



Biodiversity is life
Biodiversity is our life



2010 International Year of Biodiversity

Preliminary Report of the Celebrations for the
International Year of Biodiversity
as of
13 December 2010



Introduction

The International Year of Biodiversity was conceived as a campaign that would raise awareness of the value and importance of the diversity of life on our planet, with the goal of instilling a sense of wonder, of discovery, and ultimately of individual and collective action for a more sustainable relationship between human communities and the ecosystems of the world.

As the year draws to a close, there is strong evidence that the citizens of the world have taken the first steps. Around the planet, celebrations and activities have taken place in 191 countries, leaders have made commitments to a global strategy that will preserve biodiversity, and overall, biodiversity has greater recognition than it did at the beginning of 2010.

The following report is a preliminary look at some of the successes and activities that made this a memorable year. The conclusions are rich and show the creativity of the communities and countries of the world. They are, preliminary however. Results and activities continue to be reported to the secretariat each day. It is expected that by the time that the official report of the activities is submitted to the General Assembly in fall of 2011, there will be even greater results contained in these pages.

This preliminary report contains the following sections:

1. A report on the Branding of the International Year of Biodiversity and some of the information products that were produced in support of the year (Pages 3 – 38);
2. A review of the internet presence of the year and the dynamic results of the social networking activities for the year (Pages 39 – 61);
3. A preliminary look at the media coverage of the year (Pages 62 – 75);
4. A report on special high level celebrations that were held during the year (Pages 76 – 87);
5. An outline of some of the activities carried out by the International Organizations to mark the Year (Pages 88 – 97;)and
6. A selection of some of events that took place in the countries that celebrated the International Year (Pages 98 – 263).



