

## Selected protected area categories in Germany

| Protected area category                 | Legal basis under the Federal Nature Conservation Act* <sup>1</sup> | Number | Area (hectare)                                       | Percentage of land surface* <sup>2</sup> | Status  |
|---|---|--------|--|--|---------|
| Nature conservation area                | § 23  | 8,676  | 1,378,410 * <sup>3</sup><br>1,902,812 * <sup>4</sup> | 3.9 * <sup>3</sup>                       | 12/2014 |
| National park                           | § 24  | 16     | 214,558 * <sup>3</sup><br>1,047,859 * <sup>4</sup>   | 0.6 * <sup>3</sup>                       | 11/2015 |
| National natural monument               | § 24 (4)  | -      | -  | -  | 11/2015 |
| Biosphere reserve                       | § 25  | 17     | 1,311,636 * <sup>3</sup><br>1,977,682 * <sup>4</sup> | 3.7 * <sup>3</sup>                       | 02/2016 |
| Landscape protection area               | § 26  | 8,531  | 10,017,634 * <sup>7</sup>                            | 27.9                                     | 12/2014 |
| Nature park                             | § 27  | 103    | 9,946,967  | 27.9                                     | 02/2016 |
| Habitats Directive site under 92/43/EEC | § 32, 33  | 4,557  | 3,348,220 * <sup>5</sup><br>5,447,907 * <sup>6</sup> | 9.4 * <sup>5</sup>                       | 11/2015 |
| Bird Directives site under 79/409/EEC   | § 32, 33  | 742    | 4,030,119 * <sup>5</sup><br>5,996,580 * <sup>6</sup> | 11.3 * <sup>5</sup>                      | 11/2015 |

Source: Federal Agency for Nature Conservation 2016 using data from the German Bundesländer and protected area administrations  
Data as of: 02/2016

\*<sup>1</sup> Protected areas as defined under the Federal Nature Conservation Act, citing the article in which the protected area category is defined.

\*<sup>2</sup> Reference: Statistical land area (excluding intertidal and marine areas)

\*<sup>3</sup> Excluding water surface area of the North Sea and Baltic Sea

\*<sup>4</sup> Including water surface and intertidal areas in the North Sea and Baltic Sea, and marine areas in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

\*<sup>5</sup> Terrestrial areas (excluding Lake Constance, intertidal, bodden and marine areas)

\*<sup>6</sup> Including Lake Constance, intertidal, bodden and marine areas

\*<sup>7</sup> Excluding water surface areas in the North Sea. For Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, including water surface areas in the Greifswalder Bodden landscape protection area