

Euromab partnership around the Mediterranean

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Objectives

The Mediterranean basin is at the centre of major environmental and economic challenges. This multicultural region is a hotspot of biodiversity on a global level.

Cooperation in this region represents a physical and cultural link, but is also affected by diverse fractures. It is not formally organized under the auspices of the MAB through a clearly defined network, although a number of noteworthy initiatives have been undertaken (UICN Malaga, Medwet, Barcelona Unesco Centre ...).

Various factors, such as high biodiversity, vulnerability to climate change, pressure from tourism and urbanization, high expectations for development and tensions, affect the whole Mediterranean basin. Under the auspices of the MAB, cooperation between the Biosphere reserves of this region is developed by the EuroMab in the north and the ArabMab in the south.

It thus seems pertinent for the Euromab Biosphere reserves to pool resources with colleagues from the south of the Mediterranean in order to define cooperation projects for reinforcing links and sharing between both sides.

Expected outcomes

The aims of the workshop will be:

1. To draw up a portrait of the initiatives in progress and share them
2. To identify possible areas of cooperation between biosphere reserves
3. To contribute to networking (between reserves and regional networks)

Sustainable development goals : 17

Lima Action Plan: A4.4, A 4.5, C6, C8