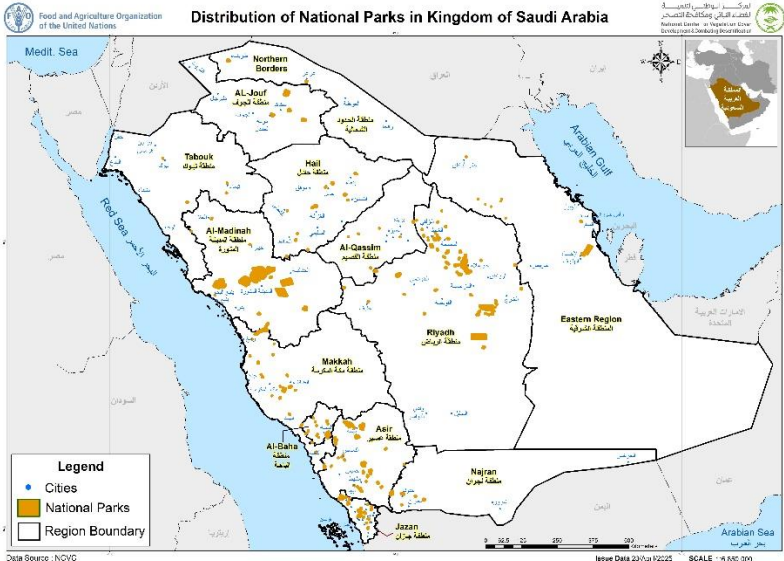


# FAO KSA Geospatial Data – Distribution of National Parks in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

## Part 1: Basic Metadata (Mandatory)

### 1.01 Thumbnail

Prepare small thumbnail that represents this dataset. Create and save thumbnail. Insert thumbnail in the space provided and indicate the file name.

Create and save thumbnail	Enter file name
	National Parks_KSA_Layout

### 1.02 – Title

Descriptive title for this data. Should provide sufficient information to external users.

Enter Data Title

*Distribution of National Parks in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*

### 1.03 – Abstract

Provide a short and concise abstract which summarizes what this data is about. Similar to the abstracted provided in a scientific paper.

Enter data abstract

*This map illustrates the spatial distribution of national parks across the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It provides a visual representation of the boundaries and locations of designated protected areas under national park status, distributed throughout the 13 administrative regions. The national park boundaries were provided by the General Department of National Parks (GDNP) at the National Center for Vegetation Cover (NCVC) to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), based on the most recent dataset updated in April 2025. The map supports environmental planning, conservation, and biodiversity monitoring efforts and was developed using GIS techniques to ensure accurate and informative spatial representation.*

#### 1.04 – Date type

*Provide all three type of dates - Creation date, Publication date, and Revision date.*

*Identification of when a given event occurred*

<b>Creation</b>	<b>23 April 2025</b>
<b>Publication</b>	<b>April, 2025</b>
<b>Revision</b>	<b>April, 2025</b>
<b>relevant date</b>	<b>April, 2025</b>

#### 1.05 – Group

*The group, department or unit to which this data belongs.*

**Enter group name**

**Registered Members,  
FAO Spatial Data Group,  
Natural Resources Management Component NRM - FAO KSA**

#### 1.06 – Category

*Provide one primary category to which this data belong. Select from the list provided. Possible categories related to the SRADP project are highlighted in green color.*

**Field declared Mandatory by the Metadata Schema**

**Select one of the following : (highlighted by Yellow)**

Imagery Base Maps Earth Cover

Society

Economy

Utilities Communication

**Environment**

Oceans

Biota

Health

#### 1.07 – Free-text Keywords

*Keywords helps Search Engines such as Google find data requested by users. Use FAO AGRIS to select the most appropriate keywords for this data. To make the data discoverable, provide a minimum of 5 keywords.*

*A space or comma-separated list of keywords. Use the Widget to select from Hierarchical tree.*

**REQUIRED: Common-use word or phrase used to describe the subject of the data set. (Provide 5 keyword minimum)**

**National Parks Distribution**

**NP**

**National Parks Name**

**National Parks Region**

**National Parks Governorates**

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Elevation	-
<b>Geoscientific Information</b>	-
Planning Cadastre	-
Inland Waters	-
Boundaries	-
Structure	-
Transportation	-
Intelligence Military	-
<b>Location</b>	-
Climatology Meteorology Atmosphere	-
Farming	-
Population	-

## Part 2: Location and Licenses (Mandatory)

### 2.01 Language

Provide data language

Language used within the dataset

**Enter data language**

English

### 2.02 License

Provide the type of license under which this data is published and intended to be used.

License of the Dataset

**Select one of the following License: (highlighted by Yellow)**

NextView

**Not Specified**

Open Data Commons Open Database License / OSM

Public Domain

Public Domain / USG

Varied / Derived

Varied / Original

### 2.03 Attribution

Identify the entity or agency with authority and responsibility over this data.

Authority or function assigned, as to a ruler, legislative assembly, delegate, or the like.