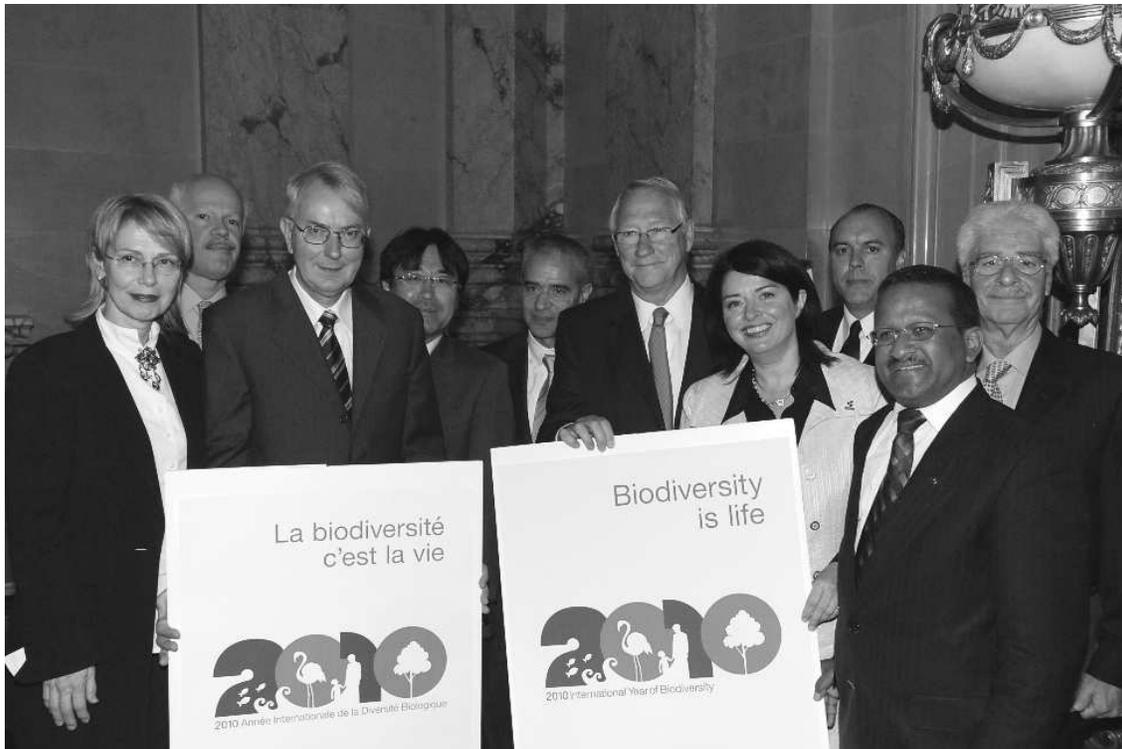
Branding

Logo
Special award
Logo translations and usage

Logo

www.cbd.int/2010/logo

The government of Canada funded the creation of the logo and messages. The call for offers was made in February 2009, and the CBD hired Futerra Sustainability Communications to produce the logo, messages and Communications Guidelines. The logo was launched on 2 October 2010 in Montreal city hall in presence of the representative of the Minister of Environment of Canada, the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks of the Province of Quebec, the Mayor of Montreal, the Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), representatives of the governments of Germany and Japan, members of the diplomatic corps in Montreal, and other representatives of the city of Montreal..



Special award

With the slogan “Biodiversity is Life. Biodiversity is our Life” the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity won the coveted 2010 Green Award in recognition of the strength of a brand that inspired activities throughout the world that showcase the value and beauty of biodiversity.



The Green Awards www.greenawards.co.uk aim to recognise and reward creative work that communicates the importance of Corporate Social Responsibility, sustainable development and ethical best practice in any sector and across any marketing discipline.

The logo and messages were available to organisations and others who wished to use it under certain conditions explained in the **Communications Guidelines** (Annex). Usage of the logo required completion of the waiver form. The waiver form was first a paper form to be scanned and sent by email, but the procedure was improved when the waiver could be filled online www.cbd.int/2010/logo/waiver.

The logo is available in different formats, for print or web: eps, jpg, gif



Logo translations and usage

The logo is available in 6 UN languages and translated into 25 more languages, courtesy of Governments and other Partners: ca - de - dv - el - eu - fa - hi - hr - hu - it - ja - ko - mi - ms - nl - nn - pl - pt - ro - sk - sl - sv - tr - ur - zh (traditional)

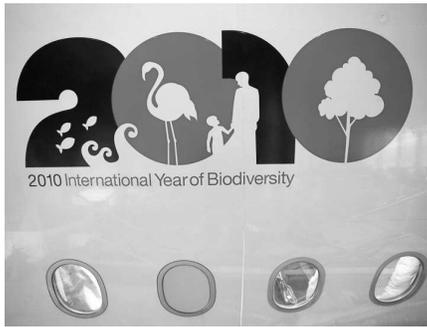
To date (1 Dec 2010), 1718 organisations, governments and others have submitted a waiver form to the Secretariat of the CBD.

The logo has appeared on urban transit systems, in national parks zoos, botanical gardens, floral arrangements, in television commercials, the Jeopardy game show, in films at the FIFA world Cup, on websites, on posters and banners at various events, calendars and postage stamps, on the Airbus A380 aircraft, in in-flight magazines, on wine, beer and a number of other products around the world.





Soweto





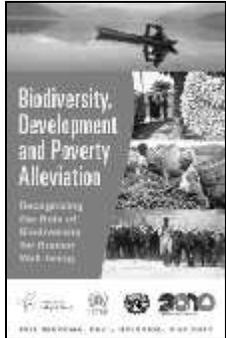
Information products

- Print products
- Multimedia Products
- Other products
- Overview of IYB production (administration)
- Products of note from Parties
- Stamp issuances

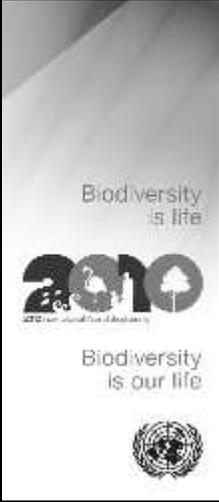
Print products

www.cbd.int/2010/prints

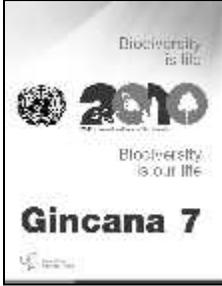
The CBD produced:

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|  | <p>set of 30 factsheets in a multi-lingual folder (6 UN languages)</p> |
|  | <p>booklet "Biodiversity, Development and Poverty Alleviation" (International Day for Biodiversity 2010) (6 UN languages)</p> |



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|  | <p>brochure, a 3-fold leaflet (6 UN languages + fa, ca)</p> |
|  | <p>bookmark (6 UN languages + gr, it, pt)</p> |
|  | <p>poster (6 UN languages + ca, gr, jp, nl, pt, sw)</p> |
|  | <p>folder (6 UN languages)</p> |



