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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

As Secretary of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and Director of the Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, it is my pleasure to express support for the Life + proposal "SHAREislands" (Sharing Sustainable Futures in Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves - Smart Collaborative Platform). This initiative will be an action of great importance to the World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves.

The SHAREislands initiative will strengthen the role of island and coastal Biosphere Reserves in the European Union, as true sustainability models, areas for the generation of best practices, and ideal places to implement comprehensive climate change policies.

With best regards,

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