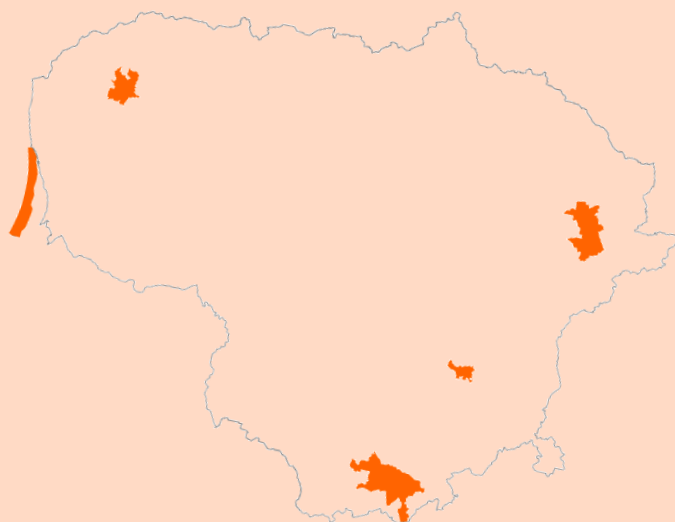


Lithuania's national parks

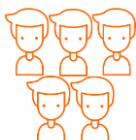
Population	2.8 mil.
Land area	65 284 km ²
GDP per capita (in PPP)	24 900 EUR
Share of national parks on total area	2.2 %



5 national parks in the country



National parks are created based on the IUCN criteria
All national parks fall under IUCN management category II.



Every national park is managed by independent entity
The National Park administration – the State Service for Protected Areas under the Ministry of Environment coordinates activities in 4 of the national parks.



National parks – land ownership
Publicly owned land in National parks is managed by Forests Enterprise, Land Service or National Parks administrations. All area of Curonian Spit national park is publicly owned.



Wilderness zones in national parks vary greatly
There are various types of wilderness zones and it is not possible to estimate their extent.



There are conflicts of interests with construction activities and forestry



Voluntary entrance fees from 1 to 25 EUR are charged
Depending on the park, whole area or just some attractions are charged (viewpoints, treetop walks, canoe rides, caves).