

# Capacity Building for Education and Applied Research in Mediterranean UNESCO's Biosphere Reserves

# **Event Report**

Name of the event: The Mediterranean Intercontinental Biosphere Reserve: The roles of

stakeholders and the issues of governance

Type of event: fieldwork

Date: March 3 to 6, 2022

Number of participants: 30

Type of participants: Professors, doctoral students, and local actors

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## List of participants

- Mr. Aderghal Mohammed (UM5R - FLSH)

- Mr. Amzil Lahoucine (UM5R - FLSH)

- Mrs Aouane Kaoutar (Direction des Parcs Talassemtane et Bouhachem - Chefchaouen)

- Mr. Attouch Hicham (UM5R - FSJE)

- Mr. Boujrouf Said (UCA - FLSH)

- Mr. El Hassani Mustapha (UCA - FLSH)

- MrsEl Kirat Yamina (UM5R - FLSH)

- Mrs Moubchur Wahiba (UCA - FLSH)

- Mr. Ghellab Abdelilah (DREF - Tétouan)

- Mr. Sammoudi Rachid (FLSH - IS)

- Mr. Tazi Abdelilah (ATED)

PhD students (FLSH):		PhD students (UCA)	
-	El Mejjad Faiza (FLSH)	-	Wafaa Benhsain
-	Ait Bella Rachid (FLSH-FSJE)	-	Amina Lamghari
-	Saida Bouazza (FS-IS)	-	Souhir Kassou
-	Ouchanni Mohamed (FLSH)	-	Hajar El Yazidi
-	Ichou Lahcen (FLSH)	-	Hala Idrassen
-	Ayoub Atni (FLSH)	-	Salma ElGhiouan
-	Ahlame Bousaksou (FLSH)	-	Salima Salhi
-	Nada El Khouzini (FSJE)	-	Kanza ElAklaa





#### Brief overview of the event and of the issues addressed in the event

As part of the Edu Biomed project, the University Mohammed 5 Rabat and the University Cadi Ayad Marrakech have planned a visit that aims to share different opinions about the governance of biosphere reserves in Morocco. Particularly, on the intercontinental biosphere reserve of the Mediterranean to identify in a practical way its objective and its functioning.

Thus, the visit leaded us to the town of Chefchecheoun, Tallasmtane National Park and Bouhachem Regional Park and the surrounding.

The main objective of the outing is to familiarize with the RBIM as well as to acquire practical knowledge on the functioning of the actors for the socio-economic development of the territory.

During the three-day period, our work consisted in contributing to the achievement of the following challenges:

- Understand different sectors such as tourism, cooperatives and associations and their relationship with other economic and social sectors, and thus understand the interactions that take place in the biosphere reserve.
- The place of governance in the development of (RBIM)
- The objective of this meeting is to better understand the different activities, and how they contribute to the local and social development of the residents.
- We attempted to find out if the actors participate at the level of the Biosphere Reserve and how they do for the preservation of natural and landscape resources.
- To identify the activities of the protected areas in the RBIM and the difficulties they encounter when carrying out actions in it.
- Main objective is to discuss the governance of stakeholders in the RBIM
- Understand the challenges and issues of the RBIM as a territory that has a landscape of great ecological and cultural value

### Contribution of the participant partners

Lahcen ICHOU, LITOPAD, FLSH, UM5R: Roles of development and partnership actors in the Arghen Valley, RBA

Faiza ELMEJJAD, Yamina ELKIRAT, LITPAD, FLSH, UM5R: Media coverage of the environment of biosphere reserves: RBIM

Rachid SAMMOUDI, Scientific Institute, UM5R: Energy promotion in the RBIM

Hicham ATTOUCH, Sonia ADERGHAL, Soukaina BOUZIANI, FSJE, UM5R: The social and solidarity economy as an approach for sustainable development within the RBIM

Rachid AIT BELLA, LITPAD, FLSH, UM5R: The development of the ecotourism sector in the Intercontinental

Biosphere Reserve of the Mediterranean (RBIM) as an approach to achieve the

Sustainable Development Goals. Case study: Talassemtane Park.

Mohamed OUCHENNI, M. ADERGHAL, L. AMZIL, LITOPAD, FLSH, UM5R: Family farming within the RBIM



Saida BOUAAZA, Master Faculty of Sciences, UM5R: Tourism development of the SIBE of Jble Moussa in the RBIM

#### Key messages, outcomes, recommendations

#### Together, we need to take actions that help in the protection of the RBIM

- Strengthen communication, coordination, and exchange of between local actors, residents, and NGO's
- Involve everyone in the governance of RBIM and biological diversity in general.
- Develop local strategies for the conservation and management of biosphere reserves
- To develop programs and projects for the benefit of the population of the RBIM

#### **Attachments: Photos**

- Meeting and exchange workshop within the Direction of the National Park of Talassemtane (Services of Water and Forests) with the director of the park: Mrs. Kaoutar Aoun
- Discussion with the Ph.D. student from Marrakech on the governance of the two reserves RBA and RBIM
- Visit of the Eco Museum of the direction
- Discussion and exchange between the team of professors and doctoral students
- Seminar: Presentation and exchange around the governance of the Biosphere Case of the RBIM in the association ATED with the president Mr. Tazi and Mrs. Kaoutar Aoune
- Visit of the park Tallasmtan and Bouhachem
- Visit of the Mausoleum Moulay Abdeslam Benmchich
- Visit of the Karmoun lodge.
- Visit of the littoral part SIBE of Jbel Moussa





Photos de la mission RBIM 3 au 6 mars 2022









