

IX MEETING OF THE WORLD NETWORK OF ISLAND AND COASTAL BIOSPHERE RESERVES



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Programme



Sustainable
Development
Goals



World Network of Island and Coastal
Biosphere Reserves



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WNICBR WORKPLAN 2018-2022



OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION

- Review the background and elaboration process of the Work plan.
- Summarise the Work plan principles, work areas and actions.
- Discussion on the Work plan's implementation.



BACKGROUND

The objective E.4. of the Lima Action Plan establishes that each regional and thematic network should develop a plan with objectives, performance assessment mechanism and timeframe.

1. Proto-workplan (2016-2017) discussed in La Palma (Spain, 2015) and presented in Lima (2016).
2. Memorandum of Understanding signed in Jeju 2017 (Rep. Korea) during the VII Meeting (2018-2022).
3. Workplan (2018-2022) discussed in a participatory process during the VIII Meeting (Menorca 2018)



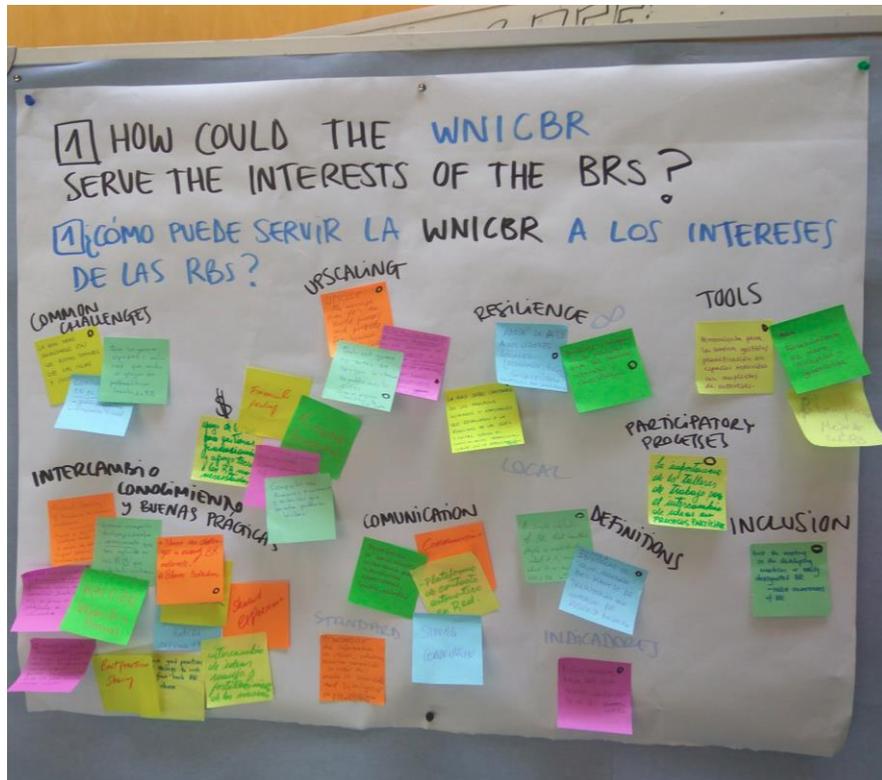
Menorca, 24 May 2018

WORKPLAN PROCESS

1. Contributions gathered in the Menorca participatory process, grouped as follows:

- a) Defining aspects of the Network and conceptual framework
- b) Role, functions and objectives of the Network
- c) Operational aspects

2. Prioritization of work areas/actions, after the Meeting, by all the WNICBR members:
9 areas/actions (+1) selected among the initial 29.



GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 1) Contribute to the implementation of the SDGs in the framework of the BR**
- 2) Promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences and networking among island and coastal biosphere reserves**
- 3) Contribute to the knowledge about the sustainable management of natural and cultural resources on islands and coastal zones facing the challenge of global change**
- 4) Promote capacity building of BR managers**
- 5) Promote education for sustainable development**
- 6) Reinforce lessons learned within the Network and promote their transfer beyond the Network**

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Obj. 1. Consolidate the structure and operation of the Network

Obj. 2. Encourage the active participation of the Network's members

Obj. 3. Development of capacities, tools and resources for BR managers and staff

Obj. 4. Promote networking and knowledge exchange

Obj. 5. Promote studies and research within the Network's framework

Obj. 6. Promote and disseminate the actions and achievements of the Network



PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)

Obj. 1. Consolidate the structure and operation of the Network

1.1. Establish a governance structure

- ✓ Network's regulation
- ✓ Fund-in-Trust Steering Committee
- ✓ Membership criteria and formal process

Currently, 61 BRs have signed the membership document, among 85 participant Brs

1.2. Obtain funding for shared projects and common actions

- Partnership with both public and private entities
- Search for funding for specific projects: LIFE, COST, Horizon2020,...