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|  | <p>Gincana 7 (en) High-level magazine</p> |
|  | <p>Satoyama (en) High-level magazine</p> |
|  | <p>notepad</p> |



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| | <p>letterhead for CBD correspondence (6 UN languages)</p> |
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Multimedia products

www.cbd.int/2010/multimedia

The CBD produced:

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| | <p>Official video for the International Year of Biodiversity (dubbed in 6 UN languages, + ja)</p> |
| | <p>Video message from the UNSG (subtitles in 6 UN languages)</p> |



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| <p>Message from Edward Norton - Un..</p>  <p>2010 International Year of Biodiversity</p> <p>0:00 / 1:55</p> | <p>Video Message from Edward Norton, UN Goodwill Ambassador for Biodiversity (en)</p> |
| <p>Global Biodiversity Outlook 3</p>  <p>00:00 / 10:25</p> | <p>Video on Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 GBO3 (en)</p> |
| <p>IYB Public Service Announcement</p>  <p>0:00 / 0:47</p> | <p>Public Service Announcement (by CBD & GEF), was screened in South Africa during FIFA World Cup (en)</p> |



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| | <p>Traditional Knowledge (short animation)</p> |
| | <p>commemorative IYB video (en)</p> |
| | <p>PowerPoint presentation on IYB (en, es, fr)</p> |
| | <p><u>See the Bigger Picture</u> <u>Biodiversity through the eyes of children</u> <u>and youth</u> (photo competition)</p> |



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|  | <p>Exhibition: Nature Our Precious by Web Geo Magazine, GTZ, Countdown 2010, CBD and UNDP</p> |
|  | <p>The Clearing-House Mechanism is the information exchange platform of the Convention consisting of the CBD Website together with the network of national CHM websites.</p> |

Other products by the CBD

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|  <p>(actual size)</p> | <p>pin</p> |
|  | <p>t-shirt</p> |
|  | <p>cap</p> |



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|  | limited edition pen (black) |
|  | limited edition pen (white) |
|  | marked apple (in collaboration with Moselle, France) |
|  | flag (small, for desk) |
| picture not available | flag & banner (large) |



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| | <p>kiosk</p> |
| <p>picture not available</p> | <p>mug</p> |

Products of note from Parties and other Partners

which were made available on the IYB website

Australia

- video: Fighting carbon with fire, Arnhem Land
- video: Earth is a Biodiverse Place by Kevin Guy of NRM Network

Belgium

- 366 gestes pour la biodiversité (fr, nl)
- 52 actions for biodiversity (6 UN languages, ja, 27 EU languages): Booklet about everyday actions to help biodiversity.
- screensaver: 366 pour la biodiversité (fr, nl)



Bolivia

- El cuidado del ambiente, una responsabilidad de todos (es) by TROPICO

Brazil

- video: Gisele Bündchen invites the world to take action for Biodiversity
- video: Gisele apresenta penúltimo vídeo da série Biodiversidade
- video: Mensagem de Gisele Bündchen sobre o Ano Internacional da Biodiversidade



- poster: Planeta Sustentavel, www.planetasustentavel.com.br
- poster: World Environment Day
- poster by Instituto ORBIS: Curso de Introdução à Primatologia
- event poster by Universidade de Caxias do Sul : A biodiversidade da Serra Gaúcha se exhibe

Bulgaria

- video: The SilverlightShow Eco Contest
- The colours of the Black Sea (bg, en)

Canada



Biokits www.ec.gc.ca/biotrousses-biokits
Series of downloadable booklets for interactive outdoor activities.

- video: The Story Of Food, by USC Canada
- video: 5 podcasts - Balado biodiversité by Jour de la Terre Quebec
- video: Defending Diversity, Seeds of Survival, by USC Canada
- video: Biodiversity, by Vancouver Film School students
- Ontario's first ever State of Ontario's Biodiversity 2010 report
- State of Ontario's Biodiversity 2010 Highlights Report
- Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy Progress Report 2005-2010
- poster: Help preserve biodiversity, the work of God (en, fr)





- poster: Head Harbour Passage, Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick
- event poster: 24 heures de biodiversité (exhibition)

Cambodia

- video: International Trailer of the Science Film Festival 2010

Chile

- event poster: 2º Encuentro Regional de Educación Ambiental
- poster: Exhibición itinerante sobre la Biodiversidad

