

MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY INTO INFRASTRUCTURES

Catalonia

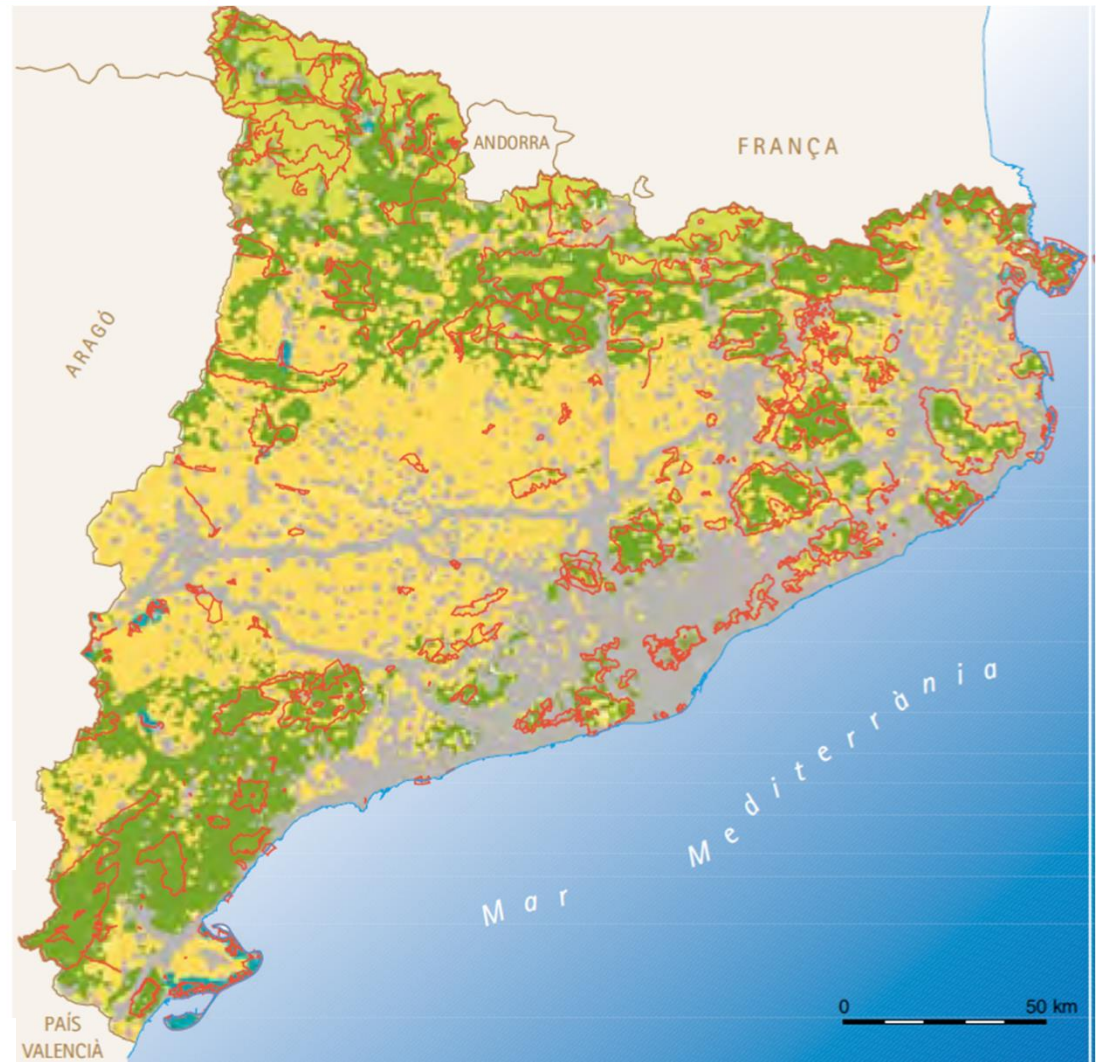


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Urban infrastructures and protected areas

