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NEWS from the Biosphere World Network

En Français

Welcome to the electronic newsletter of the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves!

Biosphere reserves are sites which seek to reconcile socioeconomic development, and conservation of biodiversity based on local community efforts and sound science. They constitute ideal places to test and demonstrate new approaches to sustainable development at a regional scale providing lessons which can be applied elsewhere.

This newsletter provides a regular overview of new initiatives, events and publications related to the biosphere reserve activities and scientific achievements of the MAB Programme.

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La Amistad Biosphere Reserve: Conservation without Borders

Over the past decade, Conservation International has supported sustainable economic development in the buffer zones around La Amistad Biosphere Reserve in Panama. It helped communities in both Panama and Costa Rica to engage in sustainable agriculture and agroforestry, community development, environmental education, and a credit system for pro-environmental activities. [More](#)

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Community Needed Research in Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust encourages and supports traditional ecological knowledge and scientific research in Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve, Canada. One of its goals is to promote academic research that responds to

community needs and concerns. With this regard, a list of community research needs related to aquaculture, community health, marine resources, and tourism, was compiled through a number of interviews, meetings and community events.

[More](#)

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Elimination of Environmental Burdens in the Lower Morava Biosphere Reserve

Under the European Union funding scheme, the Lower Morava Biosphere Reserve, Czech Republic, has recently engaged in a new project aimed at the removal of environmental burdens caused by 15 old oil and gas drill holes. The project also outlines the technical procedures for a complete removal of the risk to the environment posed by these sources of contamination. [More](#) (go to Project)

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Ecotourism Development in the Saloum Delta Biosphere Reserve

In the framework of the Regional Marine and Coastal Conservation Programme for West Africa, a sustainable tourism project is being successfully implemented in the Saloum Delta Biosphere Reserve, Senegal. The main objective of the project is to build capacities for sustainable tourism management as an alternative for the valorization and conservation of the natural, cultural and archaeological values of the site. [More](#) (in French)

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Events

Finalists for the Equator Prize 2006 Announced

The Equator Initiative has announced 25 finalist initiatives for the 2006 Equator Prize. The 25 finalists were selected from a total pool of 310 nominations from 70 nations. Two of the selected initiatives, involving sustainable tourism and sustainable fisheries management, are developed in the Mexican Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve. [More](#)

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Biodiversity in a Transboundary Biosphere Reserve: A Pedagogical Approach

The house of the biosphere in Fischbach bei Dahn, in the German part of the Vosges du Nord-Pfälzerwald transboundary biosphere reserve, hosted the fifth edition of the "talks of Wasgau". The objective of this meeting was to use a pedagogical approach to render comprehensible and to appreciate biological diversity through the territory of this biosphere reserve.

[More](#) (in French)

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Star Alliance Links with Major Environmental Agencies

Star Alliance - the airline network for Earth - has entered into a three-year partnership called "Biosphere Connections" with three global environmental conservation agencies, including UNESCO's MAB. This partnership reflects Star Alliance's support for the promotion, conservation and sustainable use of resources across the network of countries the alliance serves. [More](#)

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Future events on the [MABNet](#)

Publications

What's on in the ecosystem: Amboseli as a Biosphere Reserve. A Compendium of Conservation and Management Activities in the Amboseli Ecosystem

Quality Economics in Arab Biosphere Reserves

Biodiversity and actors (Spanish)

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