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Database of the Diploma holding areas

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Some History

- ✓ First version at the time of adoption of the new Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1
- More elaborated version for the 50-years celebration of the Diploma (Pizza, 2015), including first draft inventory of habitats according to the EUNIS habitat classification and reference to the Biogeographical Regions Map
- ✓ 2018: request for complete update to each of the site managers using MSAccess data input forms

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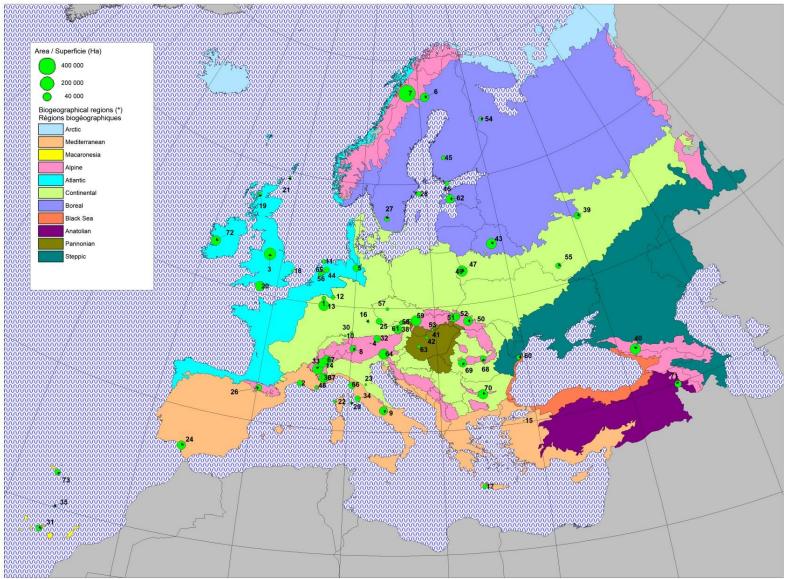
Number of ED's per Biogeographical Region

Biogeo Region	Number of Areas
Alpine	20
Anatolian	1
Atlantic	11
Arctic	0
Black Sea	1
Boreal	9
Continental	15
Macaronesia	3
Mediterranean	9
Pannonian	3
Steppic	1



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EDPA version 2015





Habitats number of habitats per site

SITECODE	SITE_NAME	Number of Habitats
BG940001	Central Balkan National Park	86
ES940001	Donaña National Park	44
UA940001	Carpathian Biosphere Reserve	44
PL940002	Bieszczady National Park	33
FR940001	Camargue National Reserve	32
UK940004	Peak District National Park	30
UK940005	Purbeck Heritage Coast	28
CZ940001	Karlštejn National Nature Reserve	26
NL940001	Boschplaat Nature Resrve	26
RO940002	Piatra Craiului National Park	26
	Etc	



Number of ED's per EUNIS Habitat level 1

code	Title	Number of sites 2015	Number of sites 2018
Α	Marine habitats	10	15
В	Coastal habitats	8	10
С	Inland surface waters	27	41
D	Mires, bogs and fens	28	36
Ε	Grasslands and lands dominated by forbs, mosses or lichens	39	46
F	Heathland, scrub and tundra	32	39
G	Woodland, forest and other wooded land	52	56
Н	Inland unvegetated or sparsely vegetated habitats	24	28
	Regularly or recently cultivated agricultural, horticultural and domestic habitats	3	7
J	Constructed, industrial and other artificial habitats	2	6
X	Habitat complexes	8	7



Number of ED's per EUNIS Habitat level 2

F	Heathland, scrub and tundra	2015	2018
F1	Tundra	0	0
F2	Arctic, alpine and subalpine scrub	17	19
F3	Temperate and mediterranean-montane scrub	4	14
F4	Temperate shrub heathland	11	14
F5	Maquis, arborescent matorral and thermo-Mediterranean brushes	7	6
F6	Garrigue	0	1
F7	Spiny Mediterranean heaths (phrygana, hedgehog- heaths and related coastal cliff vegetation)	4	3
F8	Thermo-Atlantic xerophytic scrub	0	0
F9	Riverine and fen scrubs	9	11
FA	Hedgerows	0	1
FB	Shrub plantations	0	0



