

20 NEW SITES JOIN IN 2015 THE WORLD NETWORK OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES

The International Coordinating Council of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) added 20 new sites to the [World Network of Biosphere Reserves](#) (WNBR). In 2015 the Network is composed of 651 biosphere reserves in 120 countries, including 15 trans-boundary sites.

In particular the new Biosphere Reserves are located in Algeria, Argentina, Ethiopia, Honduras, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Kazakhstan, Myanmar, South Africa, Spain, Spain/Portugal, Vietnam, People's Republic of China, France.

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.

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