

# Protected Areas in Polish Carpathians

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# General overview

Carpathian region = ca. 6% of the land area of PL

3 regions: Małopolskie, Podkarpackie, Śląskie

Low degree of urbanisation and industrialisation, extensive forests, traditional farming

More than half of the area covered by at least one area-related form of nature protection

# General overview

42% of Polish Carpathian's area – forests

31,5% - arable land

11,7% - meadows cover

6,1% - pastures

0,8% - orchards and gardens

8,7% - settlements and communication routes

# General overview

6 national parks – total area: ca. 81 872 ha

13 landscape parks – total area: 448 323 ha

7 protected landscape areas – total area: ca. 671 107 ha

Almost 70% of the Polish Carpathian area covered with one of those forms of nature protection.



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# Pieniński National Park

Est. 1932

Area: 2 371,75 ha





# Babiogórski National Park

Est. 1955

Area: 3 399 ha

MaB







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# Tatrzański National Park

Est. 1955

Area: 21 197 ha

MaB





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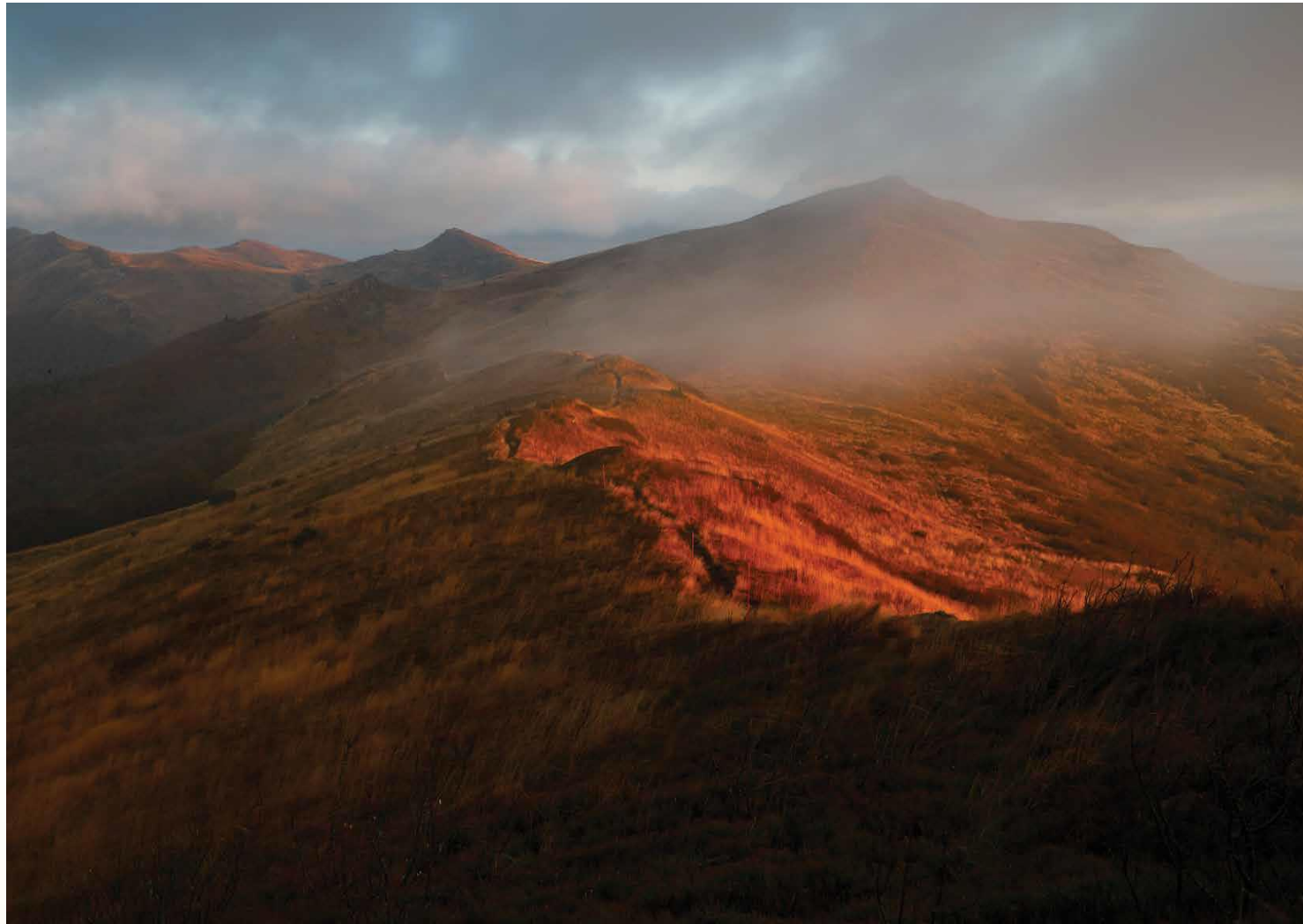
# Bieszczadzki National Park

Est. 1973

Area: 29 202,16 ha

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# Gorczański National Park

Est. 1981

Area: 7 029 ha





# Magurski National Park

Est. 1995

Area: 19 438 ha







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# Selected major risks

Disappearance of populations of rare, endangered and protected species, and habitats

Individual protected areas too small for the full protection of large predators requiring large individual areas

Emergence of alien species that threaten native species and ecosystems

# Selected major risks

Increased anthropogenic pressure related to making NP available to tourists

Illegal use of forest roads, violations of restrictions and bans in protected areas

Loss of landscape and cultural values related to the new land use and the disappearance of traditional extensive farming