



Protected area (original language and official English translation)	Naturpark Rieserferner – Ahrn Rieserferner – Ahrn Nature Park
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Map of the protected area	
Short description	<p>The Rieserferner-Ahrn Nature Park is situated in the north-eastern part of the Autonomous Province Bozen-Südtirol (Italy). It extends over an area of around 313 square kilometres belonging to the municipalities of Sand in Taufers, Gais, Percha, Rasen-Antholz, Ahrntal and Prettau. The Park is situated between the bottom of the Tauferer Ahrn Valley in the northwest, the Austrian border at Staller Sattel in the east, Antholztal in the south-east and Pustertal in the south. The Rieserferner-Ahrn Nature Park (313 square kilometers) was founded in 1988. It borders on the Hohe Tauern National Park (1,786 square kilometres). Together with the Zillertaler Hauptkamm Nature Park (372 square kilometers), they build up the biggest association of protected areas in Europe, with a total area of 2,471 square kilometres.</p>
Area Size [km ²]	313

Main Area type (wetland, forest, grassland, alpine area) [ha, %, if available]	Open-range, alpine forests, grasslands
Main land use types [ha or %, if available]	Agriculture
Climate induced changes and problems	Shifting vegetations zones and disappearing habitats, glacier retreat, decreased slope stability
Technical, supportive partner	EURAC research Bozen



<u>Habitat Code</u>	<u>Habitats Directive Description</u>
3150	Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition - type vegetation
3220	Alpine rivers and the herbaceous vegetation along their banks
4060	Alpine and Boreal heaths
6150	Siliceous alpine and boreal grasslands
6170	Alpine and subalpine calcareous grasslands
6230	Species-rich Nardus grasslands, on silicious substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas in Continental Europe)
6430	Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels
6510	Nutrient-Poor Hay meadows (<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i> , <i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>)
6520	Mountain hay meadows
7140	Transition mires and quaking bogs
7240	Alpine pioneer formations of the <i>Caricion bicoloris-atrofuscae</i>
8110	Siliceous scree of the montane to snow levels (<i>Androsacetalia alpinae</i> and <i>Galeopsietalia ladani</i>)
8120	Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (<i>Thlaspietea rotundifolii</i>)
8210	Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation
8220	Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation
8340	Permanent glaciers
9410	Acidophilous <i>Picea</i> forests of the montane to alpine levels (<i>Vaccinio-Piceetea</i>)
9420	Alpine <i>Larix decidua</i> and/or <i>Pinus cembra</i> forests