Habitats additional remarks

- ✓ In total 912 habitat records from 417 different habitats
- Mixed use of the habitat cover field: percentage and absolute value: EDPA standard is percentage, but we might change to absolute value to be in line with Emerald and N2000
- 2 sites without any habitat mentioned: Khosrov Forest Reserve and Desertas Islands Nature Reserve
- ✓ 3 sites with habitat codes not according to the EUNIS classification version 2015:
 - Use of habitat codes of the EUNIS recent revision
 - Old CORINE codes
 - and additional records without code and not corresponding to any of the EUNIS habitat classes



Altitude difference: highest

Altitude difference	SITECODE	SITE_NAME	ALT_MIN	ALT_MAX
3590	DE940007	Wollmatinger Ried Untersee- Gnadensee Nature ReserveError in	395 database	3985
3292	FR940002	Ecrins National Park	810	4102
3261	IT940007	Gran Paradiso National Park	800	4061
2787	RU940001	Teberda National Biosphere Reserve	1260	4047
2684	SI940001	Triglav National Park	180	2864
2653	FR940006	Mercantour National Park	490	3143
2645	FR940005	Vanoise National Park	1210	3855
		Etc		



altitude difference: lowest

altitude difference	SITECODE	SITE_NAME	ALT_MIN	ALT_MAX
33	EE940001	Matsalu National Park	0	33
32	NL940001	Boschplaat Nature Resrve	0	32
25	UK940003	Minsmere Nature Reserve	1	26
16	IT940006	Regional Park of Migliarino, San	0	16
		Rossore and Massaciuccoli		
11	NL940002	National Park Weerribben-Wieden	-1	10
10	SE940003	Store Mosse National Park	160	170
6,6	FR940001	Camargue National Reserve	-1,8	4,8
3	TR940001	Kuşcenneti National Park	14,5	17,5
0,2	NL940004	Naardermeer Nature Reserve	-1	-0,8



Total Area : 39 sites changed Area

	sites area change percentage: in	crease		
SITECODE	SITE_NAME	Area 2018	Area before	%
TR940001	Kuşcenneti National Park	17058	64	26553,13
RU940002	Oka National Biosphere Reserve	1126240	21449	5150,78
PT940001	Selvagens Islands Nature Reserve	9471	269	3420,82
RU940003	Kostomuksha Strict Nature Reserve	92123	4756,9	1836,62
GR940001	Samaria National Park	58484	4850	1105,86
IT940003	Sasso Fratino Integral Nature Reserve	5338	764	598 <i>,</i> 69
RU940004	Tsentralno-Chernozemny Biosphere Reserve	52216	10280	407,94
	Etc			



	sites area change percentage: decrease											
SITECODE	SITE_NAME	Area 2018	Area before	%								
HU940001	Ipolytarnóc Protected Area	510	512	-0,39								
NL940001	Boschplaat Nature Resrve	4375	4400	-0,57								
DE940002	Berchtesgaden National Park	20802	21000	-0,94								
SE940003	Store Mosse National Park	7682	7850	-2,14								
PT940002	Desertas Islands Nature Reserve	11457	12586	-8,97								
AT940002	Wachau Protected Landscape	21298	46300	-54,00								
HU940003	Vulcanic Phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula	670,13	1536,33	-56,38								



Site Name : 6 sites changed

SITECODE	SITE_NAME 2018	SITE_NAME 2015
PT940002	Desertas Islands Nature Reserve	Desertas Nature Reserve
TR940001	Kuşcenneti National Park	Kusçenneti National Park
IT940004	Ente Parco Regionale della Maremma	Maremma Nature Park
GR940001	Samaria National Park	Cretan White Mountains National Park
	Sarek and Padjelanta/Badjelánnda National Parks	Sarek and Padjelanta National Parks
SE940001	Muddus/Muttos National Park	Muddus National Park



