



In *Biodiversity*, **E.O. Wilson** writes,
“The drive toward perpetual expansion - or
personal freedom - is basic to the human
spirit. But to sustain it we need the most
delicate, knowing stewardship of the living
world that can be devised.”

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Protected areas and Natura 2000 sites in Emilia-Romagna

In Emilia-Romagna the Natura 2000 network, identified according to the European Community Directives 92/43 “Habitat” and 2009/147 “Birds”, is composed of 158 sites, of which 71 SCI (Sites of Community Importance), 19 SPA (Special Protection Areas) and 68 SCI/SPA. All the sites of the Natura 2000 Network are accompanied by Specific Measures of Conservation and Management Plans, where envisaged. Therefore, the process to recognise SCIs as SACs (Special Areas of Conservation) has recently been launched, and it will complete the process of building the European-level ecological network.

A part of the Natura 2000 network falls within the protected areas established under the Law 394/91 and the Regional Law 6/2005 “Disciplina della formazione e della gestione del sistema regionale delle aree naturali protette e dei siti della rete natura 2000” (*Regulation of training and management of the regional system of protected natural areas and sites of the Natura 2000 network*). Within the regional territory two national parks currently established are shared with the Tuscany Region. There are also 17 state reserves, 1 interregional park shared with the Marche Region, 14 regional parks and 15 regional nature reserves. In addition to these areas, there are 33 areas of ecological rebalancing and 5 protected natural and semi-natural landscapes, which are specific types of protected areas identified by Regional Law 6/2005.

The aforementioned areas, of very different dimensions and characteristics, represent the system of protection of the natural heritage, spread over 359,175 ha, equal to 15.9% of the regional territory.

Currently, after the reform of the territorial government with the approval of Regional Law 13/2015, the management of Natura 2000 sites is the responsibility of the managing bodies of the protected areas and the Region itself, with regards to all those sites that do not fall within protected areas.

From an organizational point of view (Regional Law 24/2011) the regional territory is divided into 5 macro-areas, which include various protected areas and sites of the Natura 2000 network, called Western Emilia, Central Emilia, Eastern Emilia, Romagna and Po Delta, in addition to the territory falling within the national parks and the inter-regional park. For each macro-area, the Region has set up a Management Body for Parks and Biodiversity, while for the national and interregional protected areas the respective Park Authorities perform their functions.