

REPORT ON MEETINGS WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION, MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND MANAGEMENT BODY (BOARD OF TRUSTEES) OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES

COUNTRY VISITED:

(1) Thailand, (2) Mongolia, (3) Egypt, (4) UK, (5) Japan, (6) Pakistan; (7) Republic of Korea,
(8) France, (9) Argentina

IMPLEMENTATION OF VISITS:

August 2018 – March 2019

PURPOSE:

- To obtain overview of status and condition of several biosphere reserves
- To conduct a coordinative meeting with NATIONAL COMMISSION, MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND MANAGEMENT BODY (BOARD OF TRUSTEES) OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES.
- To exchange experiences and lesson learnt from other BRs in other countries
- To explore possibilities to collaborate among BRs and establishing sister BRs
- To disseminate priority programmes as President of ICC MAB of 2018-2020 i.e.:
 1. to strengthen the visibility and formal recognition of MAB in Member States
 2. to reinforce linkages with other UNESCO Programmes as well as international initiatives and collab in support of the SDGs
 3. to ensure the adaptation and replication of BRs as a sustainable devmt model
 4. to strengthen the sharing of information and enhancement of communication within the WNBR as well as its regional and thematic networks
 5. to establish resource mechanisms for the development of BRs
 6. to promote science- based policy for the sustainable use of natural resources based on research conducted in BRs

In addition, to disseminate Palembang Declaration, result of Int'l Conference, will be copied and circulate to all member states to be discussed on Fri, 27th in Agenda 18: all other matters.

Preparing strategies and action plans framed in national and regional context and contributing to both MAB programme and LAP at global level, in order to enhance financial aid in combating poverty, increase building cap and accelerate achievemnt of SDGs

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4. Strengthen data sharing in a proper manner

5. enhance mobility to support the impl. of mab strat and lap

6. Enhance global support n incentives to strengthen communication and networking to achieve targets and share lesson learnt in mangaing BRs

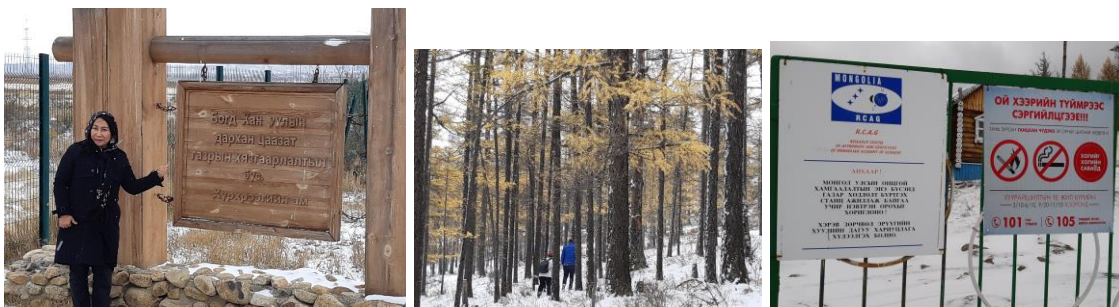
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I. Thailand: August 2018



Vaugust 27, 2018: Visit to Thailand MAB National Committee Office in the Ministry of Royal Forestry: discussion with Dr. Prasert Sornsathapornkul (Director of Division of Foreign Affairs, ex officio as Vice Chair of Thailand National Commission for UNESCO) and Ms. Ploi Narumon, MAB National Committee Secretariat (on the occasion of APEC meeting on Renewable Energy based on bioresources)

II. MONGOLIA: October 7, 2018



October 7th, 2018: Visit to Bogd Khan Uul Mongolia Biosphere Reserve with a Protected Area as the core zone, but no signase indicating BR: accompanied by staff of Ministry of Forestry (not able to contact and meet the Mongolian MAB National Committee (person in charge was changed but not yet revised in the website) on the occasion of a meeting of ACM (Asian Consortium on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Microorganism). There is a research station on Astronomy belongs to Mongolian Academy of Sciences in the core zone.

Assisted by Mr. Bilguun who is in charge in the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia to contact the up dated person in charge of Mongolia MAB National Committee as the one appeared in the UNESCO Website is far out of date), but unsuccessful. The name and contact address of the present focal point of MAB National Committee of Mongolia are:

Ch.Batsansar (Head, Department of State protected Area, MET).
Mobile: 976-88116047; Office phone: 976-11-312428; email: batsansar@mne.gov.mn
Alternate email is Senior officer of Foreign relationship, Ministry of Environment & Tourism: Mrs. Ariuntuya; email: ariuntuya@mne.gov.mn

III. EGYPT: November 13, 2018 (in the occasion of COP CBD 14, 14-18th November)



Visit to UNESCO Cairo Office for the Arab Region and Egypt MAB National Committee secretariat (on the occasion of attending 14th COP CBD). MAB and BR was mentioned in the speech during the closing of High Level Segment meeting of COP CBD. Facilitated by Dr. Elsa Stout, EGYPT UNESCO National Commission. Met the Director of UNESCO Arab Regional Office, the Chair and Vice Chair of Egypt MAB National Committee, Dr. Malna.

