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## Nature Conservation

Despite its small land area, Israel has a wide variety of flora and fauna. This diversity is ascribed to Israel's topographic structure and its location at the crossroads of three continents and the junction of different climatic and botanical regions.



Some 2,600 plant species, 150 of which are indigenous to Israel, as well as 8 amphibians, 90 reptiles, 450 birds and 70 mammal species are found in Israel. To protect these natural habitats, Israel has established 155 nature reserves spanning 1,350 square miles. Israel also has several national parks, all in a small country with limited land resources.

Israel's nature conservation movement preceded organized environmental activity by over a decade, and Israel's long-standing national campaign to plant trees is unprecedented on the world. Israel ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands as a testament to its commitment to biodiversity and natural landscape conservation.

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