

“Biosphere - all living things on earth and the environment they live in”

MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE PROGRAMME

The programme was established by UNESCO in 1971. Biosphere reserves are areas where people work together, locally and globally, to connect nature, culture and economy.

- The Swedish Government joined the programme in 1986. In 2000, a committee within the Swedish Research Council was formed.
- There are almost 700 biosphere reserves in over 120 countries in the world. Together they form The World Network of Biosphere Reserves. The network enables cooperation on sustainable development through research and monitoring, adapted to local conditions.
- In Sweden (2018) there are five established and two candidating biosphere reserves.

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VINDELÄLVEN-JUHTATDAHKA BIOSPHERE CANDIDATE

Wild, beautiful and world renowned

A sparkling adventure from mountain to sea, with a diversity of nature and culture as a basis for development, a source of experiences and good quality of life!



By people • for people • for a sustainable future

Vindelälven-Juhtatdahka

The Vindelälven river valley is a fantastic area with lots of possibilities. Here, there are high natural and cultural values, committed communities and entrepreneurs. Historically, the river has filled an important function as a migration route for people and animals and as a transportation route for timber. The river is still today an important migration route for reindeer, but also a source of food and recreation. Juhtatdahka means migration route in the Ume Sami language.

Biosphere candidacy

The river valley is a candidate to become a biosphere reserve within UNESCO's Man and the biosphere programme. Biosphere reserves are model areas for sustainable development. That means development that satisfies today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own need.

A nomination to become a biosphere reserve would mean an international recognition of all the good examples of sustainable development that have already been done in the area, efforts that are going on right now and efforts that will be implemented in the future.

Inspirational - not regulating

Biosphere reserves do not entail any new restrictions or limitations. By inspiring to new and improved partnerships between different people, organizations and actors, a biosphere reserve can help strengthen the economic, social and ecological sustainability of the area.

Agenda 2030

In 2015, the UN member states agreed on Agenda 2030. The agenda consists of 17 global goals for sustainable development. Biosphere reserves are areas where initiatives to reach global goals can be tested and practiced.



Develop, support and preserve

The biosphere reserve will benefit those who live and work in the area by promoting a development that is economic, socially and ecologically sustainable.

The biosphere reserve will support research, education and environmental monitoring that benefits sustainable development.

The biosphere reserve will help preserve biological and cultural diversity, ecosystems and landscapes.

Vindelälven-Juhtatdahkas focal areas

- Living landscapes
- Sustainable fishing in healthy lakes, watercourses and sea
- The tourism sector and outdoor life for all
- Thriving reindeer herding
- Development of local communities
- Diversity of cultural expression