

## We want to:

- collect, bundle, provide and actively disseminate knowledge on biosphere reserves and the outcomes of their practical implementation;
- support the practical implementation of the MAB programme internationally;
- initiate and stimulate innovative approaches to sustainable regional development and land use in biosphere reserves;
- document, analyse and increase the effectiveness of biosphere reserves as a tool for modern nature conservation and ecosystem management;
- test and promote biosphere reserves as model regions for sustainable development in all their facets;
- increase the effectiveness and intensity of the research on sustainability in biosphere reserves and support the transfer of the research findings into practice and other regions;
- encourage people's participation and engagement in designing biosphere reserves;
- anchor a „culture of innovation for sustainability“ in biosphere reserves;
- educate and train people about sustainable development issues;
- promote the concept of biosphere reserves
- advise policy-makers on promoting the MAB approach, nationally and internationally.

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## Model



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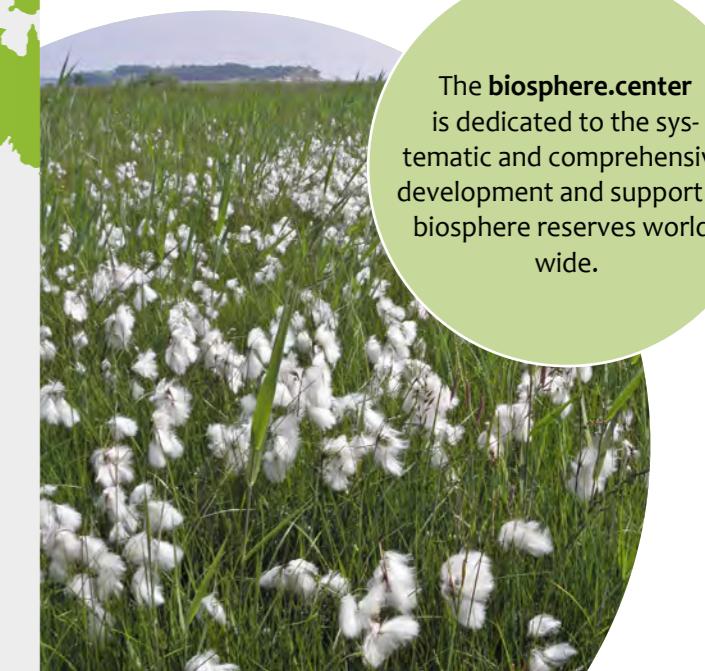


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Biosphere reserves (BR) are model regions and learning spaces for the sustainable development of humans with and as part of nature. The UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves and its Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) offer considerable potential for encouraging sustainability as a concept.

The **biosphere.center** is a science-based and practice-led partnership that is systematically and extensively dedicated to the development and support of biosphere reserves. The centre systematically and factually presents state-of-the-art knowledge, making it widely available and networking stakeholders. In this context it offers, for example, education and further training, and also advises decision-makers in politics, business and society.

The **biosphere.center** is dedicated to the systematic and comprehensive development and support of biosphere reserves worldwide.



# Competence Fields & Activities

## Outlook

We are currently working on projects that directly or indirectly support the sustainable development of biosphere reserves.

### Consulting & Development

- Improving the participation of local stakeholders
- Transferring knowledge on sustainable land use, prioritisation
- Feasibility and development studies
- Support with designating biosphere reserves
- Conceiving and planning the management of cross-border biosphere reserves
- Improving zoning concepts
- Developing and implementing quality management
- Developing and improving visitor control concepts

### Applied Research & Monitoring

- Adaptive management
- Sustainable land use strategies
- Networking strategies and assessment of expansion potential
- Integrative monitoring
- Sustainable management of recreational activities / tourism

### Teaching & Further Education

- International educational programmes in collaboration with partner biosphere reserves
- Networking BR educational programmes within the EuroMAB membership
- Train-the-Trainer programmes
- Workshops and summer schools for biosphere reserve stakeholders

The biosphere.center is aiming to expand its services in the future and develop solutions especially for the following areas:

- Developing innovative concepts for providing information for practice and science
- Creating networking platforms for biosphere reserve stakeholders
- Creating a global, open BR database
- Developing climate protection and adaptation strategies
- Developing a BR-specific education programme
- Developing better opportunities for participation and the efficient involvement of local expertise
- Developing a specialist BR library



„To me, biosphere reserves present the most developed and modern concept to conserve nature and at the same time ensure the survival of humanity. Therefore, it is particularly important to me that biosphere reserves get well-deserved attention both nationally and internationally. That is what we aim to contribute with biosphere.center.“  
(Prof (em) Dr M. Succow)

## Supporting bodies & cooperation partners

The partnership between EUROPARC Deutschland e. V., the Michael Succow Foundation and the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development creates a broad base of knowledge and experience, thus providing the basis for innovative strategies for promoting and developing biosphere reserves in Germany and worldwide.

### EUROPARC Deutschland e. V. Nationale Naturlandschaften



Protected areas in Germany's old and new federal states founded the non-profit organisation EUROPARC Deutschland e. V. in 1991 in order to coordinate and harmonise the work carried out by these areas across federal state borders. Over 25 years of work have created a broad range of expertise on all aspects concerned with Germany's National Natural Landscapes and their management. This has made it possible to constantly expand and strengthen a unique feature of EUROPARC Deutschland e. V. – namely its pooling of experts and interested parties from national parks, nature parks, biosphere reserves, wilderness areas and NGOs in order to coordinate positions and realise projects for the benefit of the National Natural Landscapes.

The umbrella organisation therefore gives the national parks, biosphere reserves, nature parks and wilderness areas a common voice and a greater public profile. The association formulates standards for quality management requirements, provides services for protected areas and the public, and also serves as a forum for dialogue with policy-makers, environmental associations and the media.

[europarc-deutschland.de](http://europarc-deutschland.de)  
[nationale-naturlandschaften.de](http://nationale-naturlandschaften.de)

### Michael Succow Foundation

The Michael Succow Foundation is nationally and globally active in nature conservation and sustainable development. The foundation's mission is to promote practical nature conservation and environmental protection as well as science, research and education. Preserve and sustain the ecological balance – to ensure the future of human society – these are the principles guiding the work of the Michael Succow Foundation.

The founder has worked for and shaped the German MAB National Committee for over 25 years.  
[succow-stiftung.de](http://succow-stiftung.de)



### Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development

Since it was re-established in its present form in 1992, the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development (HNEE) has dedicated itself to fulfilling its mission of „with nature for people“. With its four faculties „Forest and Environment“, „Landscape Management and Nature Conservation“, „Wood Science and Technology“ and „Sustainable Business“, the university unites experts from almost all areas concerned with sustainable development processes.

Specialist centres with biosphere experience directly support the partnership. The Centre for Econics and Ecosystem Management was established in 2011 as a collaboration between HNEE and Writtle University College in the UK with a focus on providing international consultation services on adaptive risk and vulnerability management. The Centre for Sustainable Tourism (ZENAT) was founded in 2013 and is dedicated to researching, testing and disseminating new insights into sustainable tourism management.

[hnee.de](http://hnee.de) | [centreforeconics.org](http://centreforeconics.org) | [zenat-tourismus.de](http://zenat-tourismus.de)