**\*Field declared Mandatory by the Metadata Schema**

**Enter attribution for this data**

Since the Geospatial department of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Saudi Arabia received and created this layer showing the distribution of national parks in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, no individual or entity is permitted to obtain, use, or redistribute this layer without the prior approval of the FAO office. The national park boundaries were officially provided by the General Department of National Parks (GDNP) at the National Center for Vegetation Cover (NCVC), and therefore, no

*updates or modifications to these boundaries are allowed without the joint approval of both GDNP and FAO.*

## **2.04 Regions**

*Identify the region that the data covers. You can provide several regions.*

**Enter global or specific regions**

**13 Region of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

## **2.05 Data quality statement**

*Statement on the data quality. This allows any known issue about the data quality to be documented and shared with data user so that they can use the data appropriately.*

**Provide data quality statement**

***The national park boundaries were digitized using high-resolution imagery from Google Earth Pro. While the data reflects official inputs from GDNP, it is approximate and intended for reference purposes only. Any official use or updates require prior approval from both FAO and GDNP.***

## 2.06 Restrictions

Indicate any known restriction on this data. You could consider the following when assessing data restriction:

- (1) Exclusive right to the publication, production, or sale of the rights to a literary, musical, or artistic work, or to the use of a commercial print or label, granted by law for a specified period of time to an author, composer, artist, distribution
- (2) Rights to financial benefit from and control of distribution of non-tangible property that is a result of creativity
- (3) Formal permission to do something
- (4) Government has granted exclusive right to make, sell, use or license an invention or discovery
- (5) Produced or sold information awaiting a patent
- (6) Withheld from general circulation or disclosure
- (7) Name, symbol, or other device identifying a product, officially registered and legally restricted to the use of the owner or manufacturer
- (8) Other restrictions

Limitations Placed upon the access or use of the data

*\* Field declared Mandatory by the Metadata Schema*

Enter any known data use restriction information

**(3) Formal permission to do something**

*This data may be used for spatial analysis, visualization, and presentation purposes. The national park boundaries can support a variety of geospatial and remote sensing applications, including Digital Elevation Model (DEM) analysis, Land Surface Temperature (LST), soil moisture estimation, NDVI, and other environmental assessments.*

*This data can be used by GDNP and FAO or any party permitted by FAO or GDNP*

## 2.07 Other constraints

Identify any other constraints on this data that would be important to document and share with the data users

Enter other constraints on this data



## Part 3: Other Data Description (Optional)

### 3.01 Edition

*If the data is linked or resulting from work that has editions, indicate the edition for this dataset.*

*Version of the cited resource*

**Enter Edition**

**Version 1**

### 3.02 DOI

*The DOI (Digital Object Identifier) will be assigned by the Metadata Administrator.*

*DOI will be added by Admin before publication*

**Create and enter the data DOI**

### 3.03 Purpose

*The purpose for which this dataset and related studies were undertaken.*

**Provide data purpose**

**National Parks boundaries distribution over KSA are used by experts for planning and decisions making related to agriculture development, natural resources management, and related fields.**

### 3.04 Maintenance frequency

*The frequency for data update.*

*Frequency with which modifications and deletions are made to the data after it is first produced*

**Select one of the following : (highlighted by Yellow)**

*Frequency of maintenance for the data is not known*

*Data is repeatedly and frequently updated*

*There are no plans to update the data*

*Data is updated each day*

*Data is updated every year*

**Data is updated as deemed necessary**

*Data is updated each month*

*Data is updated every two weeks*

*Data is updated in intervals that are uneven in duration*

*Data is updated on weekly basis*

*Data is updated twice each year*

*Data is updated every three months*

### 3.05 Spatial representation type

How the spatial data is presented, Method used to represent geographic information in the dataset

Select one of the following : (highlighted by Yellow)

Grid data is used to represent geographic data

Three-dimensional view formed by the intersecting homologous rays of an overlapping pair of image

Textual or tabular data is used to represent the geographic data

Triangulated irregular network

Vector data is used to represent geographic data

Scene from a video recording

### 3.06 Supplemental information (Remarks)

Provide any additional supplemental information about this data that could help the user when using this data

Enter supplemental information / Remarks

Users should ensure that this data is applied at appropriate scales and in the context of its intended use. Boundary accuracy is suitable for general reference and spatial analysis

### 3.07 Temporal extent Start and End

Provide temporal extent start and end that may have bearing on this data.

Temporal extent start		Temporal extent end	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Enter temporal start date	Enter temporal start time	Enter temporal end date	Enter temporal end time

### 3.08 Responsible Parties / Point of Contact

Who can be contacted about this data? This is usually the metadata administrator.

Admin Name

Enter Metadata Admin

Dr. Njeru Jeremiah – Chief Technical Advisor of Natural Resource Management NRM  
Dr. Dalel Ourchefani – Technical Adviser Spatial Land Resources Information Systems  
Mr. Gabriel Sanya - GIS and RS Expert.  
Mr. Haitham Abdullah – GIS Specialist

### 3.09 Responsible and Permissions / Owner

Who is the responsible over this data? This is usually the person that led or supported the creation of the data

Data Responsible / Owner



**FAO Geo-Spatial Department**  
**NCVC Geo-Spatial Unit**  
**MoEWA**

*Who is the author of the metadata? This is usually the person that led or supported the creation of the data.*

### Enter Metadata Admin

*Geo-Spatial Department in Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
in Saudi Arabia*

#### 4.01 Key data features and attributes

### Description of key features and attributes

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