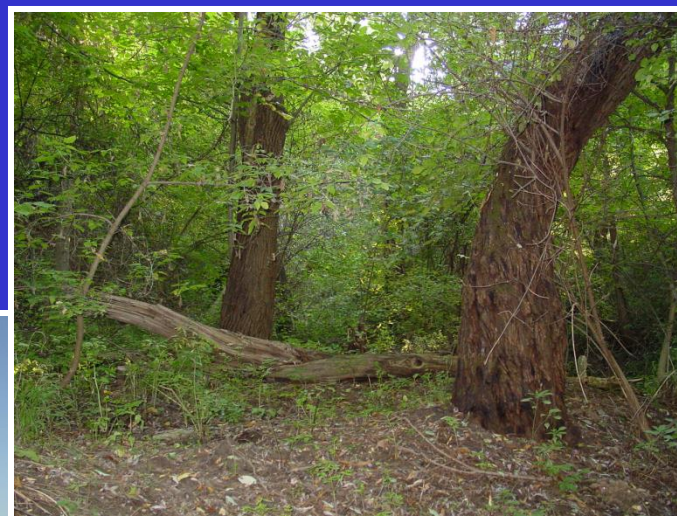


NATIONAL POLICY OF CONSERVATION OF THE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER



- **The national legislation in Republic of Bulgaria covers the biological diversity conservation and the sustainable use of its components as the focus is laid mainly on the conservation than on the sustainable use. The general principles and measures for the conservation of the biodiversity are described in the ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 2002, which sets up the contemporary framework of the state policy and management.**