RED MUNDIAL DE RESERVAS DE BIOSFERA ISLAS Y ZONAS COSTERAS

Documento de adhesión

Considerando y aceptando los principios y objetivos acordados en el *Memorandum de Entendimiento para una Red Mundial de Reservas de Biosfera Islas y Zonas Costeras*, firmado en Jeju (República de Corea) el 12 de septiembre de 2012, por la presente afirmo que:

La Reserva de Biosfera: *Macizo de Anaga*
Gestionada por: *Cabildo Insular de Tenerife*

Con los siguientes datos de contacto (dirección, teléfono y e-mail):

Persona de contacto: Cristóbal Rodríguez Pínez
Dirección: Pabellón Insular Santiago Martín
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Declara su interés en formar parte activa de la Red Mundial de Reservas de Biosfera Islas y Zonas Costeras y por consiguiente, expresa su deseo formal de ser miembro de esta organización.

En San Cristóbal de La Laguna, a 11 de mayo de 2018
El Consejero Insular del Área de Sostenibilidad,
Medio Ambiente y Seguridad.

José Antonio Álvarez Alonso.
Lugar, fecha y firma de la persona responsable de la Reserva de Biosfera

PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)



Biosphere Reserves participating in the World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves

- Member of the Network
- Member in process of adhesion

PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)

Obj. 2. Encourage the active participation of the Network's members

2.1. Integrate the Network's work plan into the respective BR action plans

➡ To be incorporated by each member, and define means and actions to participate



BIOSPHERE RESERVE

DISCOVER

PROJECTS

PUBLICATIONS



Action Plan for the Biosphere Reserve of Menorca

The World Biosphere Reserves Network is the territorial concretion result of the UNESCO Man and Biosphere Program (MAB). With World Biosphere Reserve Network, it is intended to play an active role in different places experiencing on sustainable development.

The MAB Strategy for 2015-2025 raises the need to have an action plan for each Reserve, in line with Lima Action Plan (PAL 2016-2025). For Spanish reserves network these plans are specified in **Ordessa-Viñamala Action Plan 2017-2025**, of recent approval.

For this reason, Biosphere Reserve Agency has launched the drafting of the **Menorca Biosphere Reserve Action Plan until 2025**, which aims to activate Menorca as a sustainability laboratory from three conservation functions: economic development and logistical support.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)

Obj. 3. Development of capacities, tools and resources for BR managers and staff

3.1. Organize workshops, training courses for managers and participatory processes among members

- ✓ Annual training course (7th edition 2019) (by UNESCO & Jeju Secretariat)
- ➡ Promote workshops and participatory processes on topics of interest within the annual meetings

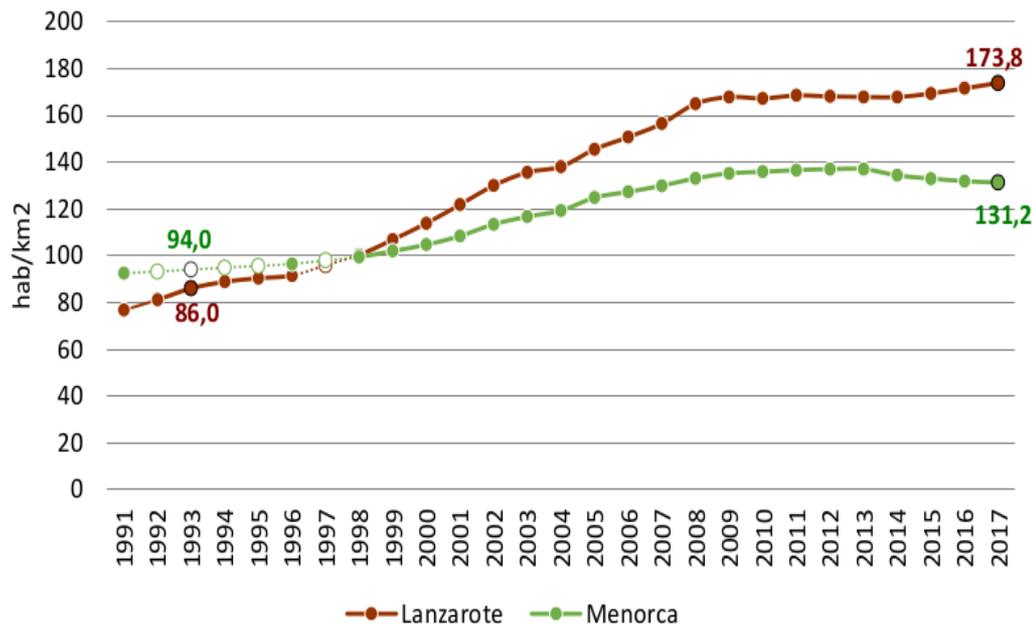


PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)

