## Contents

1)	The Implementation of UNESCO's MAB programme in Austria	
	National responsibilities	8
	National MAB research	10
	Evaluating the research carried out in Austrian biosphere reserves by Daniell Zollner and Michael Jungmeier, ECO	11
	Biosphere Reserve Integrated Monitoring (BRIM) by Marina Fischer-Kowalski, University of Klagenfurt, and Karl Reiter, University of Vienna	15
	The international conservation category "biosphere reserve" in Austria	18
	Possible new additions to the global network of biosphere reserves	20
	Lessons and impressions from the biosphere reserve Großes Walsertal: by Josef Türtscher, REGIO chair in the Walsertal	22
	Biosphere reserves – requirements and reality	23
	Biosphere reserves – opportunities in the age of globalisation	26
	Why a biosphere reserve in the Vienna Woods? by Gerfried Koch, provincial government of Lower Austria	29
	Biosphere reserves as early warning systems for environmental change	30
	The relevance of biosphere reserves in mountain ecosystems Interview with Thomas Schaaf, UNESCO	32
II)	The Austrian biosphere reserves	
	Neusiedler See	34
	Lower Lobau	40
	Gossenköllesee	44
	Gurgler Kamm	48
	Großes Walsertal	54
	Vienna Woods	60
Ш	) Best-practice examples	
	Participation processes	64
	Sustainable regional development in the Großes Walsertal	68
	(Environmental) Education in the Großes Walsertal	72
	Biosphere reserves: instruments for the integration of diverse conservation categories – example Neusiedler See (Burgenland)	75
	Research and environmental monitoring in biosphere reserves	78
	Land-use conflicts	83
IV	) Appendix	
	Protected area categories in Austria	86
	List of acronyms	91
	Glossary	92
	Literature	93
	The worldwide network of biosphere reserves	94
	Imprint	96