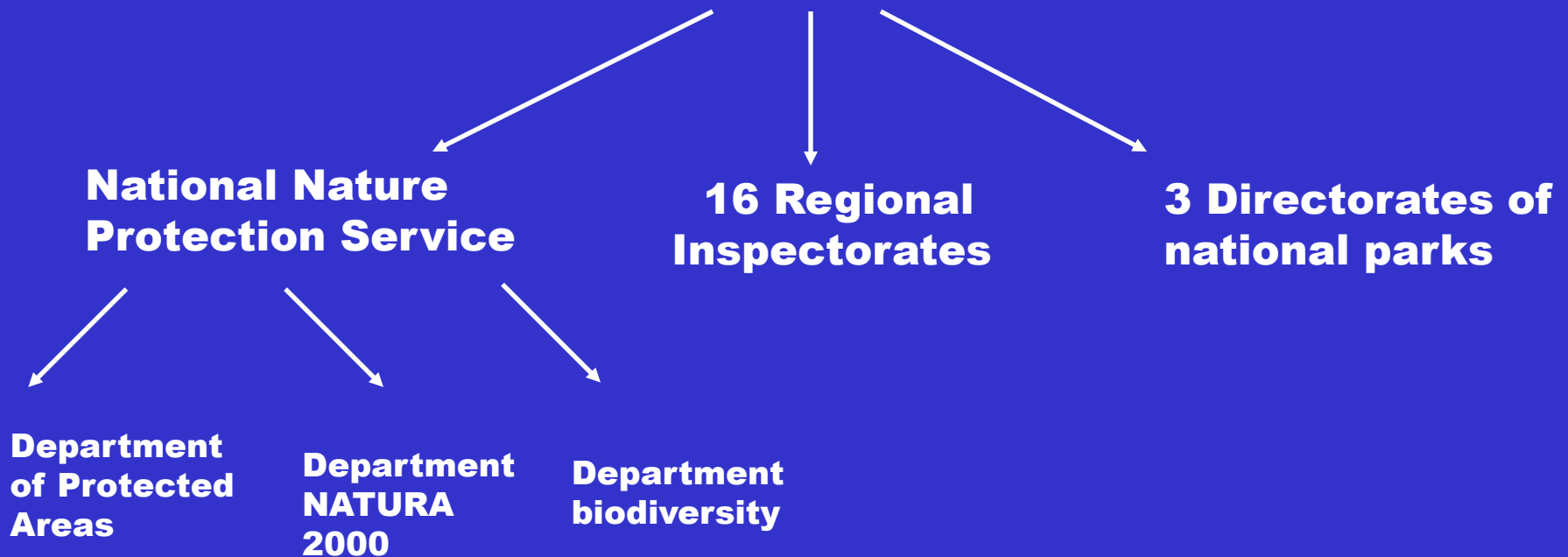


CONSERVATION OF NATURE

- **Obligations under the management and control**



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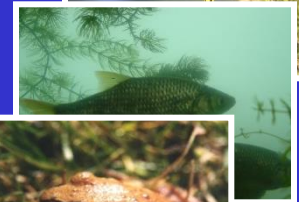
- There are four main acts and their sub-law-documents in Bulgaria that regulate bio-diversity conservation and they are as follows:, Protected Areas Act, Biological Diversity Act, Medicinal Plants Act and Environmental Protection Act.

PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 1998

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT, 2002

MEDICINAL PLANTS ACT, 2000

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 2002



PROTECTED AREAS

The Protected Areas Act introduces a modern protected areas classification in compliance with the International norms.

There are **6 categories** of protected areas, which are particularly, as follows:

