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Strategic Action Area	OUTCOME	PRIORITY AREA FOR 2025	HOW TO REACH	OUTPUTS	RESPONSABILITY	TIME RAGE	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
Area 1. The World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) consisting of effectively functioning models for sustainable development.	**A1.** Biosphere Reserves (BRs) recognized as models contributing to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).	**A1.1.** Promote BRs as sites that actively contribute to achieving the SDGs.	**1 - Making BR activities and results achieved socially accessible to different stakeholders at national, sub-national and local levels.** **2 - Motivating different stakeholders to get involved in the MAB programme.**	**Strengthen the activities carried out by National MAB Committees and BR Management Committees and create/reactivate non-functional committees.**	BR managers, national and local governments, local communities, international organisations	2025	1 - Number of BRs with concrete initiatives or activities contributing to the SDGs. 2 - Number of governments that include or consider BRs in their national environmental and land-use policies.

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Area 1. The World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) consisting of effectively functioning models for sustainable development.	**A2.** Open and participatory selection, planning and implementation of BRs.	**A2.2.** Ensure processes for selecting, designing, planning, and nominating BRs are open and participatory, involving all concerned stakeholders, taking into account local and indigenous practices, traditions and cultures, and based on sound science.	**Provide access to designation reports and planning documents so that stakeholders have the knowledge to access these processes and that these processes are open and participatory.**	Production and implementation of BR designation files and BR management plans through a participatory approach that takes into account local and indigenous practices, traditions and cultures, and is based on open and participatory science.	Individual BRs, MAB National Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO.	2025	Number of BRs where new processes are evident in management structures, plans and regular, accessible and participatory evaluation reports.
Area 1. The World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) consisting of effectively functioning models for sustainable development.	**A3.** Integration of BRs into relevant legislation, policies and/or programmes complemented by support for the functioning of BRs	**A3.1.** Recognise BRs in legislation, policies and/or programmes at national and/or subnational levels	**Include the figure of BRs in the national legal framework, recognising the functions of their National Committees and their BR Management Committees as a priority territory to**	Integration of BRs into national and regional development, spatial planning, environmental and other legislation, regulations and programmes.	Member States, national and sub-national authorities, MAB National Committees, RBs, MAB National Committees, BR	2025	Number of governments recognising BRs as legal entities.

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			promote regional sustainability.				
Area 2. Inclusive, dynamic and result-oriented collaboration and networking within the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves	**B1.** Effective BR managers/ coordinators and engaged stakeholders of BRs.	**B1.2.** Organize regional education, capacity building and training programmes.	**1 - Improve the dissemination of skills acquired in the framework of training programmes in a systematic way, so that they reach all the actors involved: virtual platform, sharing of results, etc.** **2 - Increasing the number of partners collaborating in continuous training projects.** **3 - Basic training on the MAB Programme, for all actors involved (in particular policy makers).**	Programme to disseminate the trainings among all the actors of the Programme. A basic training programme on the MAB programme for all actors involved.	National Committees and BRs of the network.	2025	Number of training dissemination programmes: virtual platform, etc.

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Area 2. Inclusive, dynamic and result-oriented collaboration and networking within the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves	**B.7.** An active and open interdisciplinary network of scientists/ knowledge holders sharing MAB vision and mission.	**B7.2.** Develop a joint research and knowledge exchange agenda for the international network.	**1 - Improve relations between BR and universities/researchers.** **2 - Create a programme to disseminate the results of BR research so that they reach the territory.** **3 - Make BRs visible as research laboratories that respond to environmental challenges (such as climate change).** environmental challenges (such as climate change). **4 - Create an open repository of research studies carried out in BRs.**	Exchange programme between BR Managers, scientists and indigenous and local knowledge holders to jointly identify the needs of the territory and help provide answers to environmental challenges.	Scientists from MAB National Committees, BR managers, regional and thematic networks.	2025	1 - Quality and content of the joint research programme. 2 - Number of participatory Research activities of the network.

