

Biosphere Reserves, the focus of Man and the Biosphere, are areas designated by UNESCO to help conserve ecosystems and species, to maintain biodiversity and to promote the sustainable management of land, water and biological resources to meet human needs, today and in the future. There are currently 324 Biosphere Reserves in 84 countries. Together the Reserves comprise one of the world's largest networks of protected areas. The 63 North American Reserves include areas of Arctic tundra, Pacific and tropical rain forests, and coastal lowland and mountain alpine areas.

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