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Developing Emerald Management Plans in the Republic of Moldova

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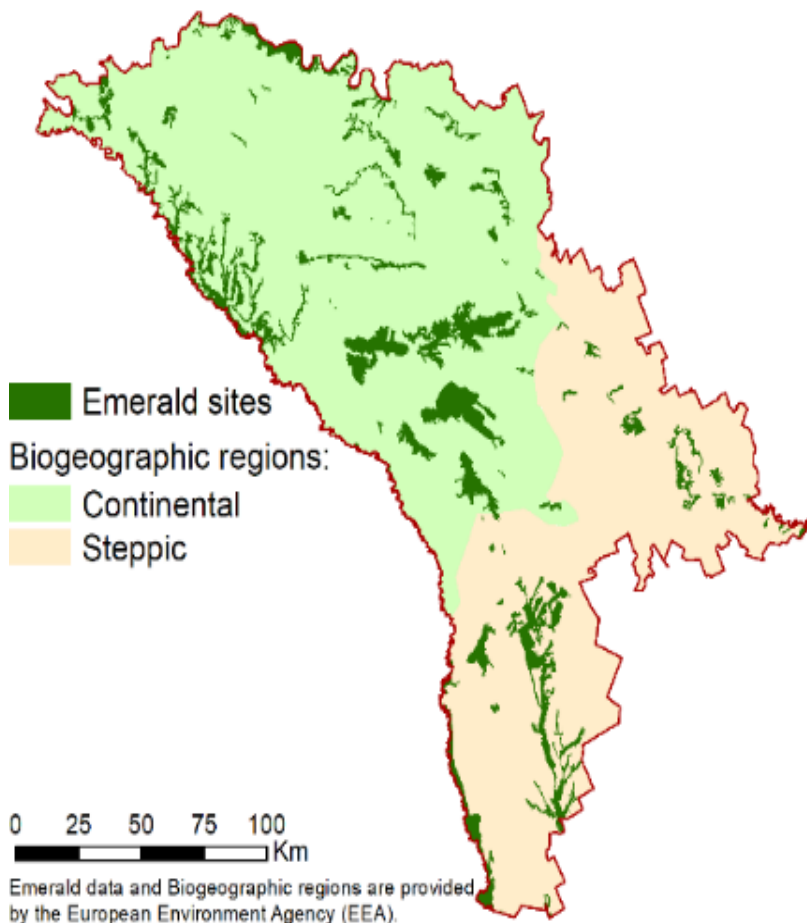




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Moldova's Emerald Network: factsheet

- ✓ 61 adopted sites are fully recognized as part of the Emerald Network
- ✓ 8.1% of terrestrial area is currently covered by the Network.
- ✓ 24% sufficiency index; this proportion of species and habitats is adequately protected for their long-term existence within the current network.
- ✓ 46.3% have management plans
- ✓ Emerald Network ensures preservation of 27 habitats and 163 species of European importance



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Coverage by Management Plans

Nine MPs developed covering 128,463 ha (46.35%). The MoE is finalizing legal adoption by the end of 2025

66,617 ha covered by the World Bank (EU4Env):

1. ESNJ (*Emerald Site “Nistrul de Jos”*): 59,972 ha
2. SEC (*Emerald Site “Codru”*): 6,498 ha
3. SESV (*Emerald Site “Sector de Stepă Vrănești”*): 147 ha

33,206 ha covered by the IEG/MSU (GoM):

1. ES Cărbuna: 678 ha
2. ES Pădurea Hîrbovăț: 3,821 ha
3. ES Pohrebeni: 998 ha
4. ES Pădurea Hîncești: 11,290 ha
5. ES Lacurile Prutului de Jos: 16,420 ha

28,640 ha within National Park Orhei (Moldsilva/GoM):

1. ES “Codrii Orheilui”: 28,640 (within the NPO 33,792 ha with MP of the PA)

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Targets for 2030

Coverage: from 8.1% to 11%

Sufficiency index: 80%

Management Plans: 80%

**Alignment with Natura 2000
standards**

Challenges

- No [natural] land for expansion
- Inconsistency between conservation and land practices
- Low communication for stakeholder engagement

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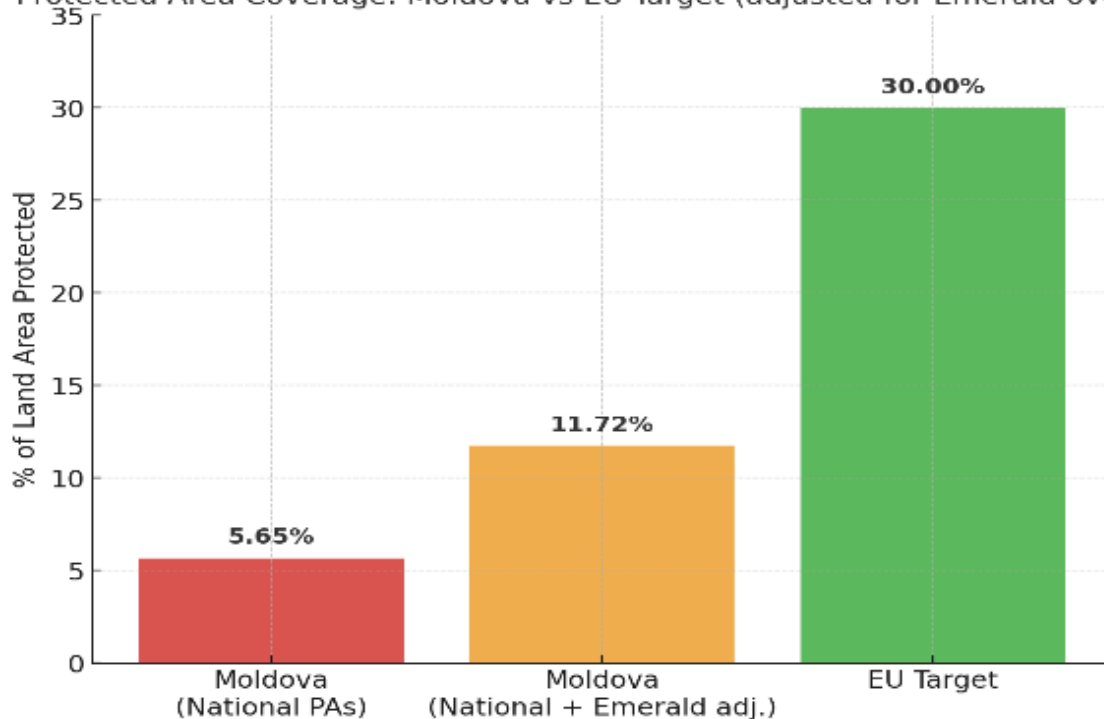


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Protected Area Coverage: Moldova vs EU Target (adjusted for Emerald overlap)



Source: Ministry of Environment (2024); Emerald Network data; EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030.
Note: Combined PA + Emerald adjusted for ~25% estimated overlap.

Comparative data: PA in Moldova vs EU

- PA coverage (5.65 / 11 %) remains far below the EU's 30% target.
- 25% overlap between national PA system and Emerald Network
- Combined PAs+Emerald Network covers only 11.7% of its land

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