

Biosphere reserves in Germany

Data as of May 2011

Biosphere reserve (German state)	Area [ha]				UNESCO recognition
	Total	Core area	Buffer zone	Transition area	
Südost-Rügen (MV) (South-eastern Rügen island)	22.900	349 (1,4%)	3.204 (14%)	19.347 (84,6%)	1991
Schleswig-Holsteinisches Wattenmeer und Halligen (SH) (Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea)	443.100	157.000 (35,4%)	284.000 (64%)	2.100 (0,6%)	1990
Hamburgisches Wattenmeer (HH) (Hamburg Wadden Sea)	11.700	10.530 (90%)	1.170 (10%)	-	1992
Niedersächsisches Wattenmeer (NI) (Lower Saxony Wadden Sea)	240.000	130.000 (54,2%)	108.000 (45%)	2.000 (0,8%)	1992
Schaalsee (MV)	30.900	1.916 (6,2%)	8.930 (28,9%)	20.054 (65 %)	2000
Schorfheide-Chorin (BB)	129.160	3.901 (3 %)	24.440 (19 %)	100.819 (78 %)	1990
Flusslandschaft Elbe (BB, MV, NI, SH, ST) inkl. Mittelelbe (ST) seit 1979 (Elbe river landscape)	275.893	3.570 (1,3%)	55.523 (20,1%)	216.800 (78,6%)	1997
Spreewald (BB) (Spree Forest)	47.509	974 (2,1%)	9.334 (19,6%)	37.201 (78,3%)	1991
Karstlandschaft Südharz (ST) (Southern Harz – gypsum karst region)	30.034	918 (3 %)	9.760 (32,5 %)	19.356 (64,5 %)	recognition applied
Oberlausitzer Heide- und Teichlandschaft (SN) (Oberlausitz heathland and pond landscapes)	30.102	1.124 (3,7%)	12.015 (39,9%)	16.963 (56,4%)	1996
Vessertal-Thüringer Wald (TH) (Vessertal-Thuringian Forest)	17.081	562 (3,3%)	1.949 (11,4%)	14.570 (85,3%)	1979
Rhön (BY, HE, TH)	185.262*	3.577 (2 %)	50.880 (27,5%)	125.105 (67,5%)	1991
Bliesgau (SL)	36.152	1.103 (3 %)	7.051 (19,5 %)	27.998 (77,5 %)	2009
Pfälzerwald-Nordvogesen (RP) (Palatinate Forest-North Vosges)	177.842	3.939 (2,2%)	49.261 (27,7%)	124.642 (70,1%)	1992
Schwäbische Alb (BW)	85.269	2.645 (3,1 %)	35.410 (41,5 %)	47.214 (55,4 %)	2009
Berchtesgadener Land (BY) (Berchtesgaden country)	84.000	13.896 (16,5%)	9.537 (11,4%)	60.551 (72,1%)	1990
sum	1.846.904	336.004	670.464	834.720	

* 5.700 ha not divided into zones yet

Source: Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), 2011, from data provided by the German states and the biosphere reserve administrations