Site boundaries

- Crucial for the management of the Network but also for International Data Integration
- ✓ Area of the polygon should correspond to the Area given in the tabular data
- ✓ 31 sites delivered a GIS boundary file, of which 22 could be integrated towards European standards
- ✓ 9 sites could not be converted, mainly due to missing attribute files, such as the projection
- ✓ 6 more sites delivered only "bitmaps", such as jpeg, tiff and pdf. They are not convertable to GIS



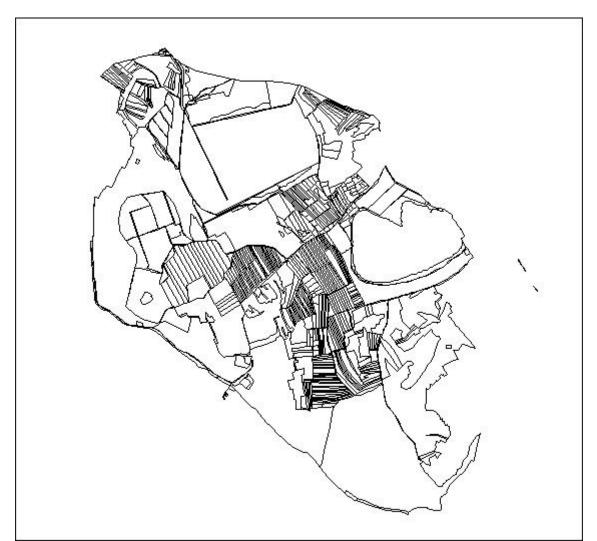
Site boundaries

- ✓ 2 sites only delivered site boundaries, no tabular data
- Multipolygon for Sarek/Padjelanta (2 NP's combined in one diploma
- ✓ Some areas reported not only the site boundary, but also additional layers such as zoning, ownership of parcels etc ...
- This is interesting but requests extra data handling when viewing the site boundaries.
- Non of the polygons include the Sitecode, which is the key field in the EDPA database





