

Poland progress report on the conservation of amphibians and reptiles

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All amphibians and reptiles are protected in Poland by species protection, not only in special areas.

At the central level and local offices, we manage derogations and analyze reports.

Regional offices conduct European projects implementing the protection of amphibians and reptiles in individual regions. For example: We reintroduce *Emys orbicularis* and *bombina bombina* in individual provinces.

The Institute of Nature Conservation of the National Academy of Sciences has created the Atlas of Amphibians and Reptiles of Poland. It is available on the Internet and presents data of all species, their range and distribution.

At the central level, we have two projects that aim to protect nature, but they also indirectly concern amphibians and reptiles.

The first project is the Natural Resource Data Bank. The project consists in collecting natural data of all species and doing new inventories in places where we don't have a lot of information about animals. The second project is the protection of habitats and water-dependent species in non-forest areas. We protecting and improving habitats dependent on water. This is the natural environment for amphibians. In September 2021 we finished project: you have the right to effective nature protection. The project focuses on the legal aspects of nature conservation, education and raising the awareness of the law among the police and other legislative circles.