

Protected territories

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2 Metadata update	
2.1 Date of last update	20.03.2023
3 Statistical presentation	
3.1 Data description	
<p>The data provide users with information about protected areas in Slovakia. They provide an overview of the number and size of protected areas by type (national parks, protected landscape areas (PLAs), nature reserves, national nature reserves, natural monuments, national natural monuments, protected sites, protected landscape elements and special protection areas (SPAs). <i>Note: Specially protected parts of nature and landscape also include sites of Community importance (SCI) , areas of international importance, private protected areas as well as protected trees and protective zones of the protected areas and protected trees. These areas/features are not included in categories of protected areas under § 17 of Act No. 543/2002 Coll. on Nature and Landscape Protection, as amended (though SCIs are considered as protected areas within procedures under the relevant acts) and so were not recorded in the overviews for Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic. During the amendment of the cited Act (Act No. 506/2013 Coll.), a new category was added - municipal protected area, which has not yet been included in the data of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic.</i></p>	
3.2 Classification system	
<p>Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS1). Categories of protected areas are set down in Act. No. 543/2002 Coll. on Nature and Landscape Protection, as amended - § 17 and following sections.</p>	
3.3 Sector coverage	
Not relevant.	

3.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

A protected area is a geographically defined territory that is designated, regulated and managed with the intent to achieve specific conservation objectives. These are sites with habitats of the Community and national interest, habitats of species of the Community and national interest, habitats of birds, including migratory species, important landscape elements or natural features. Categories of protected areas are: PLAs, national parks, nature reserves, national nature reserves, nature monuments, national nature monuments, protected sites, protected landscape elements and SPAs (*note: as well as SCIs*).

3.5 Statistical unit

Not relevant.

3.6 Statistical population

All protected areas in the records of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic.

3.7 Reference area

Statistics of protected territories are available for the SR together.

3.8 Time coverage

1989-2021

3.9 Base period

Not applicable.

4 Unit of measure

Number of protected areas and hectare (for area of protected territories).

5 Reference period

The reference period is the calendar year.

6 Institutional mandate

6.1 Legal acts and other agreements

Protected areas (definitions, conditions for protection, designation, etc.) are regulated by the Act No. 543/2002 Coll. on Nature and Landscape Protection, as amended. The Government of the Slovak Republic declares protected areas by its regulation except for the municipal protected

areas which are declared by the municipalities and for the private protected areas which are declared by the competent district office.

Data on protected areas are recorded in the State Inventory of Specially Protected Parts of Nature and Landscape (§ 51 of the cited Act), management of which was entrusted by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic to the Slovak Museum of Nature Protection and Speleology (<http://www.smopaj.sk/sk/statny> - list).

Note: In addition to the national network of protected areas, there are sites of the European network Natura 2000 (consisting from SPAs and SCIs) and areas of international importance designated in Slovakia according to regulations of EU and international conventions, agreements and programs in the field of nature and landscape protection. These areas overlap in a large extent with the national network of protected areas and are not included in the overviews of the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic (except for SPAs).

6.2 Data sharing

Information on protected areas are also provided in annual reports in the State of the environment report of the Slovak Republic and are published on the website of the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic - List of protected areas (<http://www.sopsr.sk/web/?cl=114>).

Nationally protected areas are also reported annually (by the end of March) at the European level - in the Common database for designated areas (CDDA): <https://rod.eionet.europa.eu/obligations/32>.

The reports of the Slovak Republic are available on the EIONET portal: <https://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/en/eea/cdda1/> .

Data on Natura 2000 sites are submitted by EU member states to the European Commission in accordance with Commission implementing decision 2011/484 / EU of 11 July 2011 on the format for providing information on Natura 2000 sites. These data are available at <http://natura2000.eea.europa.eu>

7 Confidentiality

7.1 Confidentiality - policy

These data are not covered by the statistical confidentiality policy.

7.2 Confidentiality - data treatment

Data on the number of protected areas and their area for the SR are publicly accessible data.

8 Release policy

8.1 Release calendar

Not applicable.

8.2 Release calendar access

Not applicable.

8.3 User access

The statistical information dissemination policy is formulated in accordance with the State Statistics Act, the Statistical Office Development Strategy, the Eurostat Information Dissemination Strategy and the European Statistics Code of Practice.

The principles of publishing and providing statistical information are available on the SO SR website at:

<https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/services/infoservis/principles>

9 Frequency of dissemination

Yearly.

