

# CANADIAN BIOSPHERE RESEARCH NETWORK (CBRN)

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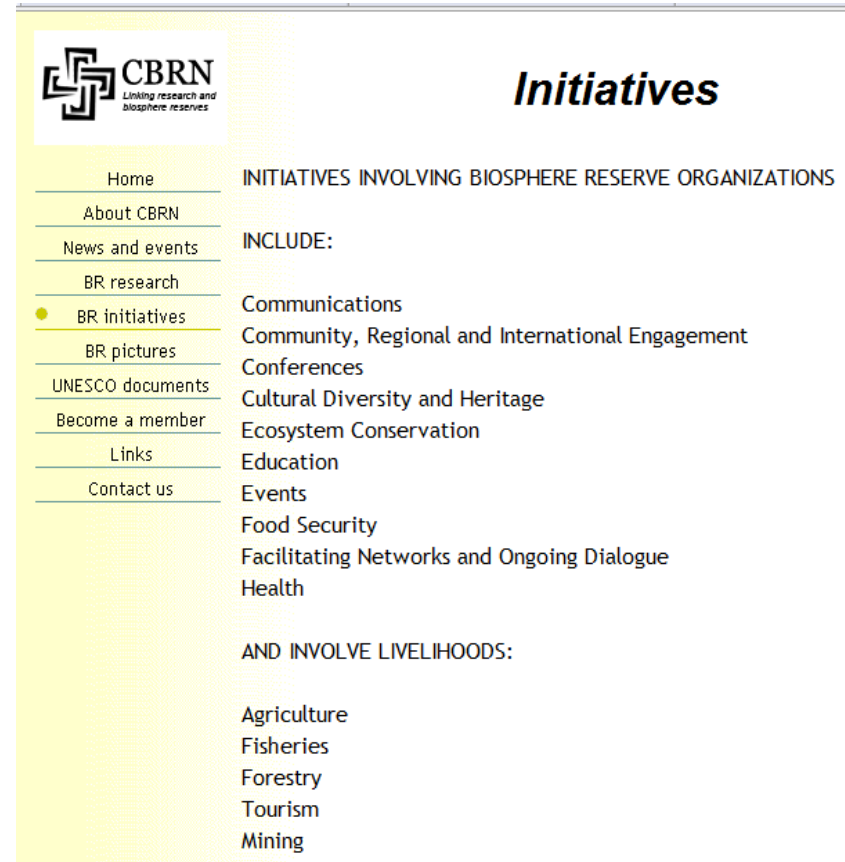
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# WEBSITE AND FRENCH COORDINATOR

- [www.biosphere-research.ca](http://www.biosphere-research.ca)
  - Some updates completed, others still need to be done
- **NEED**
  - **A Webmaster - desperately!**
  - **Your experiences / materials for 'Initiatives' page** →
    - Opportunity to find out how your BRs are tackling similar issues
- **CBRN Coordinator from Quebec**
  - Claude? Anyone, please??  
Workload is up to you



**CBRN**  
Linking research and  
biosphere reserves

## Initiatives

INITIATIVES INVOLVING BIOSPHERE RESERVE ORGANIZATIONS

INCLUDE:

- Communications
- Community, Regional and International Engagement
- Conferences
- Cultural Diversity and Heritage
- Ecosystem Conservation
- Education
- Events
- Food Security
- Facilitating Networks and Ongoing Dialogue
- Health

AND INVOLVE LIVELIHOODS:

- Agriculture
- Fisheries
- Forestry
- Tourism
- Mining



# BIG THANK YOUs TO:

- The generous people of the Niagara Escarpment Commission – especially **Richard Murzin** – for funding the CBRN website for the past 2 years



- **Julia McCuaig** (formerly McCleave) for
  - Creating and funding the website for the first 2 years
  - Doing updates and when she has time



# STORIES AND PLANS DATABASE (I)

- Renamed from ‘Success Stories and Plans’
- Excel templates completed March, 2009
  - Drop-down menus vs checkboxes versions completed
- No students were available to fill this out
  - Karina: did you use these questions during your BR visits?
- MANY THANKS to:
  - Dominique and Maureen for coming up with the categories and choices
  - Becky and Alain for your constructive feedback



