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Press Release

Clarification on statements about the Seaflower Biosphere Reserve

In several press articles of 2 September 2013, statements can be read about the Seaflower Biosphere Reserve which have been erroneously attributed by the media to UNESCO.

These comments are attributed to persons who are not officials of the Organization, and do not have the authority to speak on behalf of the UNESCO's Secretariat.

With regard to the disagreement between Colombia and Nicaragua, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization clarifies that UNESCO does not intervene in this sort of situations.

Seaflower joined the worldwide network of Biosphere Reserves in 2000. A biosphere reserve is characterized by a zone that includes diverse ecosystems recognized by the Man and Biosphere international programme (MAB), promoted by UNESCO to foster a balanced relationship between humankind and the environment.

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