

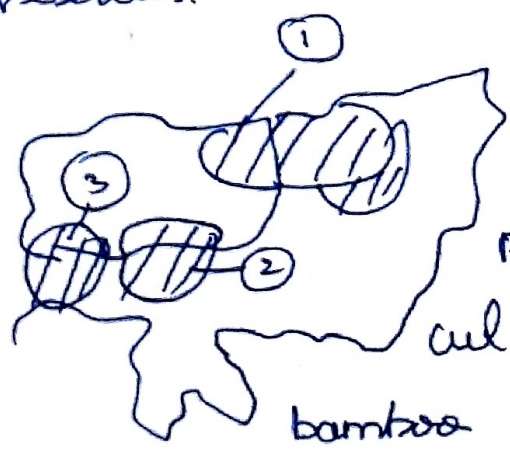
11/22 Expanding biosphere reserve across world will help
53 millions of people realize a better future. Substantiate

The UNESCO recognized 11th new biosphere reserves in 9 countries. The countries of Chad, Zambia and Georgia got their first biosphere reserves. The biosphere reserve conservation can support more than 250 million people.

Expanding Biosphere Reserves

India has 18 biosphere reserves spanning across mountains, forests and marine. A strong cross country biosphere reserve can benefit Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh which do not have biosphere reserves.

Bhutan



① Sakteng Zero reserve

The Apaten tribes practice rice-fish cultivation and use bamboo for household uses.

A co-operation between Bhutan can remove ~~the~~ and expand the circular flow of energy.

② Changchuk - Maras area can act as a genetic bridge for the Atz-karrad rhino which is concentrated in Assam.

③ Phapsoo - Raimi can conserve Himalayan black bear and critically endangered Chinese pangolin.

④ Nepal



The Hastinapur - Deolwar - Royal Border reserve can act as a tiger, elephant corridor similar to Nilgiris as both are tiger range countries.

⑤ Bangladesh



The Sunderban is a biosphere reserve on the Indian side. Extension of the tag to Bangladesh side can help mitigate cyclones and storm surges.

The UNBR - world network of biosphere reserves spreads across 738 sites in 132 countries. It can help in South-South co-operation and improve the lives of the vulnerable sections.