

PROTECTED PLANET AND THE WORLD DATABASE ON PROTECTED AREAS

Objectives:

- To maintain an up to date and complete source of information on protected areas, updated monthly with submissions from governments, non-governmental organizations, landowners, indigenous peoples and communities.
- To incorporate the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) in tracking progress towards several elements of SDGs 14 and 15 and Aichi Biodiversity Target 11; including percentage coverage in the terrestrial and marine realms, coverage of areas of importance for biodiversity, ecological representativeness, and connectivity.
- To create and expand links to other databases and initiatives to track progress towards Aichi Target 11.

Contribution towards the Sustainable Development Goals

- SDG 14 (14.5): The WDPA is updated monthly, meaning that change in the world's network of marine and coastal protected areas can be tracked and used in mapping progress towards the attainment of the goal..
- SDG 15 (15.1 and 15.4). In the case of target 15.1, the WDPA tracks change in the terrestrial and inland water network of protected areas. For target 15.4, it tracks change across mountain ecosystems.

Contribution towards Aichi Biodiversity Targets

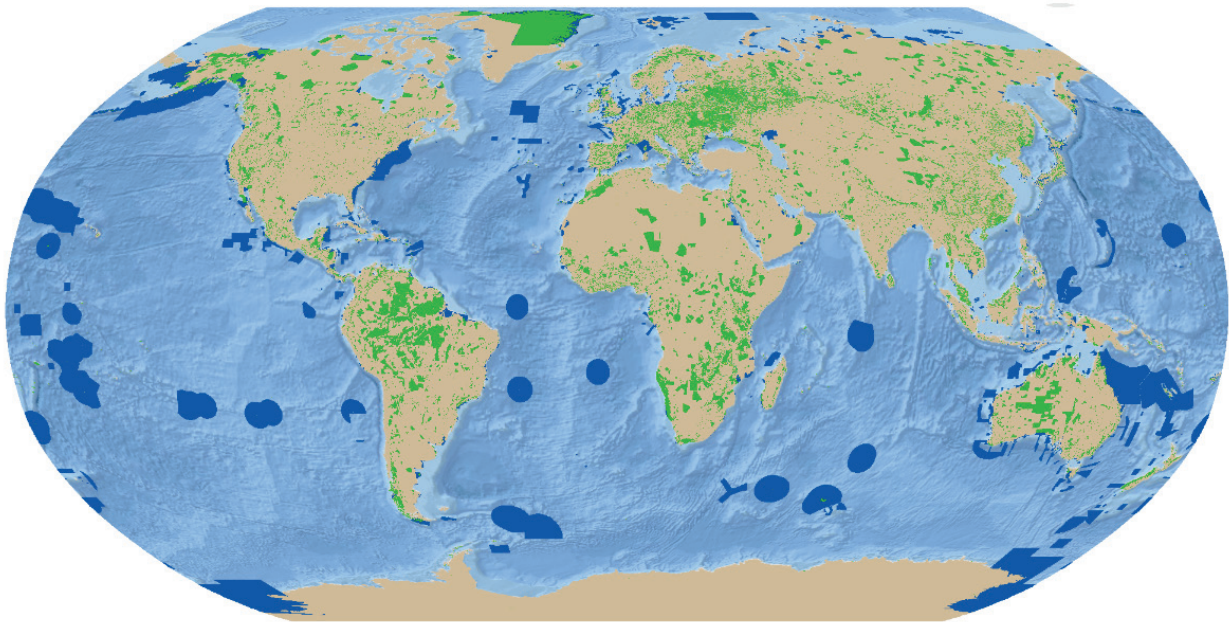
- Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 : The WDPA is used to track multiple elements of this target, either alone or in combination with other datasets. For example, it is combined with the World Database of Key Biodiversity Areas to track coverage of areas of importance for biodiversity.

Project's results:

National, regional and global coverage statistics are updated monthly on the Protected Planet website. The Protected Planet Report series discusses progress on multiple elements of Aichi Target 11, and other relevant international agreements, in detail. The latest Protected Planet Report, launched in November 2018, includes the following key findings, among others:

- Almost 15% of the world's land is now protected, in addition to over 7% of the ocean.
- The extent to which different ecoregions are protected varies, but there has been some recent improvement, especially in the oceans.
- Management effectiveness assessments have been applied across 20% of the area covered by protected areas.
- Further work is needed to ensure the qualitative elements of Aichi Target 11 are achieved.

Protected Areas of the world



Source: UNEP-WCMC AND IUCN (2018). Protected Planet: The World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) [On-line], September 2018, Cambridge, UK: UNEP-WCMC. Available at www.protectedplanet.net



■ Terrestrial protected areas ■ Marine and coastal protected areas



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The WDPA contains data on around 240,000 protected areas. The database is made available through the Protected Planet website, which is widely used: so far in 2018, it has had over 1.5 million hits, and the WDPA has been downloaded nearly 80 thousand times.

<https://www.protectedplanet.net/c/decisions-of-the-convention-on-biological-diversity-relevant-to-the-wdpa>

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