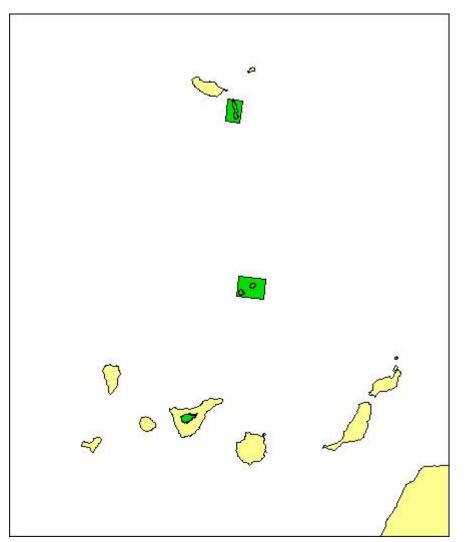
e.g. Tihany Peninsula





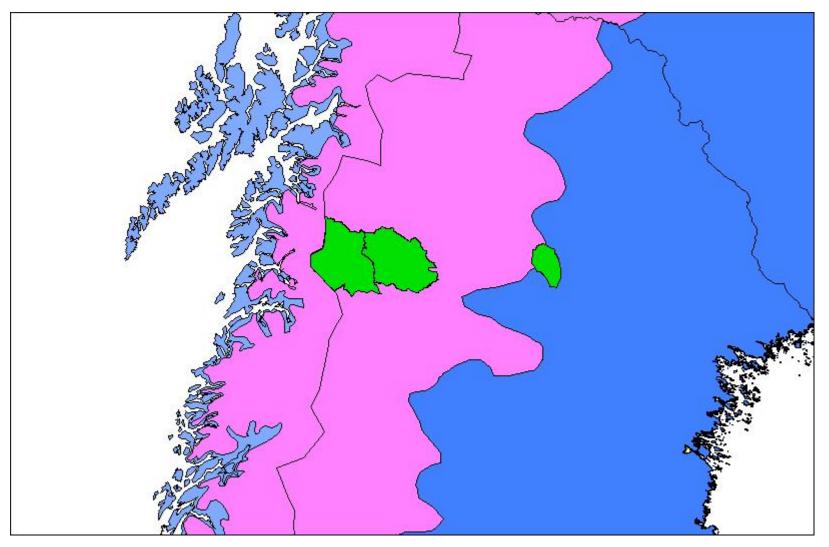


e.g. Macaronesia (no site in the Azores)





e.g. Scandinavia with biogeographical regions





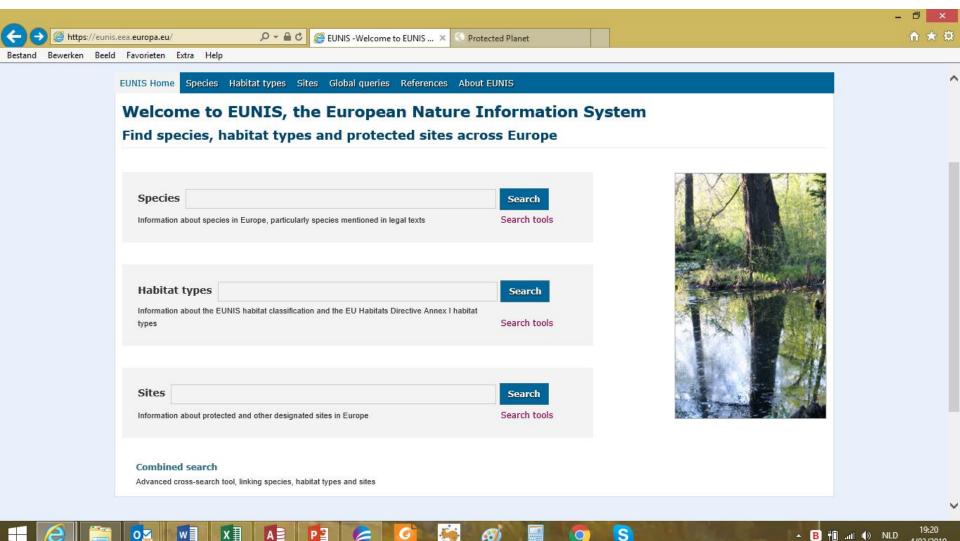
Sharing Information

2 main "clients" or "data recievers"