- **Reserve** - strictly protected area, no human activity allowed
- **National park** - highly protected, limited human activity allowed
- **Natural monument** - protection of natural features, activity allowed
- **Managed reserve** - activities for conservation purpose allowed
- **Nature park** - active interaction of humans and nature in sustainable way
- **Protected site** - habitat protection and sustainable use of natural products

Protected Areas

Bulgaria's protected areas system includes 3 national parks /Rila National Park, Pirin National Park and Central Balkan National Park/, 55 reserves, 35 managed reserves, 10 nature parks, 419 protected sites and 346 natural monuments.

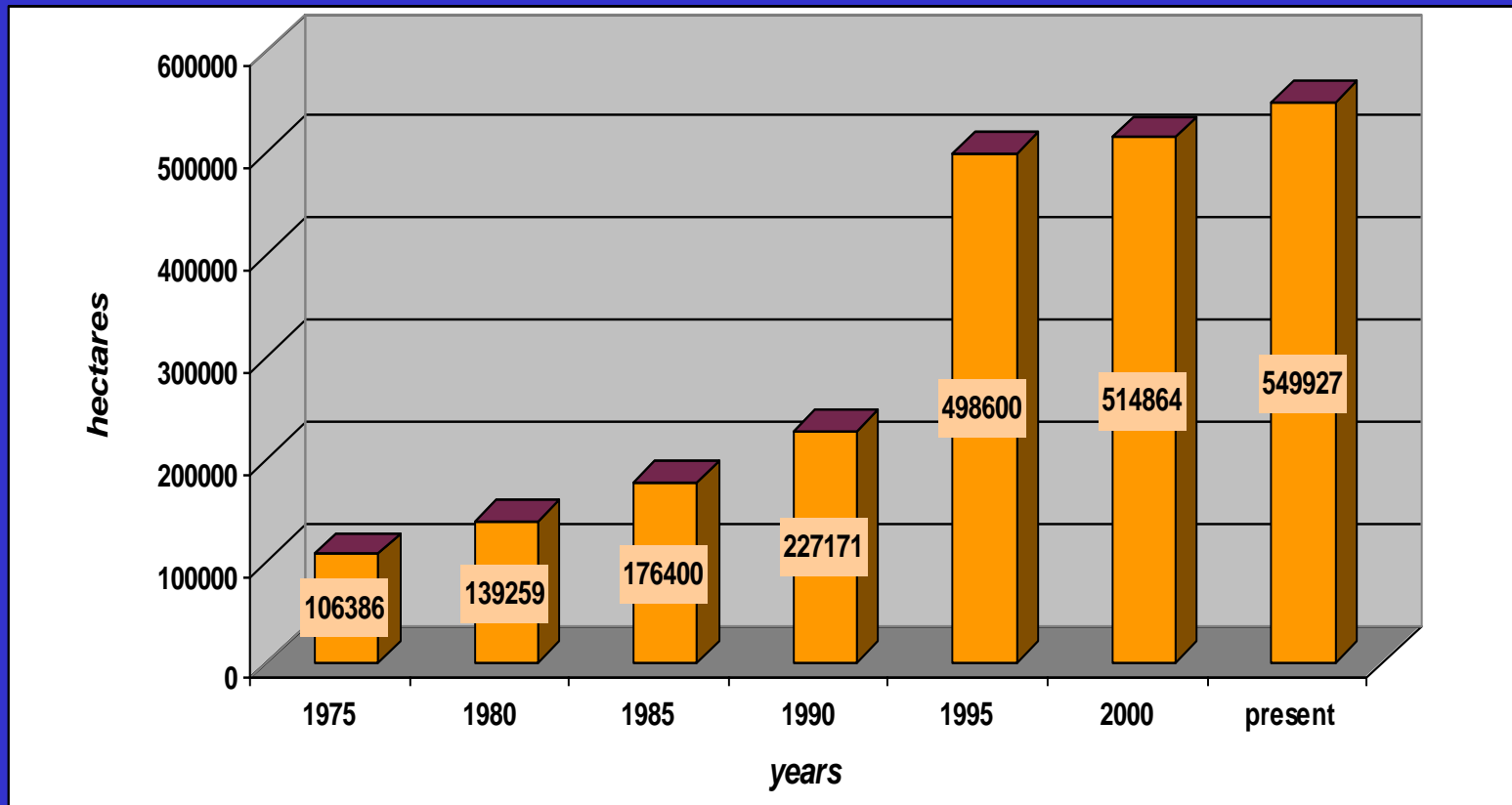
Protected areas information in detail you can view into the protected area database of the National Nature Protection Service.