IV. UK: November 2018



Discussion with Secretary of UK National Commission for UNESCO in London, UK



Discussion with Mr. Andrew Bielinski and Mr. Peter Ross representative Board of Trustees of Galloway and Southern Ayrshire BR dan a representative community and academician in Southern Ayrshire part of Galloway and Southern Ayrshire BR



A meeting at Community Centre Office (ex school building) in Galloway region of GSA BR which was ex Forestry Village run by community of Biosphere Reserve. Discussion with Ms. Sue Clara and Ms. Meta Maltman accompanied by Mr. Peter Ross.



Meeting with Vice Chair of UK MAB National Committee, Prof. Martin Price at University of Highland and Inland, Perth, UK and staff and Ms. Gaynor Jones of Aquatera representing institution from Orkney Islands on the possibility of new programme and proposing a new UK's BR involving private sectors.



Meeting with Chief Minister (Hon Howard Quayle MHK) and Minister of Environment, Food and Agriculture: Hon Geoffrey Boot MHK of Isle of Man.



Token of Appreciation from the Isle of Man Biosphere Reserve (Stamps of Isle of Man BR) handed over by the Minister of Environment, Food and Agriculture (Hon. Geoffrey Boot MHK) and witnessed by stakeholder committee of Isle of Man BR: Joe Overty, UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man Project Officer, Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA); Dr. RG. Selman, Ecosystem Policy Manager, DEFA; Bill Dale BEM, NGO, Beach Buddies; Andrew Cooper, Manx National Farmers' Union; Ray Craine, Manx National Farmers' Union; Chris Martin, Isle of Man's Children Centre; Laura McCoy, Manx National Heritage



Discussion and sharing information on Branding, Food and Agriculture, Fisheries and marine nature reserves Officers, Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture di Kantor Forestry Unit, Isle of Man Biosphere. Participants: Dr. Ken Milne, Director of Energy Policy; Dave Roberts, Mines and

Minerals; Peter Longworth, Energy Efficiency Manager; Rowan Henthorn, Ecosystem Policy Officer; Sophie Costain, Biodiversity Officer; Louise Samson, Biodiversity Officer; Dr. Peter Duncan, Senior Marine Environment Officer



Visit the transition zone of Isle of Man BR: Western Civic Amenity Site: met and discussed with Energy Award Winner: Mike Rose, Manager.



Visit to Knockaloe Beg Farm, run by an Education and Public Awareness Award Winner: John Anderson and his wife Fiona Anderson. Discussion while having lunch at the farm homestay offering home made product "honey" and environment education package. Also met with: Andrew Lees: Food Business Development Manager



Discussion with fisherman (Mr. Chris Clugston) and his family an Award Winner of 2018 Food, Fishing and Farming for Fisheries; earning income from fishery produced in Isle of Man BR. The fisherman is

fully aware about the Biosphere reserve of Isle of Man, December 2018. Accompanied by: Dr. Peter Duncan (Senior Marine Environment Officer).



Involvement of an NGO and public campaign of Isle of Man BR in public space such as in the Airport by joining the exhibition on Plastic Tree to spread a message on plastic waste. Met with: Graham Makepeace-Warne, Marketing and Membership Manager, Manx Wildlife Trust

V. JAPAN: December 2018 (on the occasion of 18th Science Council Asia Meeting representing Indonesia especially Indonesia Institute of Sciences as the Member of th Council)



Meeting with Japan National Commission for UNESCO and Japan MAB National Committee in December 2018 at MEXT (Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) Office in Tokyo (taking the benefit while in Tokyo on the occasion of 18th Science Council Asia Meeting representing Indonesia especially Indonesia Institute of Sciences as the Member of th Council)



Integration MAB with UNESCO Chair Programme : Delivering a lecture in Kyoto University arranged in coordination with WENDI (UNESCO Chair on Water, Energy and Disaster Management) and JASTIP (Japan-ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Platform) on 8th December 2018 (visiting Japan on the occasion of Science Council Asia Meeting in Tokyo)