10 Accessibility and clarity

10.1 News release

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10.2 Publications

Data on protected territories are published in the publication Selected indicators on Environment, which is available on the website of the SO SR

<https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/themes/environment/environment/publications>

Selected indicators on Environment is published according to the Catalogue of publications.

Statistical Yearbook of the Slovak Republic - contains data also for protected areas.

The Catalogue of publications contains basic information about publications, release dates and language versions. All publications are available at the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic.

The Catalogue of publications is available on the website of the SO SR at:

<https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/products/publikacie/catalogue>

10.3 On-line database

SO SR database: DATAcube, access at:

<https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/Databases>

10.4 Micro-data access

Not relevant.

10.5 Other

State list of specially protected parts of nature and landscape of the Slovak Republic, respectively data are available on the website enviroportal (<http://uzemia.enviroportal.sk/>).

10.6 Documentation on methodology

Nature protection documentation, reservation books of protected areas, generally binding legal regulations by which individual protected areas were declared, own databases.

10.7 Quality documentation

SO SR internal documentation to ensure the quality of statistical outputs:

- Methodological guideline for applying mathematical-statistical methods for the statistical survey
- Methodological Instruction - Quality Indicators of Statistical Outputs and Statistical Processes
- Code of Practice for European Statistics: <https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/aboutus/key.documents/code.of.practise> .

11 Quality management

11.1 Quality assurance

The SO SR has a quality management system in place. The Quality Manual includes a description of the quality management system and the fulfillment of ISO 9001 requirements. The application of the Manual ensures that all activities that affect the quality of the products being produced are planned, managed, reviewed, evaluated and meet the requirements accepted in the order. The Quality Guide is available at:

https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/wcm/connect/9ca43aa4-bfaf-4101-9dae-5263aa834df7/Prirucka_kvality.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=mu8R9IM&CVID=mu8R9IM

The basis of the whole quality management system is the Code of Practice for European Statistics: <https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/aboutus/key.documents/code.of.practise>

11.2 Quality assessment

The quality of protected areas statistics is very good.

12 Relevance

12.1 User needs

The main users of data on the number and size of protected areas are: central government authorities, research organizations, academia, researchers and students, professional associations, etc.

12.2 User satisfaction

Since 2009, the Statistical Office of the SR has been conducting customer satisfaction surveys with its products and services at two-year intervals. The aim of the surveys is to get information about the interest and opinions of users on providing and quality of statistical products and services. The information obtained is a valuable source for the further activities of the SO SR. The result of the satisfaction survey in 2020 is available on the website of the SO SR at:

<https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/aboutus/marketing/survey.of.satisfaction>

It was not measured for protected territories statistics.

12.3 Completeness

100% - data are available for all protected areas in the list. Time series of data for individual indicators are available in the public database of the SO SR.

13 Accuracy and reliability

13.1 Overall accuracy

13.2 Sampling error

Not relevant. This is not a statistical survey.

13.3 Non-sampling error

Not relevant. This is not a statistical survey.

14 Timeliness and punctuality

14.1 Timeliness

Publication of data in the public database of the SO SR is governed by an internal schedule. Data on protected areas are published within 9 months after the reference year.

14.2 Punctuality

Publication deadlines are met.

15 Coherence and comparability

15.1 Comparability - geographical

Not relevant. Statistics of protected areas are compiled for the whole territory of the Slovak Republic.

15.2 Comparability - over time

In 1995 the Act no. 287/1994 Coll. on Nature and Landscape Protection changed the structure of categories of protected areas and since this year the published data are fully comparable.

15.3 Coherence - cross domain

Not relevant.

15.4 Coherence - internal

There have been no deviations since 1995.

16 Cost and burden

The SO of the SR regularly monitors the workload of reporting units. As part of the optimization of statistical surveys, it takes measures aimed at reducing their burden. The cost and workload at the level of European statistical products and its monitoring is the responsibility of the Directorate Group for Resources within Eurostat.

17 Data revision

17.1 Data revision - policy

The revision policy governs the basic rules and general procedures by which the pre-drafted data is later revised as well as applied in revisions for other reasons. The revision policy and calendar is available on the SO SR website at:

<https://slovak.statistics.sk/wps/portal/ext/products/revisions>

17.2 Data revision - practice

Not applicable.

18 Statistical processing

18.1 Source data

Data on protected areas can be found in the register of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic.

18.2 Frequency of data collection

Yearly.

18.3 Data collection

The SO SR obtains data from administrative sources of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic.

18.4 Data validation

18.5 Data compilation**18.6 Adjustment**

Data are not being adjusted.

19 Comment