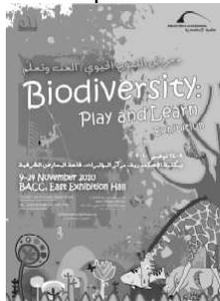
Colombia

- poster series: Biodiversidad y Economía Ambiental; Biodiversidad y Genómica; Biodiversidad y sus enemigos; Biodiversidad y la mezcla genética ancestral; Biodiversidad y Economía Ambiental; Biodiversidad en un país megadiverso; Biodiversidad en un país megadiverso; Biodiversidad, naturaleza y conservación en el siglo XXI; Biodiversidad, sustentabilidad y cambio climático



Egypt

- event poster: World Environment Day at Bibliotheca Alexandria, Egypt
- event poster: Biodiversity: Play and Learn! (exhibition)



European Union

- European Environment Agency Signals 2010 - Biodiversity, Climate Change and You
- Biodiversity, 10 messages for 2010. Each message provides a short assessment focusing on a specific ecosystem or issue related to biodiversity in Europe



France

- video: Mdd tv: Déchets en mer
- video: Robbie the Reindeer and relatives by International Symposium-Workshop on Frugivores and Seed Dispersal, Montpellier
- video: Montpellier - Fête de la biodiversité
- La Biodiversité, un atout vital pour l'Europe (en, fr)
- event poster: Journée de la biodiversité à Pierrevert

Germany

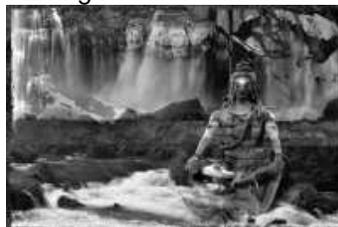
- video: celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity, 22 May 2010
- video/exhibition: Nature Our Precious Web by GEO magazine
- Landscape and nature conservation in Thuringia (magazine) (de)
- Naturfreudin www.naturfreudin.naturfreunde.de (magazine) (de)

India

- Workshop Report: Small Indigenous Freshwater Fish Species: Their Role in Poverty Alleviation, Food Security and Conservation of Biodiversity
- poster: Forest Fire Control (Uttarakhand) (in)
- poster: The one manifests as the many, the formless putting on forms (Rig Veda)



- poster: Celebration of International Day for Reduction of Natural Disaster
- art: 3 paintings by Sai Arjun for Living Planet Foundation



Indonesia

- video: The Forbidden forests of the Dayak
- video: International Trailer of the Science Film Festival 2010

Iran



- posters 2010 جهان ىستىتسوع ز ىسال جهان 2010 (fa)



Ireland

- poster: Biodiversity Week

- poster: Wall planner



Italy

- La conservazione ex situ della biodiversità delle specie vegetali spontanee e coltivate in Italia

- Il valore economico della biodiversità e degli ecosistemi (it)

- poster: Biodiversity - Pensare localmente, agire globalmente (it)



- poster: Per una zootecnia sostenibile

Japan



- All Lives Are Linked, What's Biodiversity? (en, es, jp) - Manga comic book by the Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee
- video: message from MISIA, Honorary Ambassador for COP10
- video: Biodiversity song by Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Nagoya

Kyrgyzstan

- video: Pastures for the future in Kyrgyzstan

Lebanon

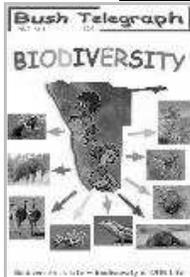
- poster: Awareness campaign for the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity in Lebanon (ar, en)

Mexico

- poster: Izta-Popo National Park

Namibia

- booklet: [NaDEET](#)
- booklet: [It's Time to Identify](#)

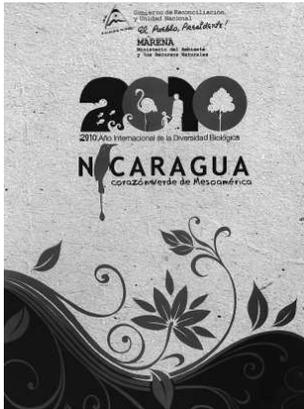


Netherlands

- video: Zoos and Conservation by European Association of Zoos & Aquaria (EAZA)
- booklet: [BIODIVERSITEIT](#) (nl)

Nicaragua

- poster by MARENA



Norway

- FN-Magasinet (magazine) (no)