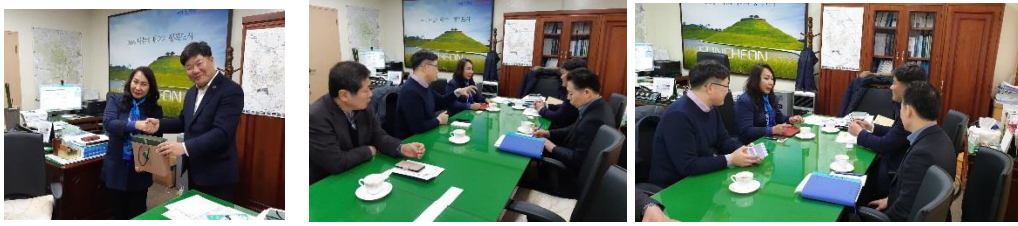


Visit to the buffer zone of Mt. Odaigahara, Mt. Oomine, Osugidani BR and Kawasaki-mura in Japan, arranged by Kyoto University, meeting with local community in the buffer zone

VI. REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK): February 2019



February 2019, Discussion with dengan Chief Director, Director and staff of Division of Ecology and Environment Division Suncheon City, ROK which manages the Suncheon BR before the Board of Management is established by the Division. Met with: Mr. Il-Jong Jang (Chief Director, Suncheon City Ecology and Environment Centre); Mr. Tae-sung Kim (Director, Ecology and Environment Division); Mr. Jae-jung Lee and Mr. Kyung-jin Kim (Ecology and Environment Division)



Courtesy call to Vice Mayor of Suncheon City, ROK, appreciation for the local government and suggestion on the management and potential branding. Met with: Mr. Byeong-Ju Kim (Vice Mayor of Suncheon City); Mr. Tae-sung Kim (Director, Ecology and Environment Division, Suncheon City)
Mr. Jae-jung Lee and Mr. Kyung-jin Kim (Ecology and Environment Division, Suncheon City)



Visit and discussion with Director of Suncheon Bay National Garden and Suncheon Bay Wetland as the the core zone of Suncheon BR, ROK. Met with: Mr. Jang Yeoung-Hyu (Director General Suncheonman Management Centre, National Garden dan Manager Wetland Suncheon Bay); Mr. Young-Ik Cho (Manager, Suncheon Bay Preservation Department); Mr. James Cho (guide, English Interpreter); Mr. K.C. Moon (guide, wetland, English Interpreter)





Visit to Suncheon Bay Wetland as core zone of Suncheon BR (designated by UNESCO in 2018) and discussion with Manager, guide and staff. Information board informing a biosphere reserve

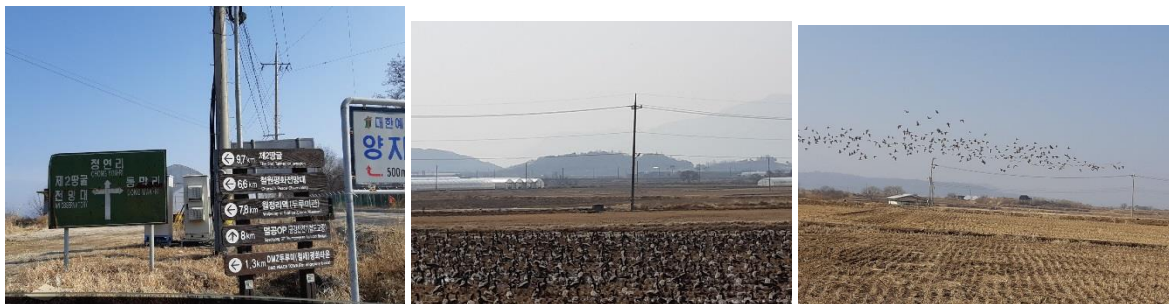


Visit and discussion with the Director and leaders of local community in Naganeupsong Walled Town as the buffer zone of Suncheon BR. Met with: Mr. Beom-haeng Hur (Manager, Naganeupsong Support Centre); Mr. Song Gap-deuk and Mr. Song Sang su (community leaders); Ms. Mi (Michelle)-Gyeong Jo (Culture and Guide). Accompanied by Mr. Tae Sung Kim (Director, Ecology and Environment Division); Mr. Jae-Jung Lee and Ms. Hyoung-won Ma (staff Ecology and Environment Division); Ms. Mi (Michelle)-Gyeong Jo (Culture and Guide)