3.2. Define indicators at the network level to assess the fulfillment of UNESCO's objectives

- ✓ BR database: geographical data, administrative and management data, geoenvironmental data, socioeconomic data
- ✓ Combined indicators between Menorca-Lanzarote 2018, as an example

Gráfico 6. Evolución de la densidad de la población de derecho



Resident population

SISTEMA DE INDICADORES
CONJUNTOS ENTRE
LANZAROTE Y MENORCA
2018

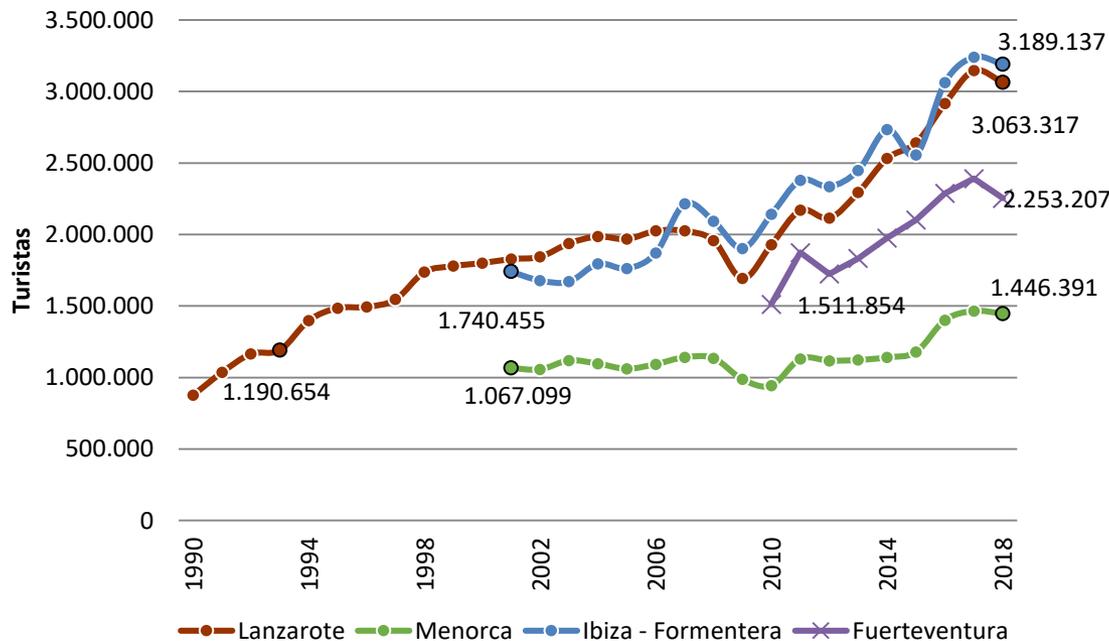
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PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)

3.2. Define indicators at the network level to assess the fulfillment of UNESCO's objectives

- Combined indicators between Menorca-Lanzarote-Fuerteventura-Ibiza (2019).
Work in progress
- Specific working group to develop the indicator system, based on the Sustainable Development Goals (e.g. Vital Signs-Clayoquot Sound BR)

Tourism (annual visitors)



PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)

Obj. 4. Promote networking and knowledge exchange

4.1. Develop technical and financial support mechanisms for the BRs that need it.

➡ Technical support to outline and develop project proposals and search for funding

4.2. Promote work groups and relationship between BRs with the same problem or interest

➡ Zero Plastic Working Group

➡ Promote other groups (e.g. indicators group)

**ZERO
PLASTIC**
WORLD NETWORK OF BIOSPHERE RESERVES



The Zero Plastic Working Group (ZPWG) was launched in May 2018 at the annual WNICBR meeting to invite all interested BR facing the challenge of plastic pollution to participate in this collaborative effort with the research network Marine Sciences For Society. (Specific session on Wednesday)

PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)

4.3. Make the knowledge of best (and bad) practices accessible, and share knowledge regularly and in a standardized way

✓ Experiences catalogue <http://www.islandbiosphere.org/Publicacions/llistat.aspx?tipo=EXP>



We encourage all BRs to submit their remarkable experiences, because it is a great tool for knowledge exchange!

