

# MAB in the Mountains

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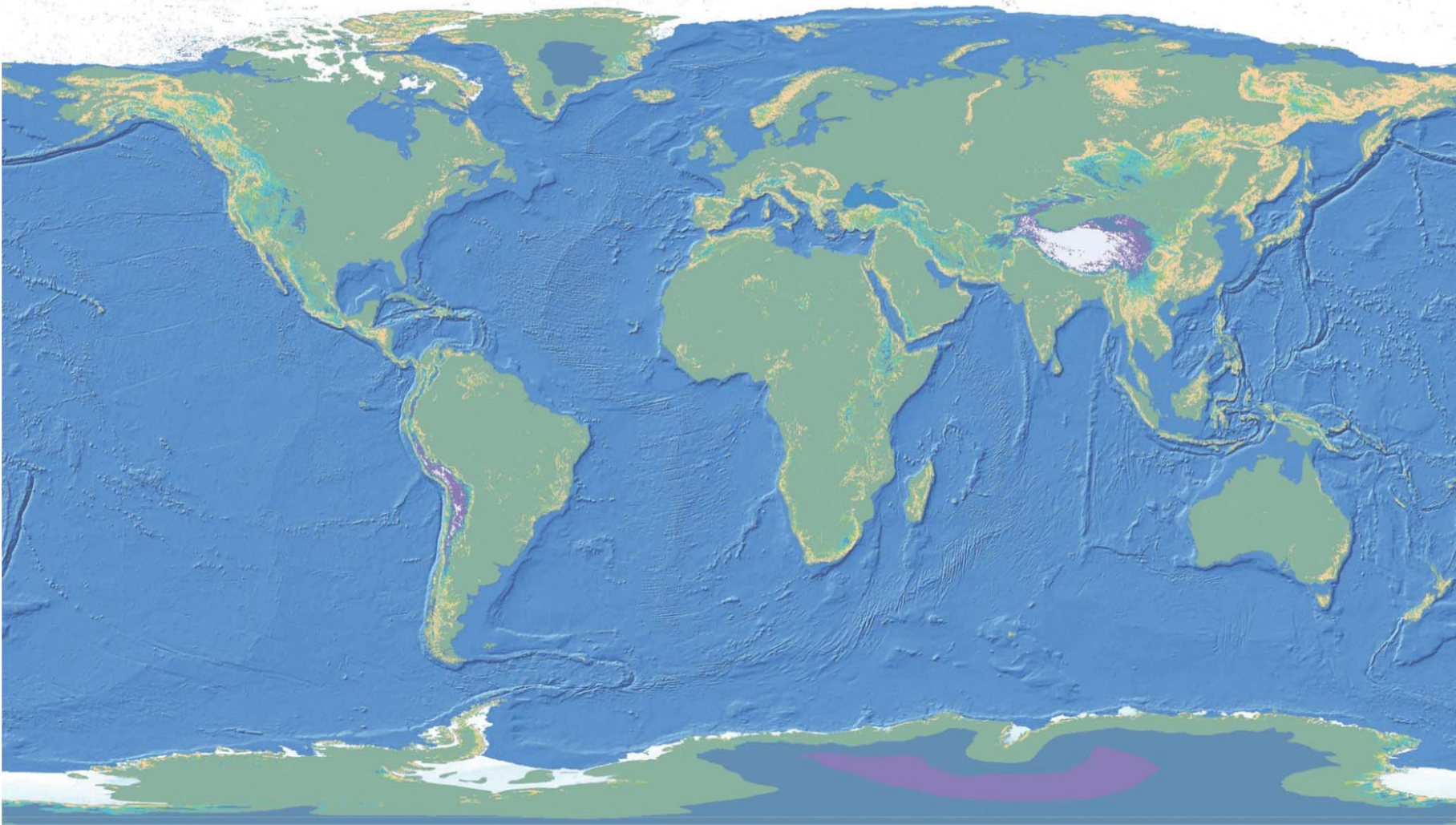


