



# EABRN

## The East Asian Biosphere Reserve Network

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Among the world's first and most active subregional MAB networks

Seven member countries:

***China***

***Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)***

***Japan***

***Kazakhstan***

***Mongolia***

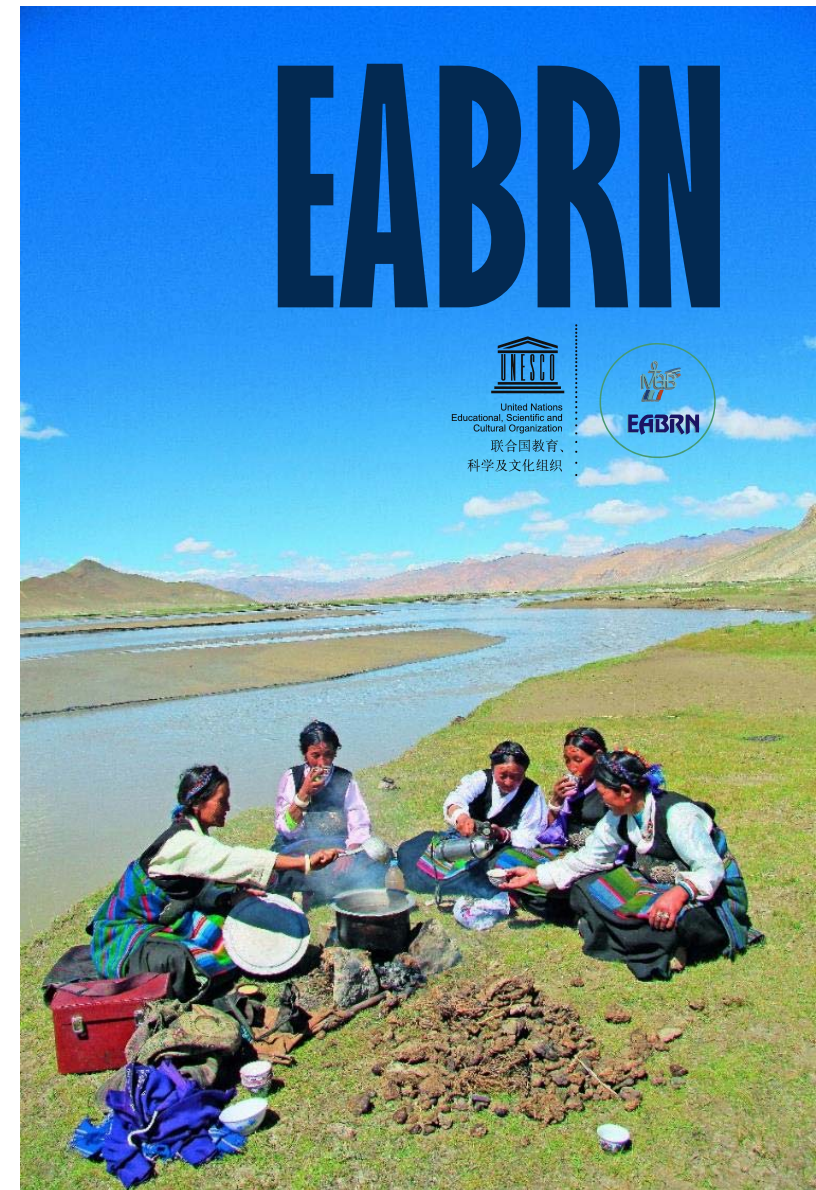
***Republic of Korea***

***Russian Federation***

Secretariat at the UNESCO Beijing Office since 2003

Supported by the Republic of Korea since inception

- Facilitates exchange of information between biosphere reserves
- Conducts regular regional meetings on issues of common concern
- Promotes training and site-to-site cooperation





...a year of achievements:

- **May 2015:** Biggest-ever EABRN training course, Co-supported by Wudalianchi Management Committee and the HIST Category 2 Centre
- **October 2015:** 14<sup>th</sup> network meeting:
  - Co-supported by Nagano and Yamanouchi
  - Joint session with JBRN
  - Evaluation of past 15 years of implementation
  - Identification of priorities for coming decade
  - Revision and updating of EABRN statutes
  - EABRN 20 years old!
- Two field evaluations: Wudalianchi (China) and Shiga Highland (Japan)
- **March 2016:** All seven network member countries contributed to EABRN workshop at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Biosphere Reserves
- Completion of Red Data Books for plants and animals for DPRK

