

FAR EASTERN MARINE BIOSPHERE RESERVE OF THE FAR EASTERN BRANCH OF THE RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (FEB RAS)

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The presentation is dedicated to the first in our state Marine Biosphere Nature Reserve located in the Far East region of Russia. It was established in 1978 and obtained a biosphere status in 2003. The Marine Biosphere Nature Reserve is spread on water and islands which have concentrated in miniature the conditions of different latitudinal zones and landscapes. Such a variety of habitats created the conditions for an incredibly wide variety of life.



Figure 1: Map of the reserve.

We report about the history and organizers of the reserve, about its location, the flora and fauna of the marine and coastal areas, about the unique underwater landscapes, about touristic and educational activities. We describe the hydrochemical characteristics of waters and the human impact on its quality. The wealth of well-preserved nature reserve, favourable physical and geographical position have created the prerequisites for the development of its territory and ecology education in the tourism area.



Figure 2: Photographs made in the Far Eastern Marine Biosphere Reserve.