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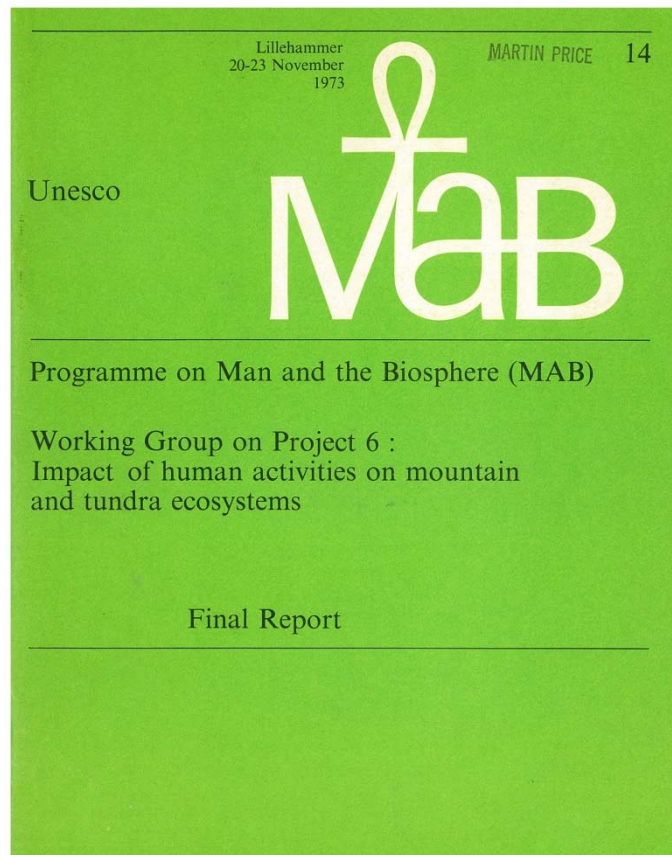
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24% of the Earth's land surface

