

Protected natural scenery

1. Purpose, nature and relevance

The purpose of this statistical survey is to obtain information about the number and area of protected natural scenery by category (reserves, natural landmarks, protected areas, national parks, and maintained reserves) as well as about the number of protected plant species, protected animal species and protected venerable trees. Statistical survey on protected natural scenery is carried out in accordance with the following laws:

- Law for Protected Territories, published in "SG", No. 133/11.11.1998; .
- Law for biodiversity, published in "SG", No. 77/09.08.2002.

2. Coverage and sources of information

Statistical survey on protected natural scenery is with annual periodicity and has exhaustive character as covers all protected natural areas and objects within this country.

Source of data is the Ministry of Environment and Water.

Data is collected via electronic questionnaire.

3. Deadlines and ways of dissemination of the survey results

The deadline for dissemination of the results of statistical survey on protected natural scenery is specified in the *Calendar for presentation of the results of statistical surveys carried out by the National Statistical Institute*. Data is published once a year as final data. The survey results are published on NSI website – www.nsi.bg and in the following publications:

- "Statistical Yearbook"
- "Statistical Reference Book"
- "Sustainable Development of Bulgaria"
- Publication "Environment"