

Putorana Plateau, Russian Federation

Key facts

- Recommended by IUCN for inscription on the World Heritage List in July 2010 at the World Heritage Committee in Brasilia, Brazil, for its pristine natural beauty and its complete set of untouched subarctic and arctic ecosystems including taiga, forest tundra, arctic deserts, cold water lakes and rivers.
- The striking natural beauty of Putorana Plateau includes more than 25,000 fjord-like lakes, dozens of deep canyons, rivers and creeks, and thousands of waterfalls.
- The Plateau represents one of the only few centres of plant species richness in the Arctic.

Key quote

- *“The combination of extraordinary landscape diversity, remoteness and naturalness makes the Putorana Plateau one of the truly wild places remaining in the Arctic at a time of increasing pressure on this fascinating region”*
says **Tilman Jaeger, IUCN’s World Heritage Project Management Officer**. *“The World Heritage status not only provides a strong and permanent conservation framework but there is a great opportunity to better understand the impacts of climate change in large undisturbed arctic ecosystems. .”*

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