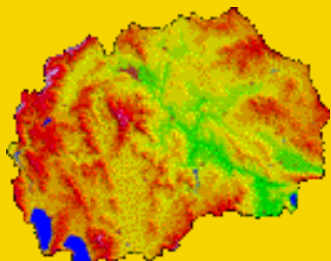


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NATURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND MAINTAINING

Background

The natural conditions prevailing in the Republic of Macedonia (its relief structure, climate, hydrography, pedological factor) enable it to be classified as one of the few countries in Europe possessing a rich variety of habitats, plant and animal species and their communities. Natural heritage conservation in the Republic of Macedonia has been regulated by its Constitution and by legal and derived rules and regulations.

The Constitution defines natural heritage as an essential value of our State having, as such, priority in the national development trends.



In accordance with relevant legal provisions, certain natural heritage categories of regional i.e local importance have been placed under protection by specific decisions of State bodies or by relevant decisions of local self-management authorities (former municipal councils and the City of Skopje Council).

Natural Heritage Categorization

In accordance with the 1973 Law on Natural Rarity Conservation, natural heritage values have been placed into four conservation groups,

- [SoE - Reports](#)
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each of them having its own conservation regime:

- General Natural Reserves- ([national parks/NP](#)); strict national reserves/SNR; scientific research natural reserves/ SRNR; areas with special natural features/ ASPN; characteristic landscapes/ CL);
- Special Nature Reserves (SNR)-
- Specific Plant and Animal Species beyond Natural Reserves (SPASBNR)-
- Monuments of Nature (MoN)-

Nonetheless, in view of the fact that the above mentioned classifying deviates from the natural heritage categorization international law (according to 1996 IUCN criteria), the latter has been implemented in the country; the following table contains the results of the recent categorization of the natural heritage protected ([table enclosed](#)).

It may be seen from the table that the categorization covers 141 protected natural heritage object with a total surface area of 237.330 ha, or 7,11% of the total surface area of our country.

Yet, due to their specific importance, we would like to point out here to our activities for biodiversity conservation and maintaining (covering plant and animal species and their habitats, all within the natural environment)



[**Biodiversity**](#)



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[**Most Significant Activities**](#)



[**OVERVIEW of the Protected Natural Heritage in the Republic of Macedonia**](#)



[**National Parks**](#)



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