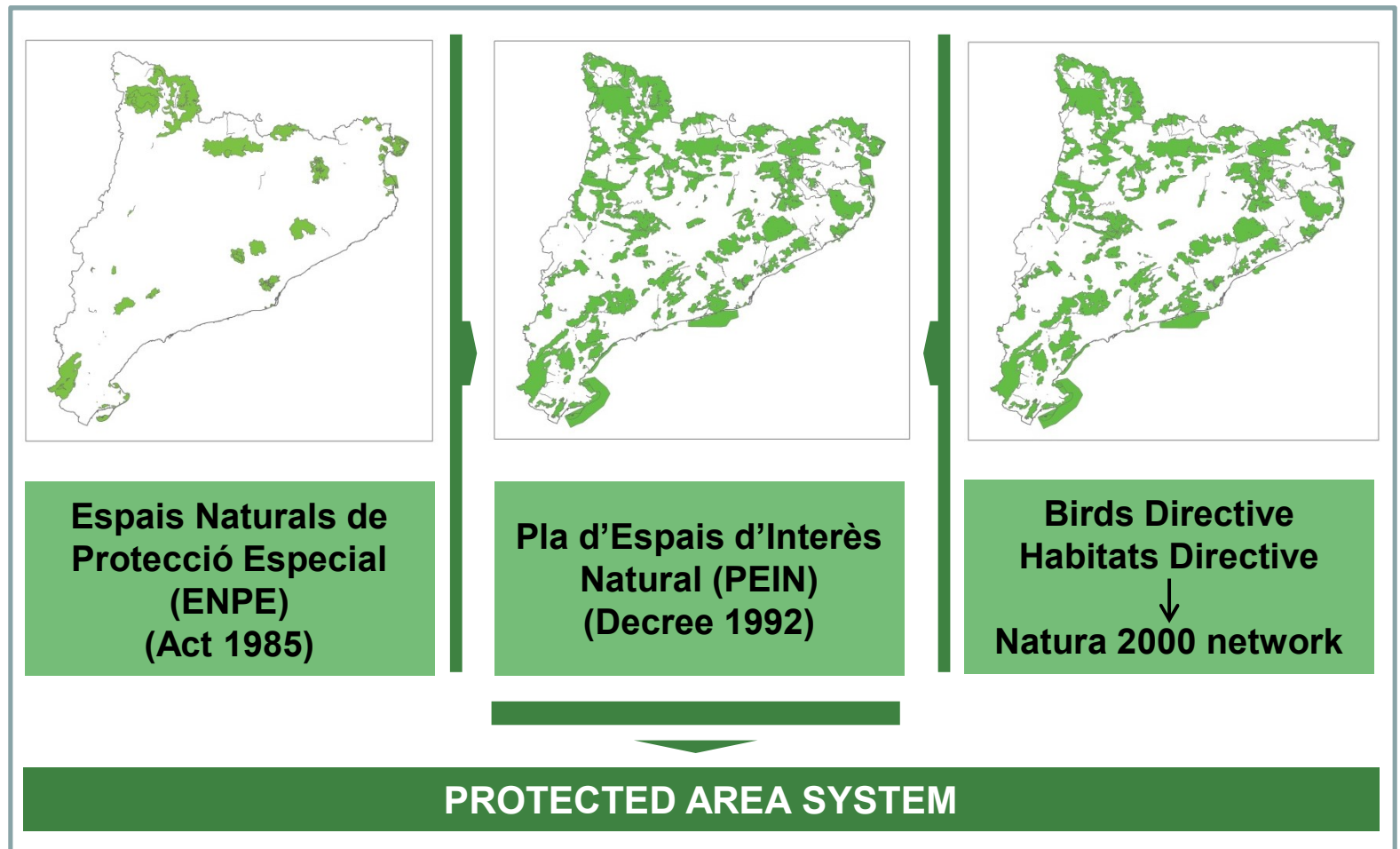


-  Protected Areas
-  Urban land
-  Agricultural land
-  Wetlands
-  Forests
-  Beaches, alpine heaths & grassland
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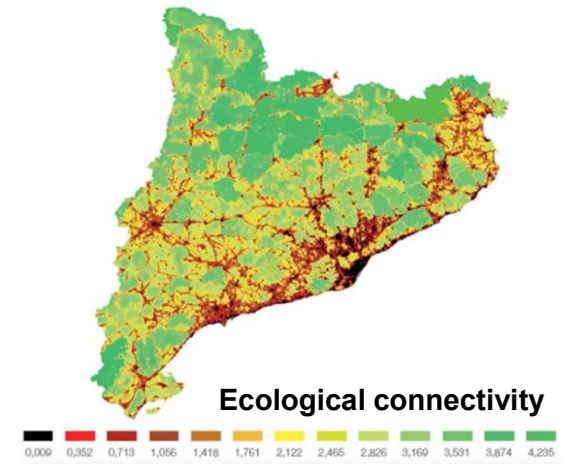
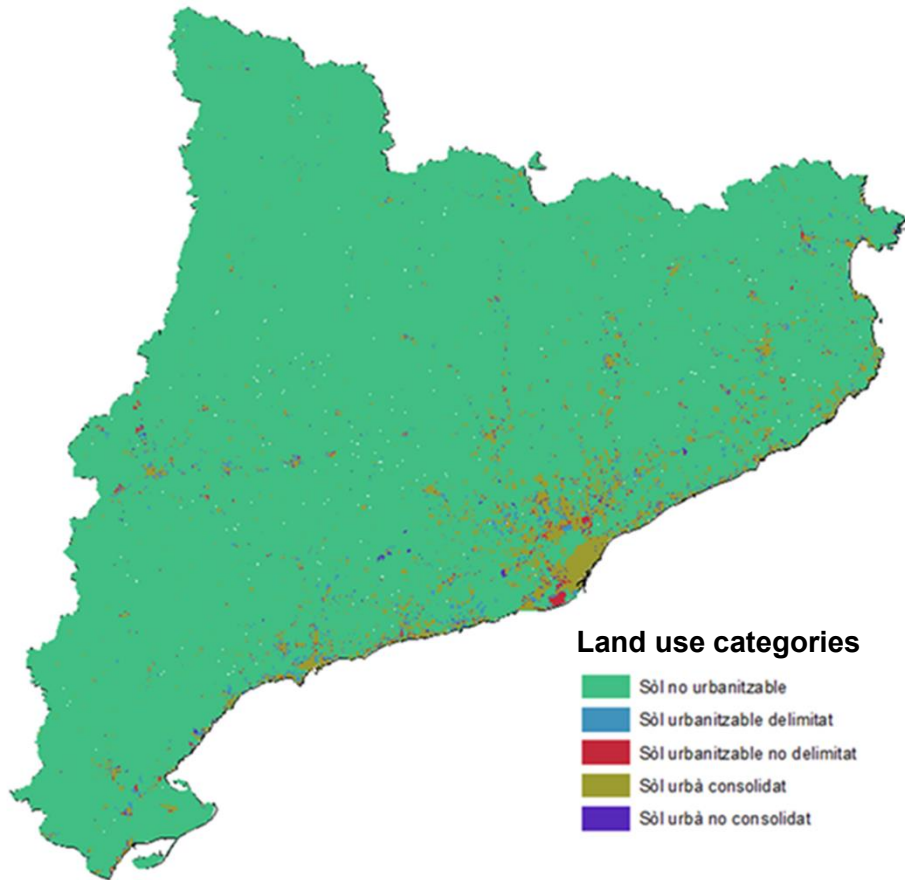


Large scale zoning for protected areas (PA)

During the 1980's and 1990's , **large scale zoning** allowed to establish the first PA through land planning. Biodiversity conservation relies on **PA + EIA and SEA**



Land planning policies for green infrastructure



Land planning policies classify land uses all over Catalonia.
Territories tagged as **LAND OF SPECIAL PROTECTION** cover 64% of non urban zones (in green)

Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

The BSAP commits The Government of Catalonia to:

- **Increase knowledge, information and assessment on biodiversity & geodiversity**
- **Protect habitats and species**
- **Define the Green Infrastructure (territorial model)**
 - Increase ecological connectivity
 - Decrease Habitat fragmentation
 - Increase Biodiversity conservation & Ecosystem Services
- **Mainstream biodiversity into sectoral policies**
 - Agriculture & farming, forestry, fishing,
 - Business & finances
 - Hunting
 - Tourism and sports in nature
- **Improve the legal framework and governance model for nature conservation**
- **Strengthen social awareness & engagement for nature**