

International Day for Biological Diversity
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Belgium's International Day for Biological Diversity

Brussels celebrated the International Biodiversity Day together with the federal Belgian level, the Flemish and the Walloon Regions. A press conference was organized in collaboration with the National Focal Point of the CBD and the Belgian Biodiversity Platform. It took place in the National Botanic Garden of Belgium in Meise. Each Belgian region and the federal government presented their policies and actions on invasive alien species. Brussels presented its new nature legislation, as well as its initiatives to manage invasive species and raise awareness about them.

At the same time, Brussels Environment organized a practical workshop on the field for public green managers, to show them which invasive species are present in Brussels and to explain the possible problems. Management techniques to eliminate or reduce those species were shown and demonstrated.

In the same framework, on the 11th June, a scientific symposium will be organized by the Belgian Biodiversity Platform to present recent Belgian research on invasive alien species.

The Limburg province, from the 15th to 29th May, decided to highlight its unique and valuable biodiversity. Through eleven free activities organized all around the province, all citizens have been invited to learn about their local species and habitats.