

11 NEW SITES JOIN THE WORLD NETWORK OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES

The International Coordinating Council of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB), has added 11 new sites to the [World Network of Biosphere Reserves](#) (WNBR). In 2013 the Network is composed of 621 biosphere reserves in 117 countries, including 12 trans-boundary sites.

The [Man and the Biosphere \(MAB\) Programme](#) improves the relationships between people and their environment globally. Launched in the early 1970s, the MAB Programme proposes an interdisciplinary research agenda and capacity building that target the ecological, social and economic dimensions of biodiversity loss and the reduction of this loss. [Biosphere reserves](#) harmonize conservation of biological and cultural diversity, and economic and social development, through partnerships between people and nature. They also contribute to the transition to green societies by experimenting with green development options such as sustainable tourism and training for eco-jobs.

The World Network of the MAB Programme promotes North-South and South-South co-operation through sharing knowledge, exchanging experiences, building capacity and promoting best practices. On 2013 UNESCO was called to lead the United Nations [International Year of Water Cooperation](#) and the MAB Programme will also focus cooperation and networking on issues related with water management.

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