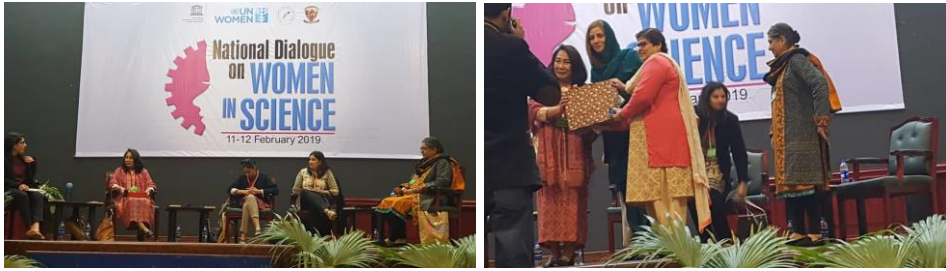
Visit and discussion in Seunamsan Temple part of Seunchon BR which is also inscribed as a WHS: explore potential cultural activity and branding such as wild green tea ceremony and prosing facility of wild green tea. Buddhist Sanctuary in the hill of western part of Mt. Jogyesan as UNESCO sebagai World Heritage Site (WHS). Met with: Ms. Shin Park (Guide, Culture); Ms. Mi (Michelle)-

Gyeong Jo (Culture and Guide); Ms. Jae Hee Kim (guide wild green tea ceremony at the Tea House); Mr. Jae-jung Lee (Ecology and Environment Division, Suncheon City); Ms. Hyoung-Won Ma (Ecology and Environment Division, Suncheon City)



In the DMZ Cheonwon of Republic of Korea, discussion with MAB National Committee representative of NGO and community on the potential new biosphere reserve covering the wetland in the estuaria of Han River. Meeting with: Prof. Do-Soon Cho (Chair of UNESCO MAB National Committee, member of IAC UNESCO; Profesor, Catholic University of Korea), Dr. Don Han (Danny) Anggota MAB National Committee, Adjunct Professor, Kongju National University, Director ECO Korea, Mr. Doyeon (monk and environment activist on wetland fauna).

VII. PAKISTAN: LAHORE: 11-12 FEBRUARY 2019 (National Dialogue Women in Science: International Women Day), arranged by UNESCO Islamabad



Informing program MAB UNESCO, the need for integration and encouraging universities and partners (especially women scientists and leaders) to conduct research in Pakistan's Biosphere Reserves in the occasion of National Dialogue Women in Science: International Women Day), arranged by UNESCO Islamabad Office and UN Women and Lahore Women University on 11-12 February 2019. During the meeting, information was also spread to distinguished/honorary guests including the Member of House of Parliament (shown in the above photo on the right).

VIII. FRANCE: February 2019



In the opening of 25th International Advisory Committee (IAC) MAB di UNESCO Headquarters, Paris on 25 February 2019.



Courtesy call and discussion with the ADG (Deputy DG) UNESCO (Mr. Xing QU) on: appreciation of support, progress of MAB Programme including 30th ICC MAB in Indonesia concerning strategy to establish harmony in relationship through BR of ROK and DRK, next plan of MAB Programme.



Site visit to buffer zone and core zone of Fontainebleau Biosphere Reserve France. Symbol of MAB UNESCO only appeared on the information board in the buffer zone in the Barbizon village, not in the core zone in the Forêt de Fontainebleau.

IX. ARGENTINA: MARCH 2019



Side Event of South-South Cooperation on Biosphere Reserve on 21 March 2019 arranged by UNESCO Montevideo Office and signing of MoU with Gambia Government and with Togo Government on Biosphere reserve and Green Economy collaboration witnessed by UN Secretary General for South South Cooperation and Ambassador of India for United Nations



Discussion with the Ambassador of Indonesia for Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay and Director of Technical Collaboration of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia during the South-South Cooperation event in Buenos Aires. Informing BRS in Argentina and the need to be supported and explore potential funding for collaboration.



Meeting at the Secretariat Office of Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina: with Ms. Dolores Duverges, National Director of Territorial Planning (as MAB National

Committee), Dr. Graciela M. Pien, Member of MAB National Committee; Mr. Baldomero Casillo, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ms. Florencia Noya and Ms. Daniela Zalloco, Argentina National Commission for UNESCO. Main issue: to revitalize Argentina MAB National Committee, appreciation to the country as the 2nd country the world developing system or indicators on measuring BRs progress although it is still waiting for the endorsement from the country before it could be adapted by the MAB Secretariat for dissemination based on Council's decision.



Meeting with Brazil MAB National Committee, Chair of Brazil MAB National Committee, da Mata Atlantica Biosphere Reserve (Mr. Clayton Ferreira Lino), Director for Marketing ProYUNGAS Foundation, Jujuy, Argentina (Dr. Amelie Le Ster), Argentina MAB National Committee (Dr. Graciela M. Pien).