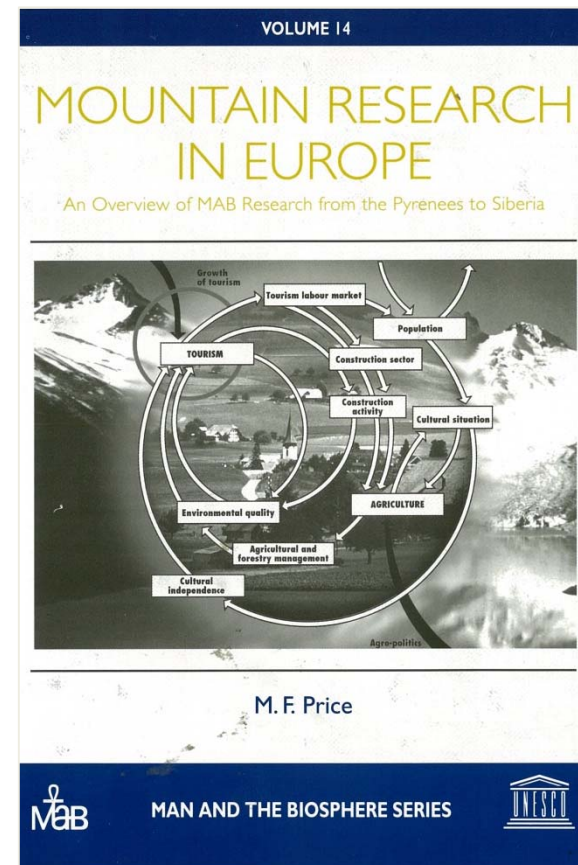


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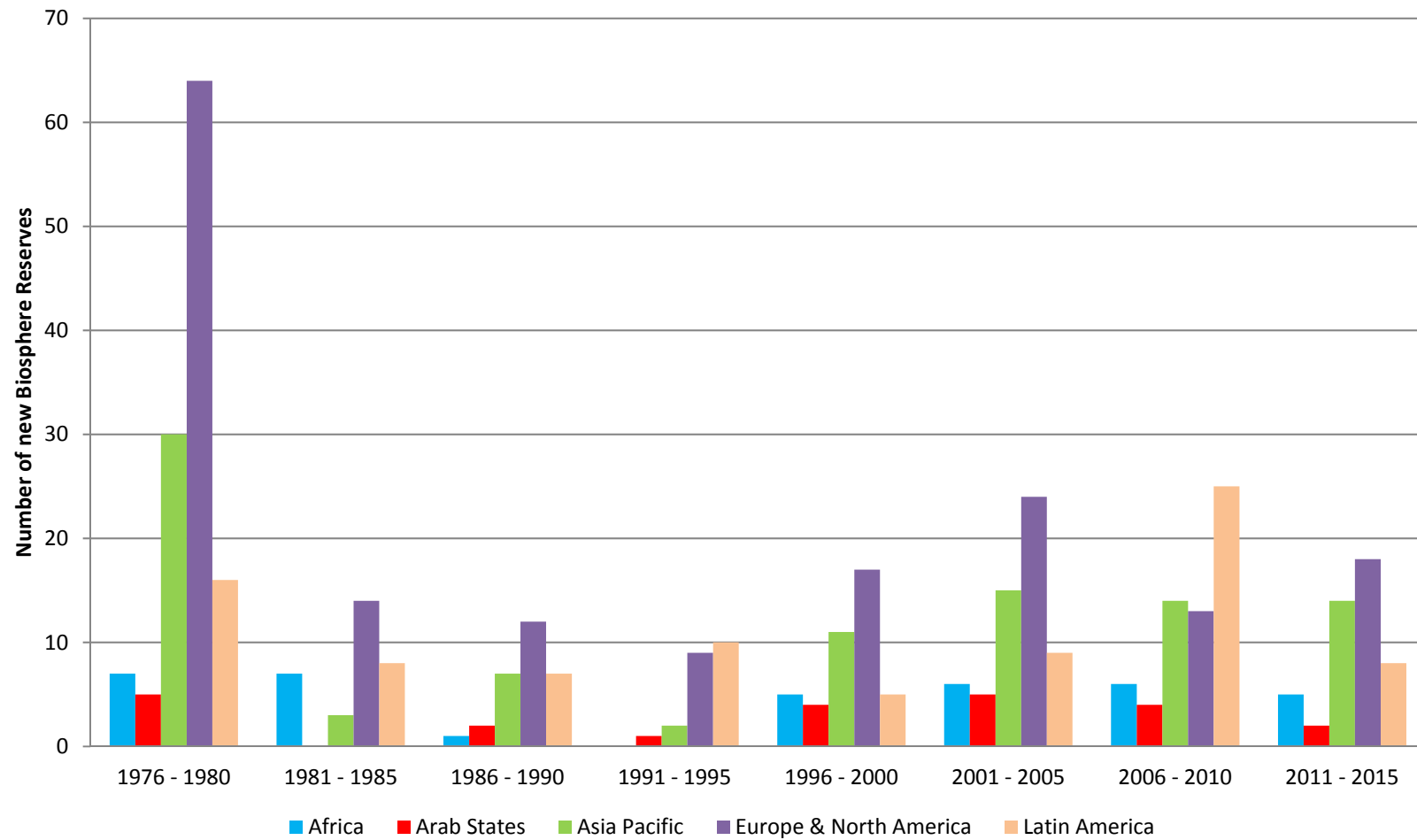
