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# Contribution of Mongolia to the Silk road initiative

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# Biosphere Reserves of Mongolia

- Mongolia has **6 Biosphere Reserves**
- Total area of the BRs is **5.9 million hectares**

Biosphere reserves	Year of registering in the MAB network	Area (in hectares)
Great Gobi	1997	4.419.000
Bogd Khan mountain	1997	41.651
Uvs Lake	1997	712.545
KhustainNuruu National park	2002	50.620
Eastern Mongolian	2005	570.374
Mongol Daguur	2007	103016
<b>Total</b>		<b>5897.206</b>

# Main activities of the Biosphere Reserves

- **Monitoring and inspection** of the BRs
- **Research and conservation** of endangered species
- **Promotion of BRs** and
- **Development of eco tourism**





# Mongolian National MAB Committee

- MAB Committee is acting as a coordinating body between the related institutions and **working closely with the Protected Areas Administration Department (PAAD)** of the Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism (MEGDT).
- The aim **is to implement activities of the MAB Programme at the national level.**
- The head of the MAB Committee is the director of the PAAD.
- The delegates lead by the Head of the MAB Committee **attended the Lima congress** last March.



## Activities of the MAB Committee since the Lima congress

- Translated the Lima action plan (LAP) and Lima declaration into Mongolian and delivered to the BRs
- Currently we are working on the improvement of the periodic reviews and we will deliver the improved versions in September 2016 to UNESCO
- In long term we are planning to include the LAP in the National action plan





## Activities related to the Silk Road

- In 1998: **The International Institute for the Study of Nomadic Civilizations** was established at the Mongolian Academy of Sciences in Ulaanbaatar.  
Since its establishment the institute implemented several **projects, international conferences, and fieldworks.**
- In 2015: **The Focal point for the Silk Road Online Platform** was new designated
- In 2015: A **“Silk Road Tourism” Project unit** was established at the Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism

## Planned activities related to Silk road

- In October 2016: An **International Silk Road Conference on “Nomadic Tourism and Sustainable Cities”** will be organized in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

### The Government of Mongolia is aiming:

- to make Mongolia an **“International Nomadic culture and tourism destination”**
- to develop a **“Nomadic tourism concept”**
- to create a new brand under the name **“Travelling the roads of Nomads”**





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FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