Resources



Network

Network's meetings statements, work plan and other documents



MAB-UNESCO

MAB oficial documents



BR Members

Basic information of the biosphere reserves members of the Network



Gallery

Photos & Videos



Experiences

Outstanding experiences of the biosphere reserves members



Documentary collection

Publications, reports and documents of the biosphere reserve members



Newsletter

Network's informative newsletter



Publications

Network's publications

PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)

Obj. 5. Promote studies and research within the Network's framework

5.1. Promote alliances with research centers and universities to carry out studies and provide data to biosphere reserves

- ✔ Collaboration agreement between the Menorca Secretariat and the Marine Sciences for Society research network to coordinate and assist the Zero Plastic working group
- ✔ Research proposal coordinated by Jeju Secretariat involving 5 BR (climate change topic)
- ✘ Promote more alliances



PLAN DEVELOPMENT (WORK AREAS/ACTIONS)

Obj. 6. Promote and disseminate the actions and achievements of the Network

6.1. Dissemination and communication of the Network's activities and milestones (action added by Joint Secretariats)

- ✔ Publications (annual casebook)
- ✔ Newsletters (biannual Newsletter coordinated by Jeju, Zero Plastic Newsletter)
- ✔ Websites, social networks (Fb group) and media
- ✔ Participation in conferences, other networks, events,...
- ✚ Raising awareness and advocacy work on socio-environmental problems



Newsletter World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves

Publisher: Jeju Secretariat of WNICBR, the Republic of Korea

No. 14 (December, 2018)

THE 6TH TRAINING COURSE FOR ICBR MANAGERS

The 6th UNESCO Training Course for Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserve Managers took place on Jeju Island, the Republic of Korea from October 1st to 3rd, 2018. The training course was organized by UNESCO MAB and Jeju Special Self-Governing Province and convened by Jeju Secretariat of WNICBR.

The main target of this program is the BR managers of the ODA (Official Development Assistance) countries and newly designated sites and the program fully supports the entire educational expenses.

UNESCO MAB and Jeju Secretariat had received and reviewed approximately 30 application forms this year, but, unfortunately, the limited budget, we had to apply 'priorities to be considered for the selection process.'

A total of 11 participants were chosen and the participating BRs to the 6th training course include Peninsula de Guanahacabibes (Cuba), Wakatobi (Indonesia), Quirimbas (Mozambique), St. Mary's (Cl. Kitts and Nevis), Nan'y Islands (China), Sahamalaza-Itasy (Madagascar), the Commander Islands (Russia), Socotra Island (Yemen), Cape West Coast (South Africa), Nam Ha (Laos) and Palawan (the Philippines).

This Educational program was implemented for three days with lectures, presentations by participants and field trip around Jeju Island Biosphere Reserve. For the first time, a workshop session was held to discuss more practical topics relevant to the management including tourism, education, current initiatives and future projects.

The Proceeding Book, compiling presentations made at the training program is scheduled to be published by the end of this year and you can download all related information from the websites of UNESCO MAB and two technical secretariats, Jeju and Menorca.



DEFINING THE WORK PLAN FOR THE NETWORK 2018-2022

After the participatory session on the work plan held in Menorca last May, a summary document was drawn up, gathering all the contributions made by the participants. The ideas collected were grouped into four sections: conceptual framework, functions of the Network, general objectives, operational objectives and actions.

After proposing to all the participants a prioritization of the operational objectives and actions, we have obtained 32 responses and the most voted actions are:

- 1.1. Establish a governance structure for the Network
- 1.4. Obtain funding for shared projects and common actions
- 2.4. Integrate the Network's work plan into the respective BR action plans
- 3.3. Organize workshops, training courses and participatory processes among members
- 3.4. Define indicators at the network level to assess the fulfillment of UNESCO's objectives
- 4.1. Develop technical and financial support mechanisms for the BRs that need it
- 4.3. Promote work groups and relationship between BRs with the same problem or interest
- 4.4. Make the knowledge of best (and bad) practices accessible, and share knowledge regularly and in a standardized way
- 5.1. Promote alliances with research centers and universities to carry out studies and provide data to biosphere reserves.

With all the contributions made we can take the next step and draw up the final plan to be shared with all the members of the Network.

We would like to thank the participation and interest of all of you, and wish to consolidate our network with an effective and appropriate work to the common in UNESCO's fall members.

For more information:
<http://meeting.islandbiosphere.org/Contingut.aspx?kPub=904>





THANK YOU!
감사합니다
GRÀCIES!

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***“If you want to go fast,
go alone. If you want to
go far, go together.”***
African Proverb

QUESTIONS FOR THE DISCUSSION

- **How can we improve the connection between BR in order to be more effective and beneficial to the Network's members?**
- **Which could be the priority topics for the forthcoming events (training courses, meetings, operative working groups,...)?**
- **How could we implement actions not yet set in place or improve the current activities of the Network? (as experiences catalog, training courses, publications, dissemination and communication, etc.)**



Any other ideas?