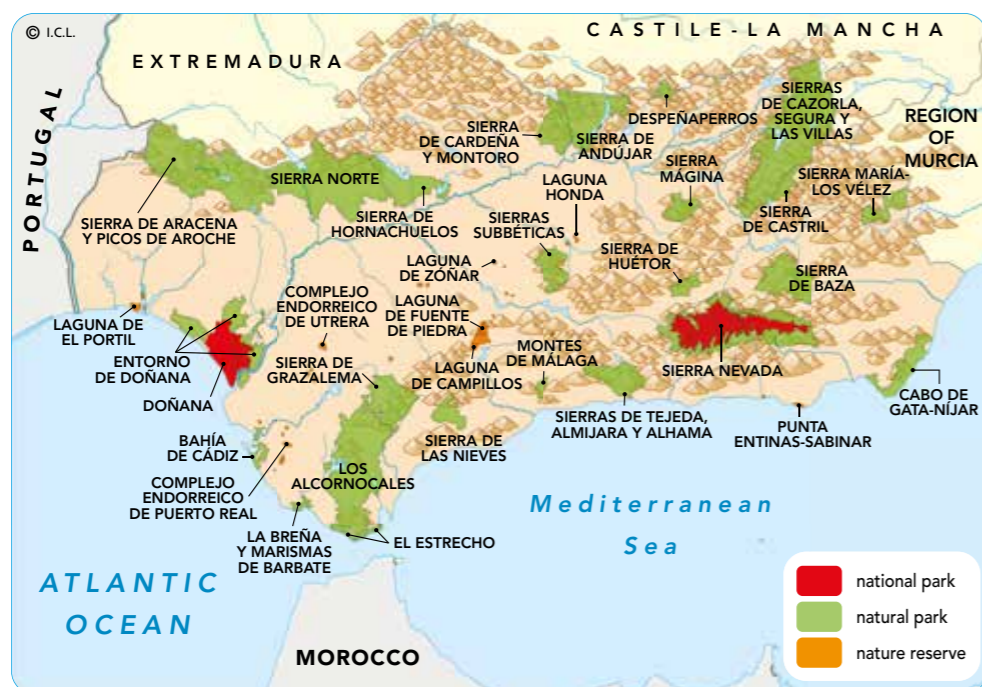


Andalusia is home to natural areas of great ecological importance.

The Government of Andalusia declared them protected areas in order to preserve the landscape and resources of these areas. In other words, the conservation of nature is protected by law.

There are more than 150 protected areas in Andalusia: 2 national parks, 24 natural parks, 28 nature reserves and other smaller areas.



National parks are large natural areas that receive special care because of their ecological, aesthetic and scientific characteristics.

Andalusia's most important national park is Doñana National Park, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994.

The park consists of a series of wetlands that are home to many species of aquatic and migratory birds. Pine and eucalyptus trees grow in abundance here, and you can also find the Iberian lynx and the imperial eagle. Both are in danger of extinction.



Natural parks are areas of great scenic beauty and are home to unique flora, fauna and ecosystems which must be protected.

The Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park is located between the provinces of Cádiz and Málaga. The landscape consists of canyons, coves and grottos. Here Mediterranean forest predominates with oak trees. There are Spanish fir trees from 1 000 metres above sea level.



Nature reserves are home to animals and plants. These must be protected to prevent them from disappearing.

The largest lagoon in Andalusia, and one of the biggest in Spain, is the Laguna de Fuente de Piedra. There are lots of flamingos and other aquatic birds in this nature reserve.

- Copy and complete with the best question words. Then, in pairs, ask and answer the questions.
 - Who / What / When** are the three main types of protected spaces?
 - Where / Which / Who** can we find the Iberian lynx and imperial eagle?
 - How / When / Which** nature reserve is home to one of the largest lagoons in Spain?
 - How many / When / Where** protected areas does Andalusia have?
 - Which / When / What** did UNESCO declare Doñana National Park a World Heritage Site?
- Find and write the superlatives of the following words in your notebook. For example, small → smallest.
 - large
 - big
 - important
 - great