected Area
PT16		Resource Management Protected Area
PT17		Microreserve
PT18		Marine Reserve
PT19		Marine Park
PT21		National Ecological Reserve
PT22		Public Hydrological Territory
PT23		National Agricultural Reserve
PT28		Hunting Prohibited Area
PT29		Hunting Reserve
PT30		National Hunting Zone
PT31		Fishing Prohibited Area
PT37		Professional Fishing Zone
PT38		Recreational Fishing Zone
PT42		Private Protected Area
PT43		Hunting Prohibited Area
PT44		Integral Natural Reserve
PT45		Partial Reserve
PT46		Protected Landscape
PT50		Forest Perimeter
PT53		Municipal Hunting Zone
PT54		Touristic Hunting Zone
PT55		Corporate Hunting Zone
PT56		No Hunting Area
PT57		Regional Protected Landscape
PT58		Regional Natural Monument
PT59		Regional Natural Park
PT60		Regional Nature Reserve
PT61		Local Protected Landscape
PT62		Local Natural Monument

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Code	Definition	Label
PT63		Local Natural Park
PT64		Local Nature Reserve
PT65		Partial Nature Reserve
PT99		Other
RO00		Unprotected area
RO01		Scientific reserve
RO02		National park
RO03		Natural monument
RO04		Nature reserve
RO05		Natural park
RO08		Biosphere Reserve
RO10		Not Assigned
RS00		No Protection Status
RS01		National Park
RS02		Nature Reserve
RS03		Natural Monument
RS04		Landscape of Outstanding Qualities
RS05		Area of Cultural and Historical Importance
RS06		Nature Park
RS07		Regional Nature Park
RS10		Protected habitat
RS99		Others
RU00		No protection status
RU01		State Strictly Protected Nature Reserve Federal (National) level
RU02		National Park, Federal level
RU03		State Nature Reserve, Federal level
RU05		Natural Park
RU06		Natural Monument, Federal level
RU07		State Nature Reserve, Regional level
RU08		Other PA categories at Regional level
RU09		Natural Monument, Regional level
RU10		Different categories of PA legislated at the Local (Municipal) level
RU99		Other
SE01		National Park
SE02		Nature Reserve
SE03		Nature Conservation Area
SE04		Habitat Protection Area
SE06		Wildlife and Plant Sanctuary
SE07		National city park
SE08		Natura 2000 SCI
SE09		Natura 2000 SPA
SE10		Nature conservation agreement, County Administrative Board
SE11		Nature conservation agreement, Swedish Forest Agency
SE12		Nature conservation agreement
SE13		Nature conservation agreement
SE14		Agreement between government agencies

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SE15		Voluntary set-aside areas
SE98		Natural Monument
SE99		Others
SI00		Unprotected
SI01		Strict Nature Reserve
SI02		Nature Reserve
SI03		Natural Monument
SI04		National Park
SI05		Regional Park
SI06		Landscape Park
SI07		Ecological Important Area
SI08		Specialy Protected Area
SI10		Protection Forest
SI11		Special Purpose Forest
SI12		Special-purpose Hunting District
SI13		Fishing Reserve
SI14		Horticultural Monument
SI99		Others
SK01		National Nature Reserve
SK02		Nature Reserve / Private Nature Reserve
SK03		National Nature Monument
SK04		Nature Monument / Private Nature Monument
SK05		Protected Site / Private Protected Site
SK06		Buffer Zone of a National Nature Reserve, Nature Reserve, National Nature Monument, Nature Monument;
SK07		Buffer Zone of a Protected Site
SK08		National Park; third level of protection
SK09		Buffer Zone of the National Park; second level/grade of protection
SK10		Protected Landscape Area; second level of protection
SK13		Protected feature
TR01		National Park
TR02		Nature Park
TR03		Natural Monument
TR04		Nature Protection Areas
TR05		Special Environmental Protection Areas
TR06		Wetlands
TR07		RAMSAR Sites
TR13		City Forest
TR14		Wildlife Conservation Areas
TR16		Protected Forests
TR17		Gene Conservation Forests (in situ)
TR18		Seed Stands
TR21		Seed Orchard (ex situ)
TR37		Natural Preservation Sites
UA00		No protection
UA01		Nature Reserve
UA02		National Nature Park

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Code	Definition	Label
UA03		Natural Monument
UA04		Regional Landscape Park
UA05		Biosphere Reserve
UA06		Parks-monument of garden art
UA07		Reservation
UA08		Reserve Stow
UA09		Botanical garden
UA10		Zoological park
UA11		Dendrological Park
UA99		Others
UK00		No Protection Status
UK01		National Nature Reserve
UK04		Site of Special Scientific Interest (GB)
UK05		Marine Conservation Zone
UK06		Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area
UK07		Demonstration and Research Marine Protected Area
UK30		Fisheries Management Area
UK83		Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NI)
UK85		Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
UK87		Voluntary Reserve
UK88		Regional Park
UK91		National Scenic Area
UK92		Heritage Coast
UK96		Local Nature Reserve
UK97		National Park
UK98		Area of Special Scientific Interest (NI)
XK00		No Protection Status
XK01		National Park
XK02		Strict Nature Reserve
XK04		Nature Park
XK05		Protected Landscape
XK06		Natural Monument
XK07		Wetlands
XK08		Elements of agricultural landscape

4.2.3.2 Referencing Tables

Table Name
Designated area