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Area 3. Effective external partnerships and sufficient and sustainable funding for the MAB Programme and the WNBR.	**C3.** BRs and regional networks generating their own revenues. **C5.** Recognition that the MAB Programme contributes to the delivery of the objectives of national, regional funding programmes.	**C3.1.** Support capacity building in approaches to generate revenue. **C3.2.** Promote Partnerships to raise funds from external entities with objectives that are compatible with those of the MAB Programme. **C5.1.** Create opportunities for projects and activities funded by national and regional funding agencies.	**1 - Conduct training to design financial viability and financial resource mobilisation plans to ensure long-term funding for BRs.** **2 - Draw up a mapping of donors/partners and a list of potential public and private partners for each country in the network.**	Managers trained to develop financial viability and financial resource mobilisation plans.	BRs, BR groups, MAB National Committees, regional networks	2025	1 - Number of training workshops. 2- Number of donor/partner mappings.
Area 3. Effective external partnerships and sufficient and sustainable funding for	**C4.** Recognition of the MAB Programme as a key partner by private sector.	**C4.2.** Create opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with private sector which are open, accountable and Sustainable.	**Promote BR branding at BR territory level.**	Having a functional and operational RB brand	1 - All stakeholders in the stakeholders of the MAB stakeholders. 2 - BR, national authorities, MAB National	2025	Number of RBs with functional and operational RB marking.

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the MAB Programme and the WNBR.	**C7.** Recognition of BRs nationally and internationally.	**C7.2.** Use the brand in products and services in line with national guidelines			Committees, business sector, social enterprises.		
Area 4. Comprehensive, modern, open, and transparent communication, information and data sharing.	**D2.** Increased awareness of all aspects of the MAB Programme.	**D2.1.** Create a communication strategy and an action plan. **D2.2.** Implement the communication action plan.	**Create a joint Communication Commission of the executive body of the network with young people and the IberoMAB network.**	1 - Creation of a **joint Communication Commission** with young people and the IberoMAB network. 2 - Elaboration of a Guide for the network to create a communication strategy.	National Committees and youth network, and secretariat of the IberoMAB Network.	2025	1 - Guide for the creation of the communication strategy. 2 - Review the IberoMAB website to improve the content with the help of the joint Communication Commission.
Area 4. Comprehensive, modern, open, and transparent communication, information and data sharing.	**D3.** Broader Engagement and outreach.	**D3.1.** Use social media and other novel information and communication technologies.	**1- Implement social networks and other information and communication technologies in each BR and publish information about the BRs and their activities on a regular basis.**	1- BRs will have social networks where they can share true and useful information to the public. 2 - Exchange information and make the work of each BR more visible.	RB, RB Communication Focal Point	2025	1 - Number of BRs with at least one active information and communication tool (social network, podcast, web...). 2 - Number of quarterly network data reports.

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			2 - Social networks can be: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp channels. **3 - Tag the MAB Secretariat in the publications, and encourage the use of hashtags.**	3 - Involve young people as key actors in the management of BRs.			3 - Number of BRs interacting in networks with other BRs.
Area 5. Effective governance of and within the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.	**E1.** Strong support for the implementation of the MAB programme from the governments of Member States.	**E1.2.** Provide institutional support and resources to ensure that each MAB Committee and National BR network can carry out its mission. **A3.2.** Support effective governance and management structures in each BR.	**1 - Establish functional National Committees in all countries of the network. The Committees should have a multi-stakeholder composition in which BRs should be included.** **2 - Establish functional Management Committees with staffing (full time and with sufficient budget for day-to-**	1 - Each country has a functional National Committee. 2 - Provision of financial and human resources to the mechanism or authority designated to implement the BR	National Committees, RB.	2025	1 - Number of functional and operational National Committees. 2 - Number of BRs with a functional Management Committee. 3 - Number of BRs with adequate staff and annual budget.

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			day management) in all IberoMAB BRs.	management plan or regulations.			
Area 5. Effective governance of and within the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.	**E2.** MAB National Committees have a trans-disciplinary membership.	**E2.1**. Ensure that each MAB national committee has a transdisciplinary and representative composition.	**Provide economic and human resources for the proper functioning of the National Committees and BR networks.**	Each country has the financial and human resources to operate it.	Member States, national authorities, National Committees, BRs, National Commissions for UNESCO.	2025	Amount of resources earmarked for the implementation of the Programme.