# STORIES AND PLANS (II): CHECKBOX TEMPLATE

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PURPOSE		WHAT DID/DOES/WILL THIS ADDRESS?		WHAT DID YOU DO/WILL YOU DO? OR WHAT ARE YOU DOING?	
WHY WAS/IS THIS IMPORTANT?		Issues	Sustainable livelihoods	Tools and Engagement Strategies	DESCRIBE the initiative and the TOOLS and COMMUNITY/REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES used (the HOW) Examples of TOOLS: GIS, mapping, surveys Examples of Community, Regional and/or International ENGAGEMENT: press release,
		Select all that apply	Select all that apply	Select all that apply	
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4	The RMBR was contracted by Riding Mountain National Park of Canada (RMNPC) to a) communicate with local farmers and municipalities on a study of tuberculosis (conducted by Ryan Brook?) in wild and domestic animals in and around the park, and b) map locations of all cattle herds in municipalities bordering the park. The BR played an important role in providing a forum to address an important environmental and sustainable livelihoods issue.	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity/Ecosystem I <input type="checkbox"/> Built environment <input type="checkbox"/> Branding/labeling <input type="checkbox"/> Cores and Corridors <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural heritage <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food security <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human health <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Energy <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge-based <input type="checkbox"/> Mining <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ranching <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conference/symposium <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration project <input type="checkbox"/> Networking <input type="checkbox"/> GIS <input type="checkbox"/> Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Other	This is where specific details go - HOW did the BR help to communicate the findings (did they host workshops, did they invite the researcher to present findings to different audiences?). What happened, exactly? Who was the target of the information?
5	To encourage experiential tourism and regional awareness using 'geocaching' - GPS technology. Provides a fun way of learning about the RMBR region.	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity/Ecosystem I <input type="checkbox"/> Built environment <input type="checkbox"/> Branding/labeling <input type="checkbox"/> Cores and Corridors <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural heritage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Food security <input type="checkbox"/> Human health <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Energy <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge-based <input type="checkbox"/> Mining <input type="checkbox"/> Ranching <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conference/symposium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstration project <input type="checkbox"/> Networking <input type="checkbox"/> GIS <input type="checkbox"/> Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Event <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	This initiative started with a 'Caching Riding Mountain GPS AdventureQuest' in 2007 but has grown to include other events such as photo contests and workshops. GPS technology is used and advertising includes a website and press releases. There is more to it....
	To provide a forum for local stakeholders to: a) review and provide input on government plans for managing TB in cattle, elk and livestock in and surrounding the RMNPC, which affect their livelihoods, and	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity/Ecosystem I <input type="checkbox"/> Built environment <input type="checkbox"/> Branding/labeling <input type="checkbox"/> Cores and Corridors <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural heritage <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Food security <input type="checkbox"/> Human health <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Energy <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge-based <input type="checkbox"/> Mining <input type="checkbox"/> Ranching <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conference/symposium <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Networking <input type="checkbox"/> GIS <input type="checkbox"/> Mapping <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event <input type="checkbox"/> Surveys <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Facilitates ongoing dialogue: Chairs and helps to organize regular TBSAC meetings and bring people to the table. Communicate latest developments to cattle producers and the MCPA by X, Y, Z

# TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY: WHAT IS THE POINT? (III)

- Compiles information on your past accomplishments from **documents already out there** (your websites, periodic reviews, strategic plans):
- Builds an historical collection of experiences
- Fills a need for knowing **WHO** is doing **WHAT**
- Feeds into
  - Individual BR strategic planning
  - Networking and joint projects (national and international)
  - CBRA communications and fundraising
  - International Madrid Action Plan reporting
  - Academic research



## STORIES AND PLANS: NEXT STEPS (IV)

- Possibilities:
  - Maureen Reed's PhD student could work on filling out the template (Fall 2009)
  - Becky's students will be collecting stories for the Biosphere Sustainability Project (BSP) research team (George Francis and others), which could then be entered into the database.
  
- **BRs – would you like to start using this template to keep track of your activities?**
  - Email me at [srmendis@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:srmendis@uwaterloo.ca) or tell Becky
  - Your feedback is welcome!
  
- Need to convert Excel sheet to Microsoft Access OR something more sophisticated – who has this expertise?



# HAVE FUN & HOPE TO SEE YOU IN 2010!

