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**Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences**  
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Ref: SC/EES/ESP/2025/10

Subject: **Call for 2025 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve  
Management**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to submit one case study from your Country for the above-mentioned Award **before 14 May 2025**, following the format indicated in the attached form of the present circular letter.

At its 29<sup>th</sup> session (held in UNESCO headquarters from 12 to 15 June 2017), the MAB Council decided that:

The Michel Batisse Award shall be awarded every two MAB Council sessions instead of at each Council session in order to increase the quality and number of applicants.

The amount of the Award would thus be increased to a total amount of USD 12,000 (twelve thousand US dollars).

This new procedure should be effective and implemented as from the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the MAB Council.

Please send your case study by email to (**mab@unesco.org**) using the enclosed form.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support to the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

Yours sincerely,

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