

Chile

Fray Jorge



Declaration date: 1977

Surface area: 9,959 ha

Administrative division: Coquimbo Region, Province of Limari

Human activities:

The main activity is tourism, with close on 15,000 visitors per year. Research activities and environmental education also take place in the Biosphere Reserve.

Protection classification:

Fray Jorge National Park

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Ecological characteristics:

This Biosphere Reserve represents the dwarf coastal cloud shrubland habitat, harbouring succulents and thorny shrubs comprised in the arid and semi-arid Mediterranean type plant formation of Mediterranean Chile. Biomes such as river, estuary (the mouth of the Limari River), coastline, semi-arid sclerophyll shrubland and evergreen relict forest are represented in this BR. The evergreen relict forest comprises a hygrophyll forest with plant species characteristic of the south of Chile, over 1,000 km away, such as the Olivillo (*Aextoxicon punctatum*) and Winter's bark or Canelo (*Drimys winteri*). There are 440 species of native flora, of which 266 are endemic to Chile, 10 are listed as endangered and 84 as vulnerable species.

