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Biosphere Reserves as a Tool for Coastal and Island Management in the South-East Pacific Region



PROJECT OBJECTIVE

We support countries in creating and reinforcing existing biosphere reserves on the coastal areas and islands of the Pacific coast of Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Peru.

The project also aims to promote biosphere reserves as tools for innovative projects to bring added value to local socio-economical activities.

We sensitize and build the capacity of stakeholders on coastal biosphere reserve management and on the socio-economic values of the biosphere reserves.

MAB YOUTH FORUM

The BRESEP Project funded three young individuals from Chile, Ecuador and Peru to attend the "1st MAB Youth Forum - Committed to Sustainable Development", which took place in the Po Delta Biosphere Reserve, Italy, from 18 to 23 September 2017.

The main topics discussed at the forum were:

- the contribution of young people to the life of biosphere reserves
- research and studies into the sustainable development of biosphere reserves
- a sustainable future for the youth of biosphere reserves

This forum provided an opportunity for young people interested in biosphere reserves to gather and share ideas and find new ways to contribute to the sustainable development of their communities.



GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE



- CHILE** | Fray Jorge Biosphere Reserve
Juan Fernández Biosphere Reserve
Laguna San Rafael Biosphere Reserve
Cabo de Hornos Biosphere Reserve
- COLOMBIA** | Tribuga-Cupica-Baudó
- ECUADOR** | Archipiélago de Colón (Galápagos) Biosphere Reserve
Golfo de Guayaquil
Macizo del Cajas Biosphere Reserve
- PANAMA** | Darién Biosphere Reserve
- PERU** | Noroeste Amotapes-Manglares Biosphere Reserve
- ECUADOR - PERU** | Bosques de Paz Transboundary Biosphere Reserve

RESULTS

Over 2 000 people from 10 biosphere reserves in 5 countries have benefited from BRESEP:

- First Transboundary biosphere reserve from South America between Ecuador and Peru
- First biosphere reserves in the Colombian Pacific (to be approved in 2019)
- Over 300 people have strengthened their capacities on coastal biosphere reserves management and on sustainable activities through national and international training courses
- 3 young representatives from Chile, Ecuador and Peru participated in the First MAB Youth Forum in Italy in 2017
- 1 million ha added to the Noroeste Biosphere Reserve (now Noroeste-Amotapes-Manglares) including over 2 900 ha of mangroves

