

## E-Contents in Geography for Secondary Stage-January 2017

### Contemporary India-1 for Class IX

#### Resource-4

S No	Area	Content
1.	<b>Topic</b>	Natural Vegetation and Wildlife
2.	<b>Subject</b>	Geography
3.	<b>Topic connected to which area of subject</b>	Natural Vegetation and Biosphere Reserve
4.	<b>Class/Level</b>	IX
5.	<b>Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To make students aware about Biosphere Reserve of India.</li><li>• To identify and locate Biosphere Reserves on map of India.</li></ul>
6.	<b>Summary</b>	The Indian government has established 18 Biosphere Reserves in India. These reserves protect larger areas of natural habitat (than a National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary), and often include one or more National Parks. These reserves preserve, along with buffer zones that are open to some economic uses to the community. Protection is granted not only to the flora and fauna, but also to the human communities who inhabit these regions and their ways of life.
7.	<b>Keywords</b>	Biosphere, Reserve, National park, Vegetation
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Biosphere reserves comprises of terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems. Each reserve promotes solutions for conservation of biodiversity and wildlife. Biosphere reserves are nominated by national governments and remain under the sovereign jurisdiction of the states where they are located. Their status is internationally recognized.

There are 669 biosphere reserves in 120 countries, including 16 transboundary sites. They are distributed as follows:

- 70 in 28 countries in Africa
- 30 in 11 countries in the Arab States
- 142 in 24 countries in Asia and the Pacific
- 302 in 36 countries in Europe and North America
- 125 in 21 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.