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## Atlas of Protected Areas of Iran

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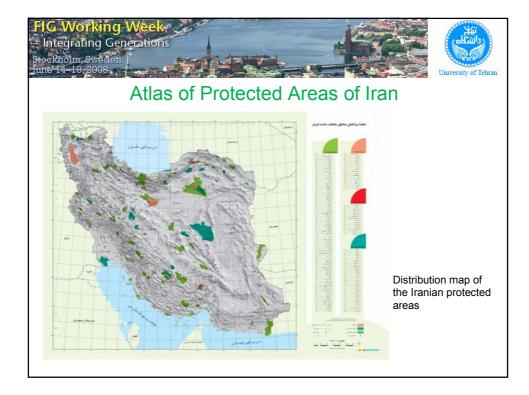
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### Introduction and Goal:

Over the forty-year documented protection history of Iran, 160 protected areas, covering 7.17 % of the entire country, have been selected among the suitable lands of Iran following the required researches and investigations.







#### Goal:

The Atlas of Protected Areas of Iran is aimed at introducing the Iranian protected areas, based on satellite map together with written materials and photos, in an excellence cartographic and graphic design

Applications of the Atlas:

Environmental planning, monitoring, research, education and ecotourism





### Atlas of Protected Areas of Iran

#### Definitions of the Protected Areas:

### National park:

Relatively vast natural areas having specific characteristics and national significance from the geological, ecological, biogeographical are selected with the purpose of protection and improvement of the population of animal species and vegetation sites. National parks are suitable places for educational and research activities as well as ecotourism.

#### National natural monument:

Relatively small, unique, exceptional, unconventional and irreplaceable phenomena having protection, scientific, historic or natural significance are selected as with the purpose of their protection.





#### Definitions of the Protected Areas:

#### Wildlife refuge:

Typical wildlife habitats selected with the purpose of preserving the population of animal species and improving their level of quality. These areas are appropriate places for educational and research activities. Compatible utilizations and controlled tourism are allowed in refuges.

#### Protected area:

Relatively vast areas of high protection significance are selected with the purpose of preserving and restoring plants sites and animals habitats. Controlled tourism and economic utilizations under the management plan are allowed.





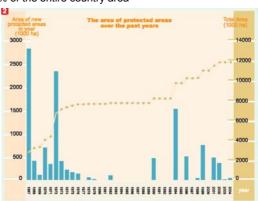
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### Development of the IR protected areas:

1967: 15 areas

2005: 160 areas, covering 7.17 % of the entire country area

Annual increase rate: 4.2 % of areas



The area of protected areas over the past years





## Structure of the Atlas:

This atlas is aimed at introducing the Iranian protected areas.

#### Characteristics:

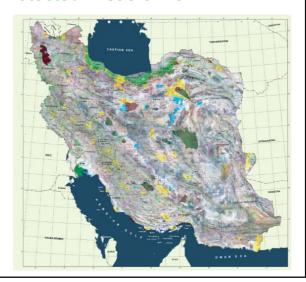
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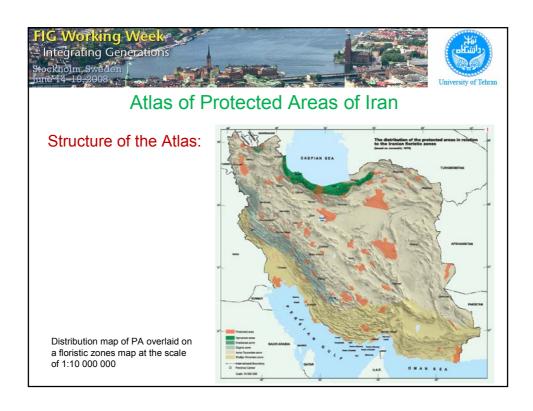


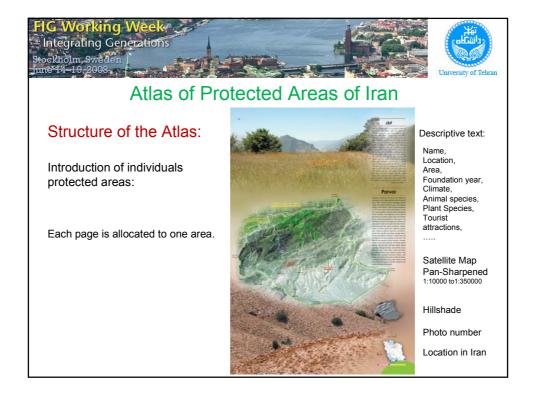
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### Structure of the Atlas:



Distribution map of protected areas at the scale of 1:4000 000













#### Awards:

International Award



#### National Award







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