- <u>https://eunis.eea.europa.eu/</u>
- <u>https://www.protectedplanet.net/</u>

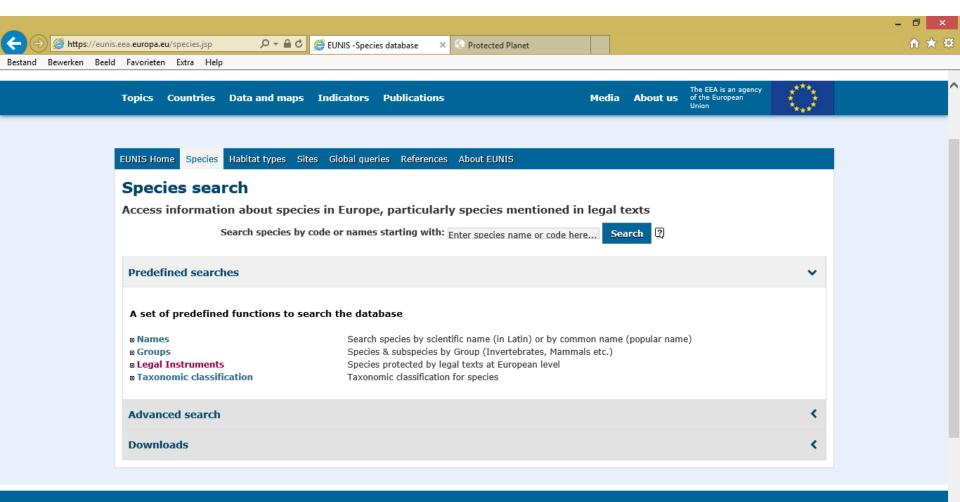


Bern Convention in the EUNIS information system





Bern Convention in the "legal instruments" section



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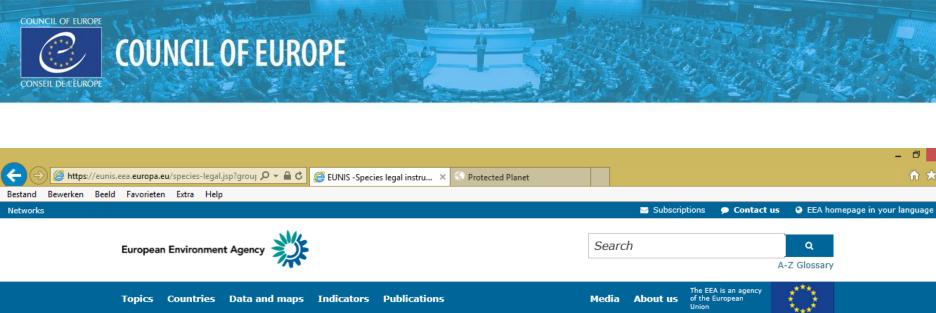
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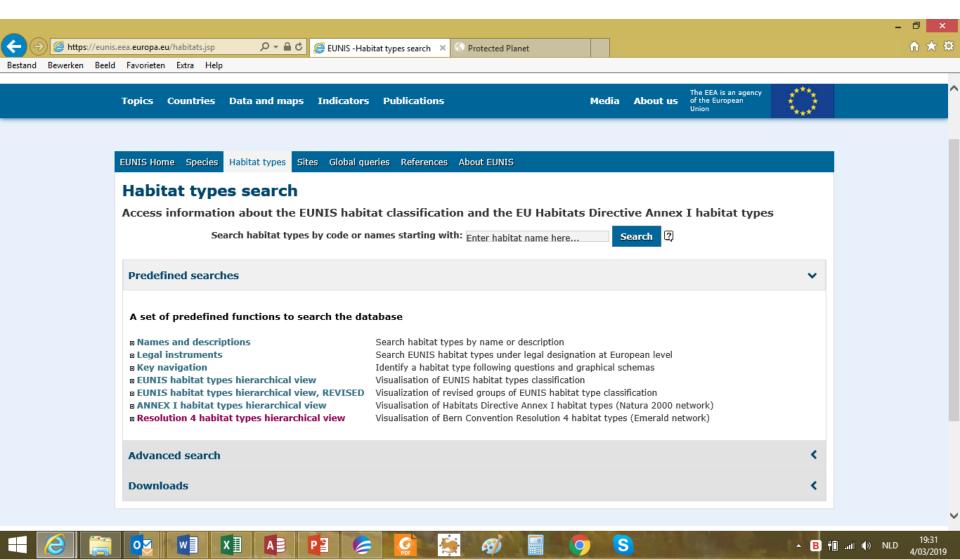
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Conclusions & Recommendations

- ✓ The EDPA database has significantly improved thanks to the updating process using a "low budget" MSAccess data entry system (For some areas, an alternative was given using MSWord)
- Need to relaunch the updating process, especially for Areas not having replied and/or did not sent GIS boundary information
- ✓ The link with the biogeographical regions map and the EUNIS habitat classification must admit to better identify gaps in the EDPA Network.
- ✓ Only ask site outer boundary, without any additional layers
- ✓ Sitecode should be added to the polygons
- Consider a regular updating possibility in line with the EDPA renewal system