

TERRESTRIAL PROTECTED AREAS SUMMARY MANITOBA

Land Classification	No. of Protected Areas	Area Protected (ha)	% of Total
Provincially Administered			
IUCN Category Ia	17	6,286	0.11%
IUCN Category Ib	6	1,571,910	28.7%
IUCN Category II	24	1,116,051	20.4%
IUCN Category III	11	48,050	0.88%
IUCN Category IV	36	82,595	1.5%
IUCN Category V *	8	1,129	0.02%
IUCN Category VI *	0	0	0.0%
IUCN Unclassified	0	0	0.0%
Interim Lands (IUCN Category II)	14	1,194,510	21.8%
Federally Administered			
IUCN Category Ia	0	0	0.0%
IUCN Category Ib	0	0	0.0%
IUCN Category II	2	1,444,400	26.4%
IUCN Category III	0	0	0.0%
IUCN Category IV **	2	61	0.0%
IUCN Category V	0	0	0.0%
IUCN Category VI ***	0	0	0.0%
IUCN Unclassified	0	0	0.0%
Interim Lands	0	0	0.0%
Other Administered			
Aboriginal Lands	0	0	0.0%
Interim Aboriginal Lands	0	0	0.0%
Private Lands (IUCN Category IV)	2	5,025	0.09%
Other Lands	0	0	0.0%
Total	122	5,470,018	

Percent of land within Protected Areas

IUCN I-IV	8.41%
IUCN V-VI	0.00%
Not Classified	0.00%
Total ****	8.41%

* IUCN categorizing is still under review; Categories V & VI have not been finalized.

** Note that MB does not currently recognize EC administered NWAs (IUCN IV) as part of its protected areas network. The total lands that MB currently accounts for within its protected areas network is 5.4 million ha, or 8.4% of the province.

*** Excluded are 168,197 ha of Agriculture Canada administered PFRA pastures. These lands will be reviewed in the near future for possible inclusion in MB's Protected Areas Initiative.

**** Total size of land and freshwater for Manitoba is 65,005,345 ha (Source: Manitoba).

Protected Areas Strategy

Protected areas strategy in place, is being implemented, and is being adapted as required.

- Manigotagan River and Caribou River having interim designation as park reserves were converted to permanently protected provincial parks.

Most Significant Protected Areas Achievements over Past Five Years

- Five new ecological reserves created between June 2004 and September 2005, after five years with no designations.
- Establishment of the Bell and Steeprock Canyons Protected Area in June 2004 in an area first identified in the mid-1980s as worthy of protection. Although the final area protected was smaller than that required for adequate representation, this was a significant achievement given the high levels of existing resource use commitments, notably forest harvest.
- Recognition of private lands in 2004 (Nature Conservancy of Canada) and 2005 (Manitoba Naturalists Society) in the Tall Grass Prairie Preserve where work began in 1992.

Most Significant Protected Areas Priorities over Next Three to Five Years

Priority areas include Natural Region 5c (southeast Manitoba), Red Deer Lake Area of Special Interest (northwest Manitoba), Agro-Manitoba (southern Manitoba), Natural Regions 2a and 2b (Arctic Tundra), the Saskatchewan River Forest Section (Natural Region 5a), completion of protected areas in Forest Management License-1 (Natural Region 4c). Several new ecological reserves and two new provincial parks are proposed. An ecosystem management strategy for provincial parks is a priority as is progress on the Pimachiowin-Aki proposed World Heritage Site.