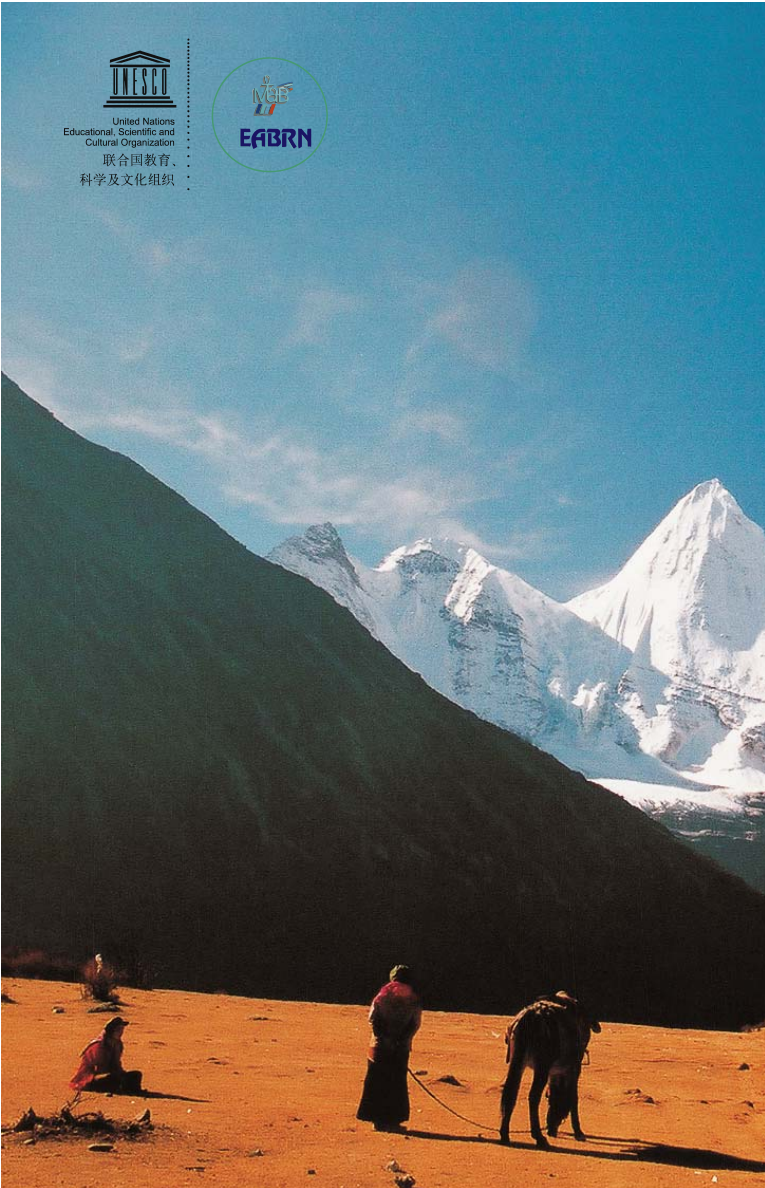


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## EABRN priorities for 2016-2025

- Expand **joint research**
- Engage multiple BRs in **river basin-scale research** projects
- Continue and expand **training course activities**
- Focus on **site-to-site cooperation, exchange and visits**, targeting 10 site-to-site joint/integrated projects
- **Promote young scientists** in EABRN BRs, nominate members for MAB awards
- **Improve network modalities and structures** nationally as well as regionally
- Engage UNESCO Associated Schools for more **education activities** in BRs
- Contribute to initiatives linking biodiversity and sustainable development drawing BR **local/indigenous traditions, culture and knowledge**
- Identify **best practices for BR management** in other MAB regional networks and other types of protected areas
- Increase **networking and partnerships** between EABRN Member states and other regional Networks (SeaBRnet, SACAM, PacMAB)





## Next steps

- **7<sup>th</sup> EABRN training course**: new modality with member states/BRs contributing their particular expertise for a longer and more comprehensive training experience – integrating site-to-site cooperation and visits
- **15<sup>th</sup> EABRN meeting**: Kazakhstan, 2017

**Thank you**

