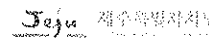
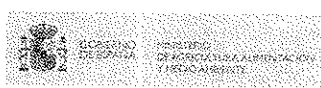
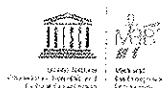


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Menorca Island Council, 22 -24 of May 2018

STATEMENT

Reunited in Menorca, biosphere reserve representatives of:

Wadden Sea of Lower Saxony (Germany), Patagonia Azul, Valdés (Argentina), Mata Atlántica (Brazil), Fundy (Canada), Cabo de Hornos, Archipiélago Juan Fernández (Chile), Snake Island (China), Península de Guanahacabibes, Buenavista, Baconao (Cuba), Macizo del Cajas, archipiélago Colón-Galápagos (Ecuador), Menorca, Lanzarote, Gran Canaria, La Palma, El Hierro, La Gomera, Macizo de Anaga, Urdaibai, Mariñas Coruñesas, Terres de l'Ebre (Spain), West Estonian Archipelago (Estonia), Palawan (Philippines), Archipelago Sea Area (Finland), La Selle (Haiti), Komodo (Indonesia), Sahamalaza Iles Radama (Madagascar), Isla Cozumel (Mexico), Macchabee/Bel Ombre (Mauritius), Isla de Ometepe (Nicaragua), Noroeste-Amotapes-Manglares (Peru), Madeira (Portugal), National MAB Committee, Jeju (Republic of Korea), Comander Islands (Russia), St. Mary (St. Kitts and Nevis), Principe (Sao Tome & Principe), Gouritz Cluster (South Africa), Blekinge Archipelago (Sweden), North Devon, Isle of Man (United Kingdom) and Socotra (Yemen), and the Malta National Commission for UNESCO.

And representatives of:

- Autonomous Organization of National Parks of the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment (MAPAMA)
- MAB National Committee of the Republic of Korea
- Menorca Island Council
- Government of the Special Autonomous Province of Jeju
- Program on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) of UNESCO

Following the 8th Meeting sessions in which successful management experiences have been presented in thematic areas of tourism, environmental vectors and climate change, biodiversity management, resilience and restoration of ecosystems, population and local development and management of marine areas; and in which there has been a public debate about public-private cooperation for promoting Energy-model change; and in which an internal participatory process has been carried out to discuss and define the Network workplan for period 2018-2022.

Next conclusions have been adopted:

CONCLUSIONS

1. Internal Organisation

Operating Regulations approved by the FIT Steering Committee are adopted, as well as the formal procedure for joining the Network.

2. Workplan 2018-2022

The contributions made around the draft Workplan (2018-2022) during participatory process held within the framework of this meeting are assumed. Jeju and Menorca technical secretariats will work to incorporate agreed contributions and to guarantee execution and monitoring of actions set out in the Plan.

3. Thematic Groups

Working groups consolidation within the Network will be promoted in priority thematic areas such as, for example, Biosphere Reserve Branding, Sustainability Indicators, Marine Management, Energy (environmental vectors).

4. Public-private Partnership

Alliance agreements among public and private sectors will be promoted in order to improve biosphere reserves management and to obtain financial resources.

5. Next Meeting

It is foreseen that the next meeting will be held in Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve in South Africa in September 2019.

6. Dissemination and publications

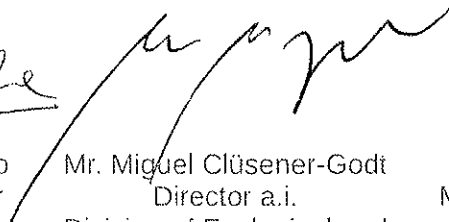
Menorca Secretariat will publish the 8th Meeting proceedings and will make them available to all members, who will collaborate in its dissemination.

Menorca and Jeju secretariats will keep web pages, newsletters and other initiatives for communication and dissemination of Network activities.

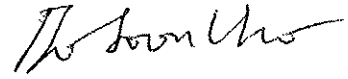
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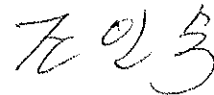
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