

SUMMARY

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The number of nature reserves established as distinct units outside national parks amounted to 1412 in the half of 2007. They cover an area of 168 463.25 ha. Special attention was paid to recent changes in the nature reserve list. Since the beginning of 2001 a total of 122 new nature reserves (21 120.76 ha) were created while 12 existing (4528.47 ha) were ceased due to decline of conservation target or merged with other protected areas. Also some changes in individual area took place in ca 30% of all nature reserves. The relative share of total area of nature reserves equals to 0.54% of the country. If considered together with 23 Polish national parks the share of protected area amounts to 1.55%.