Pakistan

- poster: Plant Conservation Day, Let's celebrate Neem Tree the Tree of Sindh
- event poster: International Symposium on "Biodiversity is Our Life"

Peru

- video: World Environment Day
- video: Diversity, Based on the Action Days in Peru, ©PDRS-GTZ

Philippines (ACB)

- video: International Trailer of the Science Film Festival 2010
- poster (en)

Portugal

- video: Flashmob for Biodiversity, by Escola Superior de Tecnologia da Saúde de Coimbra
- event poster: I Jornadas de Gestão da Predação

Romania

- event poster: Nature Through the Lens: Biodiversity of the Apuseni Mountains, by the Friends of the Tarii Crisurilor Museum Association Oradea
- event poster: "Nature through the Lens: Biodiversity of Apuseni Mountains" (photo exhibition)

Russia

- video: Land is Breath: respecting nature in Altai

Saudi Arabia

- brochure: Biodiversity - an essential for continuity for life on earth
- brochure: Biodiversity in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - reality and challenges



- brochure: Women and the Environment
- flyer: Workshop on Environment Education for Teachers and Educational Supervisors in the Eastern Province
- flyer: Workshop on Combating Invasive Plant Species

Seychelles

- Zwazo (bi-annual conservation magazine) (en)

Slovakia

- International Day of Biodiversity 2010 in Slovakia (sk)

Spain

- video: Spanish Biodiversity
- video: Talk about Biodiversity/Habla de Biodiversidad by Fundación Biodiversidad
- video: Biodiversity Week, by El Hoyo de Manzanares Town Council
- bv news (quarterly magazine) - Biodiversity news for naturalists (es)
- Semana de la Diversidad Biológica (brochure) (es)
- poster by IUCN: Biodiversidad Mediterránea (es)
- poster by El Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Zaragoza
- poster: Information days on elms

Sweden

- video: Bevara och skydda Vargen! Save and protect the Wolf

Switzerland

- WAZA's Educational Manual: A guide for zoo and aquarium educators, teachers and environmentalists



- video: Biodiversity: My hotel in action. Video designed to make the hotel industry more aware of the importance of biodiversity, by IUCN
- video: Countdown2010
- video: Variety is Life - How the seed sector protects biodiversity by International Seed Federation (ISF)
- video: WWF vice-president Jason Clay - "How big brands can help save biodiversity"
- La biodiversité, c'est la vie (depliant) (fr, de)
- poster by World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)



Thailand

- International Trailer of the Science Film Festival 2010
- poster: Science Film Festival

Uganda

- poster: World Environment Day – International Year of Biodiversity

United Kingdom

- video: Launch of International Year of Biodiversity in Scotland
 - video: Message by BirdLife's CEO, Dr Marco Lambertini
 - video: BurlingtonGreen 2010 'Imprints' Youth Eco-Conference
 - preview: Creation - The true story of Charles Darwin
 - video: BurlingtonGreen 2010 'Imprints' Youth Eco-Conference by the Royal Botanical Gardens
 - [Worksheet on the International Year of Biodiversity - How many species are there on Earth?](#)
- ©Pearson Education Ltd 2010

- Three cartoons for the International Year of Biodiversity (en, es)



Uruguay

- Biodiversity 2010, Protected Areas in Uruguay (es)
- Travelling poster exposition (es)



USA

- video: The biodiversity debate, Earth's Frontiers - CNN News



- video: Making Connections by the Montana Natural History Center
- video: Open Space, by the Sonoran Institute
- video: Crossroads, by MT Audubon
- American Paleontologist: Exploring the Tree of Life

Other

- video: The Last Blue Wilderness - Community-based short film made in partnership with indigenous peoples of the Pacific region

Products by other UN organisations

Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)
Odontocetes: the Toothed Whales (poster)

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- Animal Genetic Resources (journal) (en, es, fr)
- Adding Value to Livestock Diversity (paper) (en)

Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Video message from Monique Barbut, CEO of GEF

International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- Tropical Forest Update (magazine) (en)

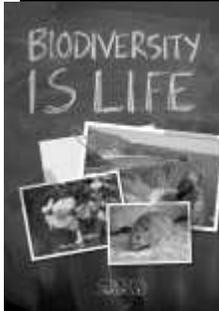
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- video: message from the Executive Director of UNEP