Protected Areas

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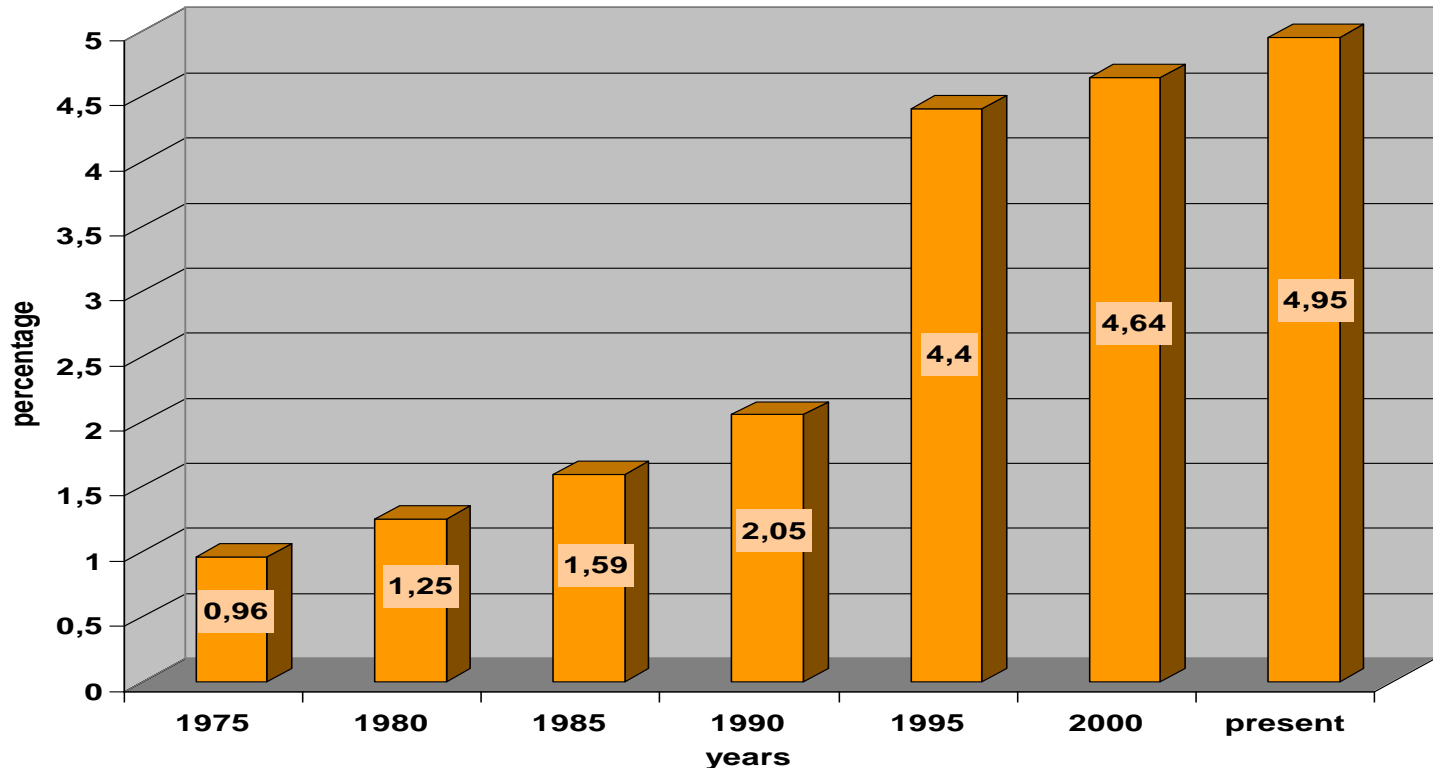
Protected Areas in hectares/years