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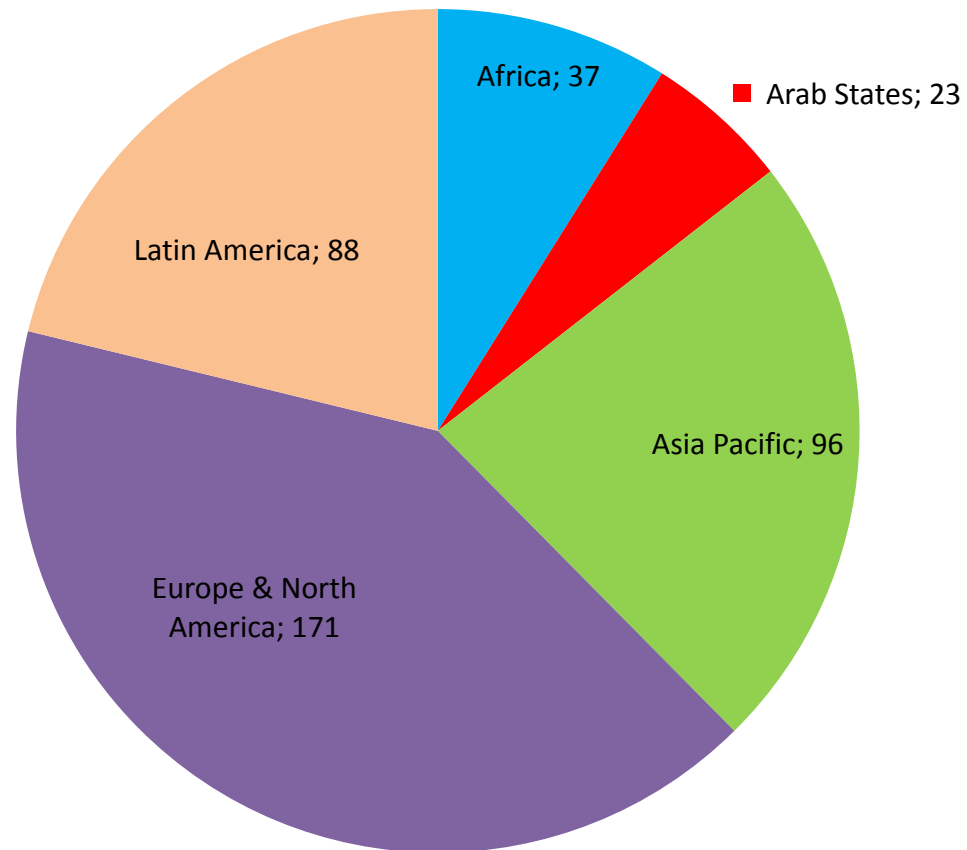
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# Biosphere Reserves in mountain areas

