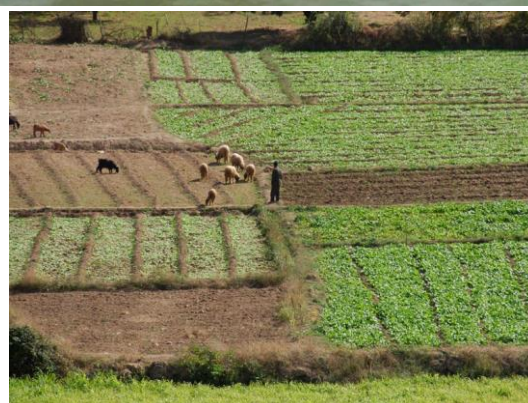


20 NEW SITES JOIN IN 2016 THE WORLD NETWORK OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES

The International Coordinating Council of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme added 20 sites to the [World Network of Biosphere Reserves](#) during its meeting in Lima (Peru) on 18 and 19 March 2016.

The newly adopted sites include 18 national site and one transboundary site shared between Spain and Portugal. The Council also approved 9 extensions to existing Biosphere Reserves. In particular the new Biosphere Reserves are located in Algeria (Monts de Tlemcen), Canada (Beaver Hills), Canada (Tsá Tué), Ghana (Lake Bosomtwe), Haiti (Hotte), India (Agasthyamala), Indonesia (Balambangan), Iran (Hamoun), Italy (Collina Po), Kasakhstan (Barsakelmes), Madagascar (Belo sur Mer-Kirindy Mitea), Mexico (Isla Cozumel), Morocco (Atlas Cedar), Peru (Gran Pajatén), Philippines (Albay), Portugal (Fajãs de São Jorge), Portugal and Spain (Tejo/Tajo), Tanzania (Jozani-Chwaka Bay), United Kingdom (Isle of Man)



[In 2016 the Network is composed of 669 biosphere reserves in 120 countries, including 16 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.

The 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves ended on 17 March 2016 in Lima (Peru) with the adoption of [a Declaration and a new ten-year Action Plan](#) for UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

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