PROTECTED AREAS

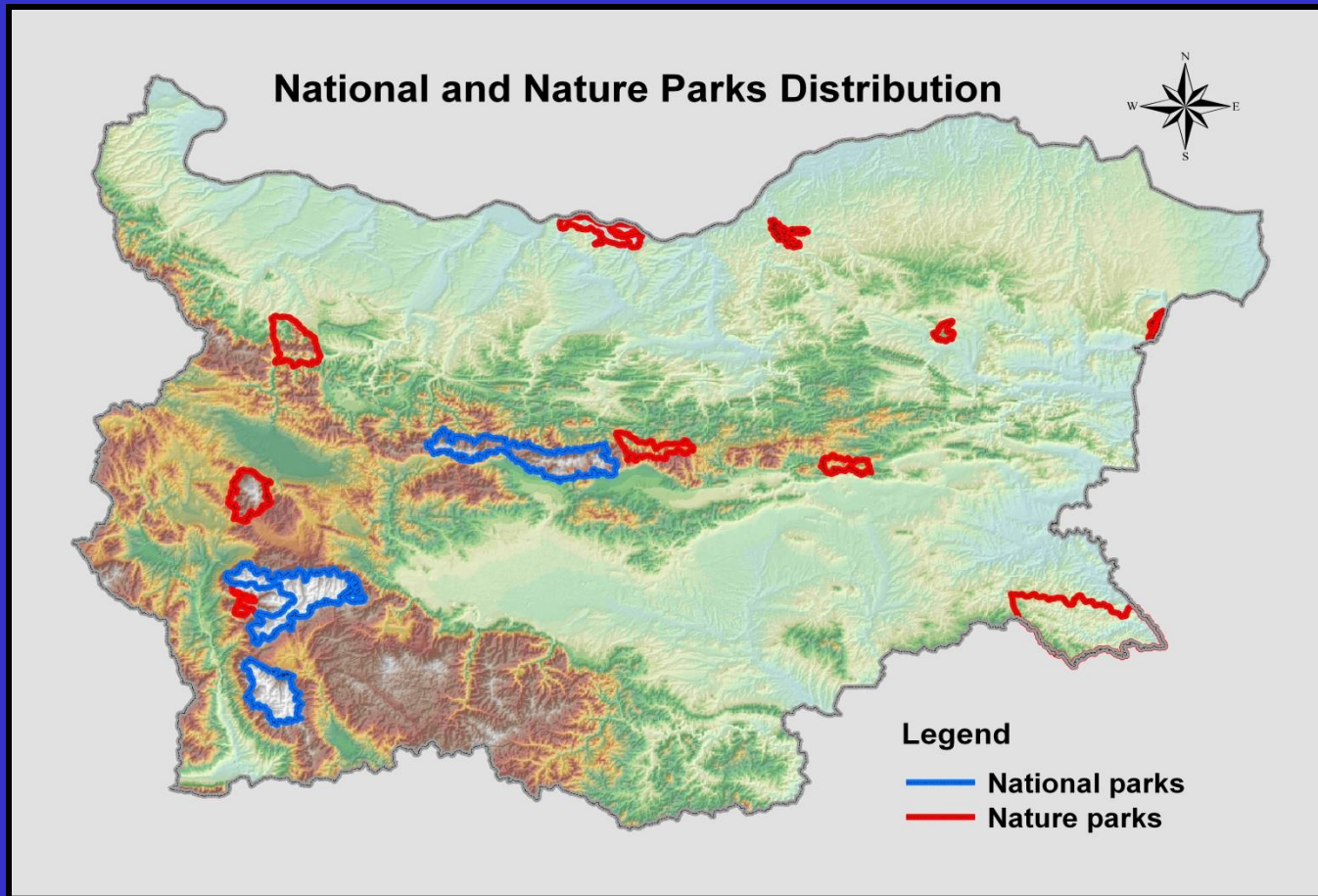
- **Development**

Protected Areas in percentage of the total country area/years



PROTECTED AREAS

- Present situation 2016



- **545724.2 ha of Protected areas**
- **5 % of the total country area**



PROTECTED AREAS

- **PROTECTED AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE**



11 Ramsar sites



17 Biosphere reserves

2 World heritage sites

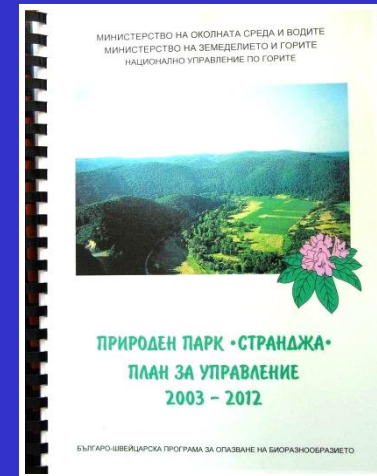
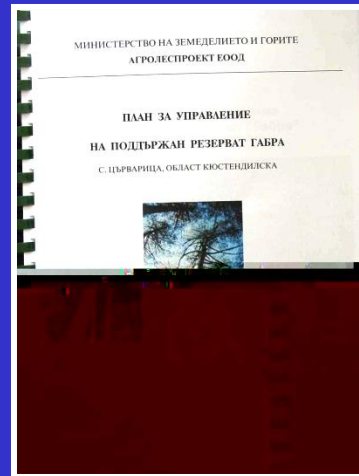
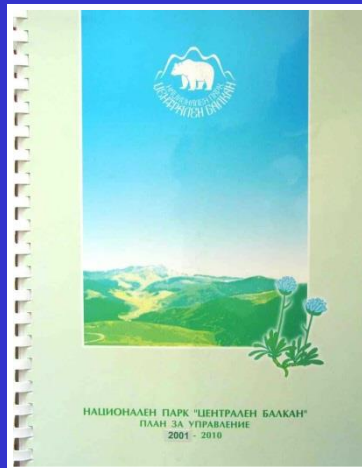


36 Important Bird Areas



PROTECTED AREAS

- **Management Plans**



80 approved plans

30 plans in procedure

