



HUBS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

UNESCO-designated Sites and Networks



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748 BIOSPHERE RESERVES in 134 countries

Places where people share a way of living with nature that builds a future we're proud of

CONSERVE biological and cultural diversity

DEVELOP healthy and sustainable livelihoods

LEARN & INSPIRE research, education, monitoring and awareness raising efforts



195 UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS in 148 countries

...single, unified geographical areas of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development

• **Preserve geological heritage**

• **Raise awareness**

• **Promote sustainable development**



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- **266 natural and mixed World Heritage sites in 148 countries**

Natural sites considered for their outstanding universal values.

- being "**outstanding examples representing significant on-going ecological and biological processes** in the evolution and development of terrestrial, fresh water, coastal and marine ecosystems and communities of plants and animals" (criteria ix)
- or containing "**the most important and significant natural habitats for in-situ conservation of biological diversity**, including those containing threatened species of outstanding universal value from the point of view of science or conservation" (criteria x)



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