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Branchi

Italian fauna is composed of some **57,500** species among which almost **54,400** are invertebrate and **1,255** vertebrate.

Italian flora consists of **6,711** species of superior plants (leafy plants), **1,097** species of moss and **2,145** species of lichens.

An overall view of the Italian regions, would reveal **Lazio as one with the highest level of biodiversity.**

It is noted that Lazio has over **50%** of the country's environmental heritage with its **30,000** animal and **3,500** plant-related species reported.



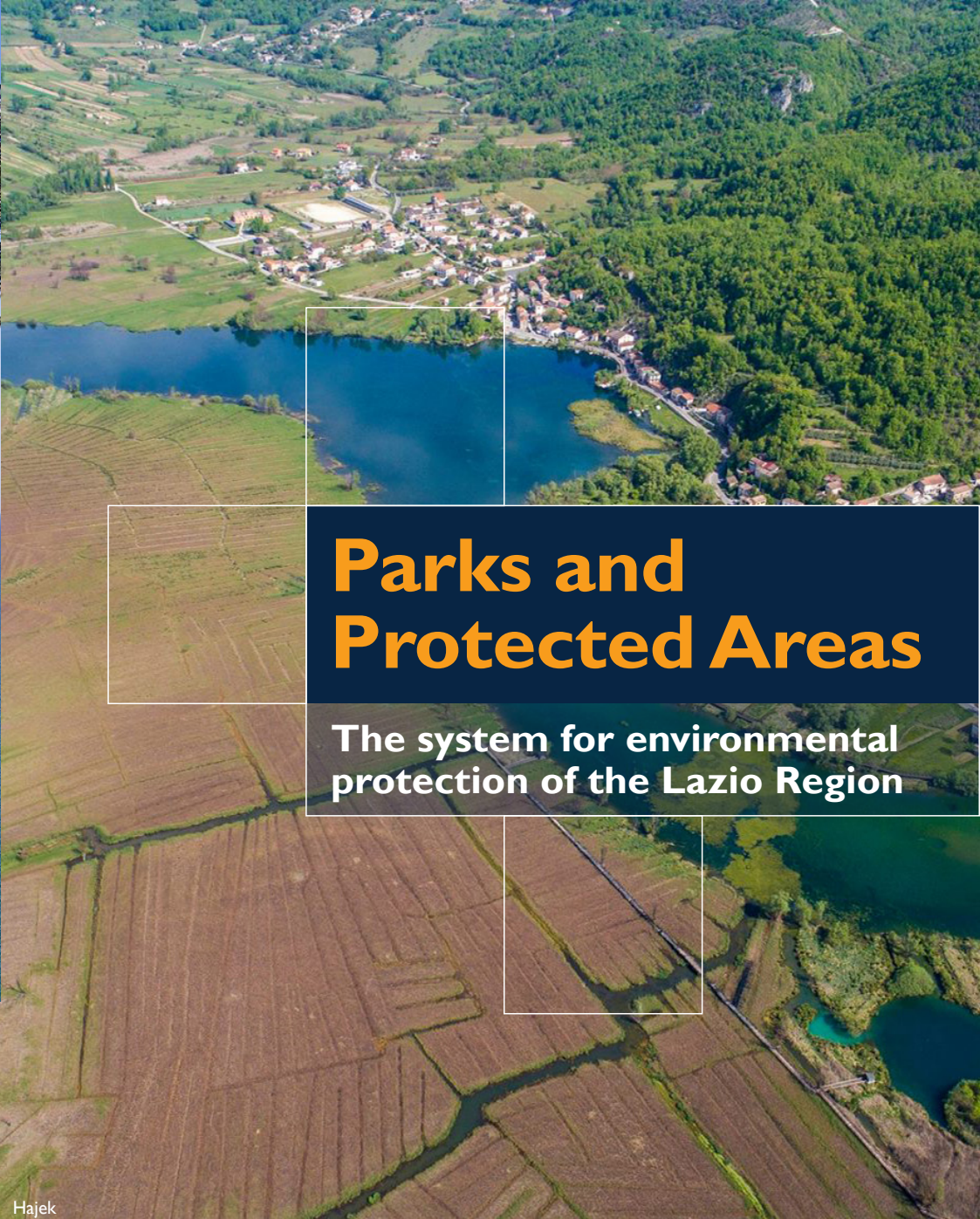
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Parks and Protected Areas

The system for environmental protection of the Lazio Region

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The Lazio region features 3 National Parks and **91 other Protected Areas** established through legislative and administrative acts from both regional and central government. These areas are classified, according to their typology, as Parks, Natural Monuments, Nature Reserves, including two Marine Protected Areas, covering on the whole a total protected surface of some **240,000 hectares**, which represent over **13% of the entire regional territory**.

The Regional Parks are actually 15 and protect a rich historical and cultural heritage promoting the continuity of agriculture, forestry and traditional craftsmanship.

This is therefore an environmental heritage made of **landscape, archeology and biodiversity**.

These are territories of great historical traditions and present a mix of myths, legends and local folklore.

Ancient legacies, densely stratified, where history is the result of the stories from the people who have been populating these places for thousands of years.

It's specifically in these areas that policies for the nature's quality and inclusiveness concerning the whole social context must be tested.

The protection of the environment and the ecological connections are pointed out as a precious resource in terms of sustainable development, at the same time being educational, redeeming and revitalising, especially for those living big cities.