- video: Angela Cropper, Deputy Executive Director, UNEP
- video: Jochen Zeitz, Chairman and CEO, PUMA announces partnership with UNEP
- video: Samuel Eto'o, Captain of Cameroon's national football team
- Tunza, Volume 8, No 1, 2010 (magazine) - International Year of Biodiversity (en, es, fr)
- State of Biodiversity in Africa (paper)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

- Biodiversity is life. Biodiversity is our life. A travelling exhibition
- UNESCO Associated School Network UN School Brochure



- poster for Associated Schools Competition



Stamp issuances

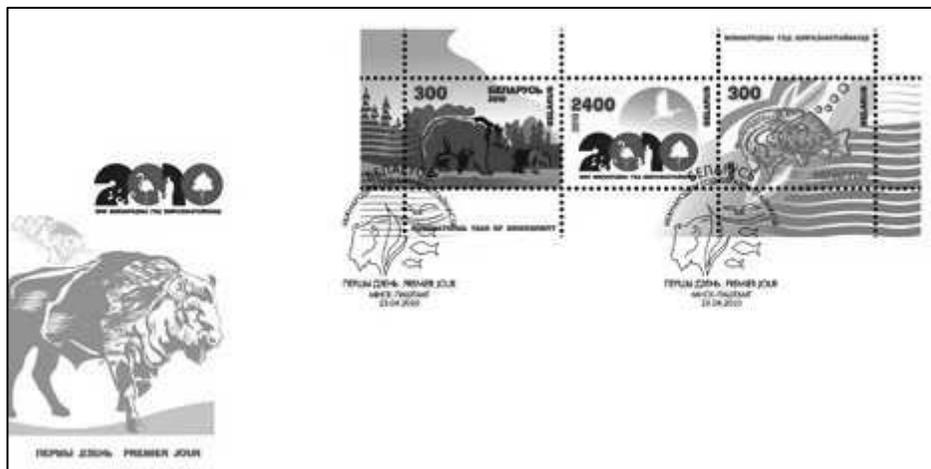
23 countries and 3 UN agencies issued stamps to commemorate the Year.

