

The Republic of Moldova celebrates
the International Day for Biological Diversity
22 May 2009



In Moldova, there is already a tradition of celebrating annually the International Day for Biological Diversity. The following activities were organized this year:

1. The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, with the support of the National Ecological Fund, organized a round table in the National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History. The meeting was attended by: the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, specialists from the Natural Resources and Biodiversity Division, scientists from the Science Academy of Moldova and National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History, specialists from the Biodiversity Office, Biosecurity Office and mass-media. The discussions addressed the issues related to invasive species, as well as other problems that appeared and successes achieved in conserving biodiversity.
2. The Botanical Gardens (Institute) of the Science Academy of Moldova welcomed visitors (free entry) and organized exhibitions with presentation of scientific papers and monographs in the field. There were exhibitions on exotic tropical to subtropical plants, excursions and outdoor lessons for students and schools from the Republic. More than 2,000 people visited the Botanical Gardens on this day.
3. The hunting and fishermen society, on this day, released thousands of captive raised pheasants into nature.