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Interim Report Progress of Joint Research Project on Establishing Strategy Responding to Climate Change

The Joint Research Project on Establishing Strategy Responding to Climate Change, which is proceeded by Jeju Secretariat of World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves throughout 2 stages from 2014 to 2017, is now on the interim report step of the 1st stage research. The 1st stage research is for analyzing the impact of Climate Change on five BRs - Jeju BR (East China Sea), Macchabee/Bel Ombre BR (Indian Ocean), Menorca BR (Mediterranean), St. Mary's BR (Caribbean Sea), Príncipe Island BR (Atlantic).

The research which is processed up to now, are as below;

- Analyzing the Socioeconomic, Geological, Ecological Characteristics of each BRs
- Greenhouse Gas Emission and the State of Climate Change at each BRs.
- Climate Change Policies being implemented at each BRs.

The interim report covering the above three themes will be finalized at the end of September and be printed by the mid October.

In addition, there will be a one-day event session at the IUCN World Parks Congress, which will be held in Sydney, Australia, during 12-19, November, 2014. The aim, progress, and future progression of the Joint Research Project will be presented in this session.

The 2nd UNESCO Training Course for Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserve Managers will be held in October!

The 2nd UNESCO Training Course for Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserve Managers is planned for the administrators and managers in island and coastal biosphere reserves.

We recruited the invited participation through online in August, and took into account the following considerations when selecting the participants for the course, focusing on the expansion of the network among island and coastal biosphere reserves.

< Priority in Consideration on Inviting Participant >

- Recently designated biosphere reserves since 2012
- Least developed countries
- Regions that have not participated in any programme hosted by WNICBR
- Equal allotment of participants by continent

As a result, 8 biosphere reserves were selected; Brighton & Lewes Downs(UK), Georgian Bay Littoral(Canada), Macizo del Cajas(Ecuador), Nanji Islands(China), North Bull Island(Ireland), Red River Delta(Vietnam), Siberut(Indonesia), and Songor(Ghana).

This course will take place from 13 to 16 October, 2014 in Jeju World Natural Heritage Center in Republic of Korea, and various training programs will be offered such as lectures on climate change and sustainable development in island and coastal biosphere reserves, roundtable discussion to share knowledge and ideas with each other, and field trip to Jeju Biosphere Reserve, renewable energy facility, and climate change exhibition center, etc.

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< photo of the 1st training course >

Implementation of the UNESCO School Programme in Jeju!

The UNESCO school programme(UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network; ASPnet) in Jeju has been organized jointly by Korean National Commission for UNESCO and Jeju Special Self-Governing Province. This program will be proceeded until the end of this year. A total of 10 schools in Jeju joined the UNESCO school with approximately 300 students and these schools are located near the international protected areas such as World Natural Heritage site, Biosphere Reserve, Ramsar site, and Global Geopark.

The UNESCO school programme aims to enable students to better understand the value of the natural environment in Jeju and to provide them with the opportunity to learn the importance of their endeavor for conserving the international protected areas.

Starting with the UNESCO school programme targeting primary and secondary school students, we would hope that this is an opportunity which all local residents can have a better understanding of the natural values, realize its importance, and willingly participate in conserving and protecting Jeju's nature.

Collecting the Contents of the 4th Meeting of WNICBR for Publishing as a Casebook

The Secretariats have being made a casebook that includes the various information and experiences presented in the 4th Meeting of WNICBR, held in the Palawan, the Philippines on 17-20 June, 2014.

The Casebook will be published in English, Spanish and Korean, and it will be published as an e-book for posting it on the websites of UNESCO and the Secretariats.

The presenters who have not submitted the contents yet, need to send it to the Secretariat by email as soon as possible. (Email at wnibr.menorca@cime.es)