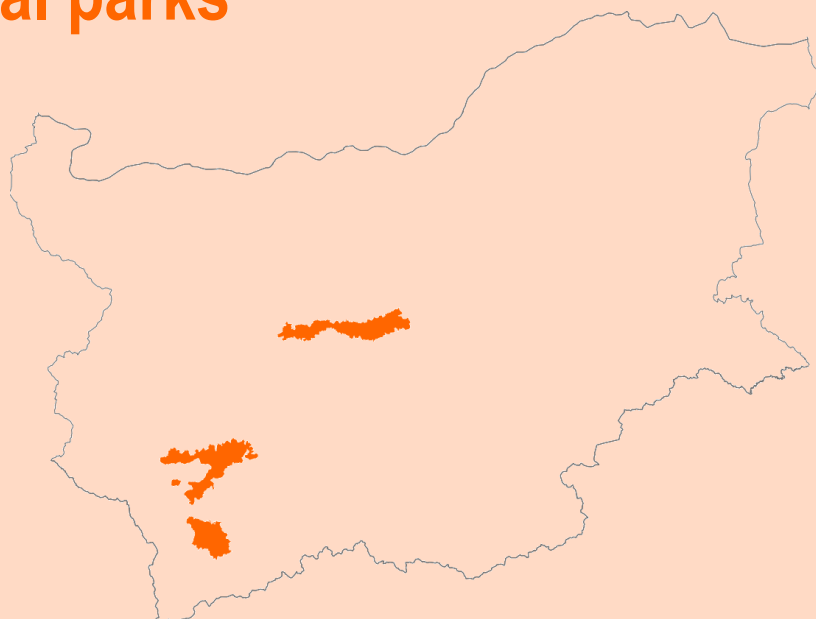


# Bulgaria's national parks

Population	7.1 mil.
Land area	110 996 km <sup>2</sup>
GDP per capita (in PPP)	15 500 EUR
Share of national parks on total area	1.7 %



**3 national parks in the country**



**National parks were created based on the IUCN criteria**



**2 organisations manage the area in national parks**

Ministry of environment and water and national park directorates.



**100 % of the area of national parks is publicly owned**

Constitution and specialised legislation consider the national parks exclusively state property.



**Wilderness zones take up 22 % of national parks**

In addition, Zones for Restricted Human Activity connect them and preserve natural processes.



**There are no conflicts of interests**

National legislation prevents from disturbance as a result of economic activities.



**Entrance fees are not charged**

Even though the law allows it, Ministry of Environment and Waters currently chooses not to apply them.