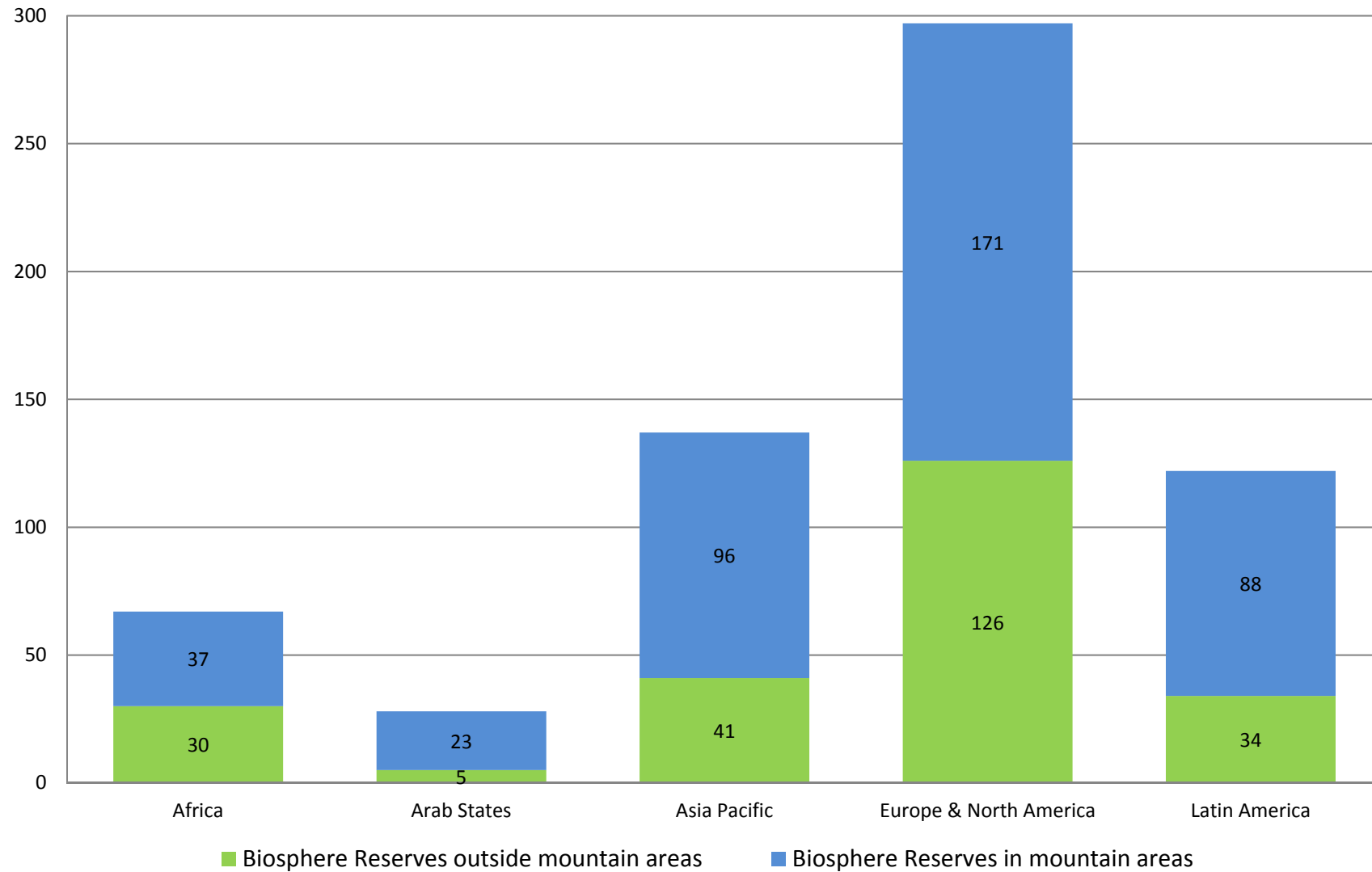


# Number of Biosphere Reserves by region (mountain areas)



■ Africa ■ Arab States ■ Asia Pacific ■ Europe & North America ■ Latin America

# Total Number of Biosphere Reserves



2011



Celebrating 40 years of UNESCO's MAB Programme: an Austrian contribution

# Biosphere Reserves in the Mountains of the World

## Excellence in the Clouds?



Austrian MAB Committee (ed.)



Austrian Academy of Sciences Press, Vienna 2011

# Sites of excellence

- Sustainable development
- Conservation
- Implementing the SDGs





# Sites of excellence

- Exploring & addressing challenges of global change



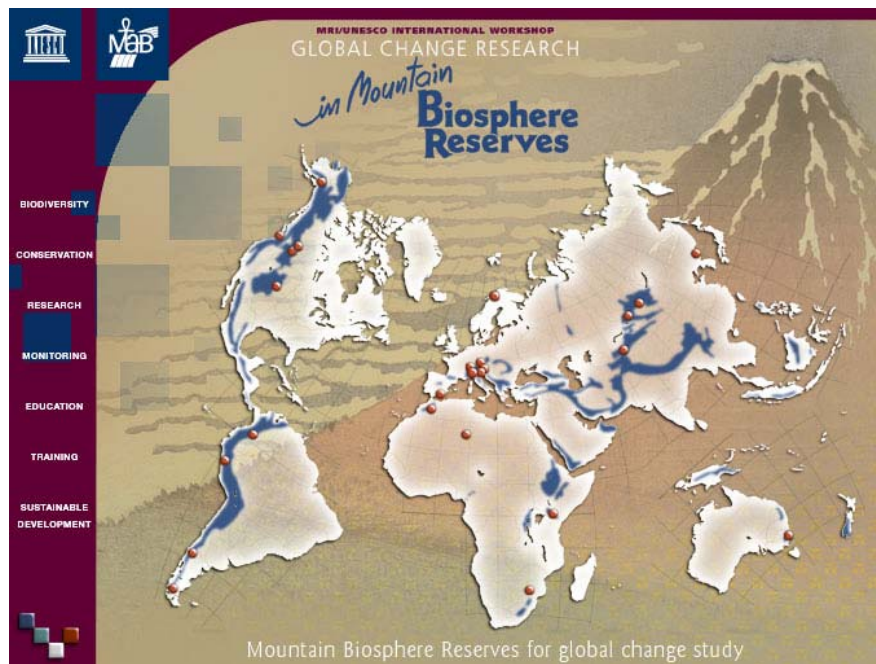
# Sites of excellence

- Dynamic environments/change => need for flexibility
- Multi-stakeholder participatory approaches



# Partnerships and networks

- Twinning
- Regional networks
- Global thematic network?



A scenic view of a mountain range with a sun flare in the sky. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The sky is a mix of light and dark blue, with a bright sun flare in the upper center. The foreground shows a dark, rocky slope on the right side.

Thanks for your attention  
and looking forward to  
your contributions !