Argentina

Postcard with printed stamp



Belarus
Set of 3 stamps





Brasil
Set of 2 stamps



Canada
Set of 4 stamps



China
Set of 4 postcards and envelope

Hong Kong, China
Set of 4 stamps



Dominican Republic

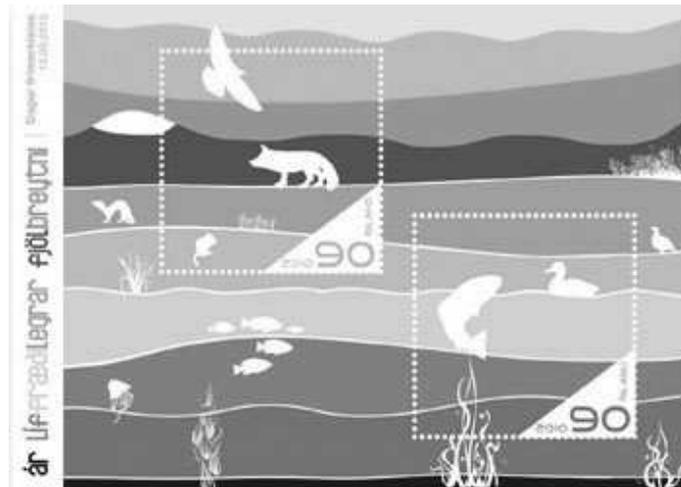


Hungary
Set of 5 stamps





Iceland
Set of 2 stamps



India
Set of 2 stamps



Iraq
Set of 4 stamps



Malaysia
Set of 4 stamps



Malta
Set of 4 stamps



Philippines
3 stamps



Poland
Postcard



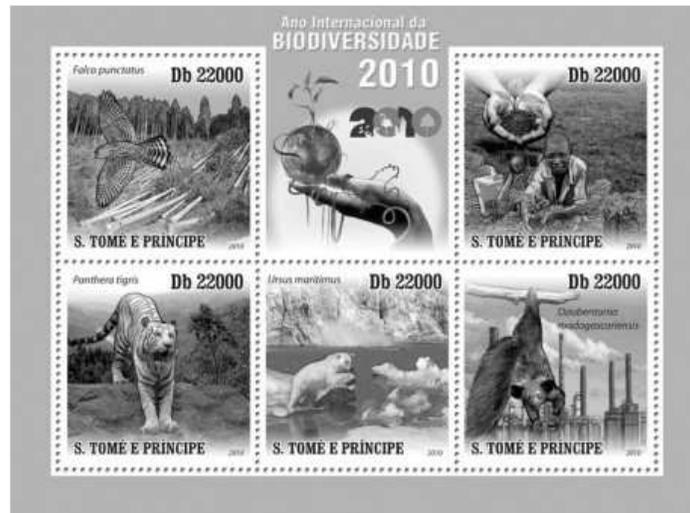
Portugal
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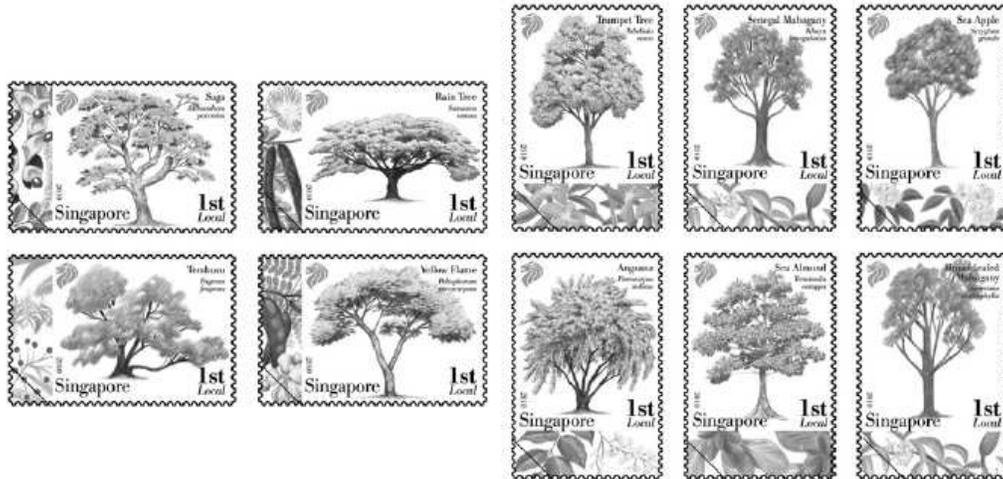
Sao Tome and Principe



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Singapore
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South Africa
Set of 4 stamps



Switzerland

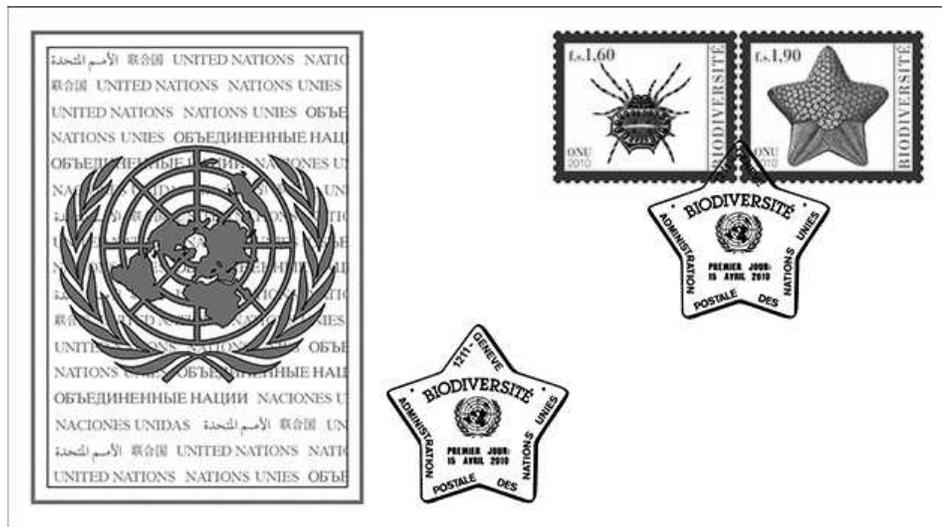
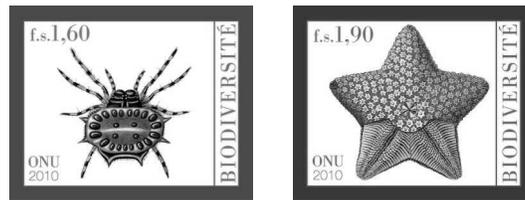




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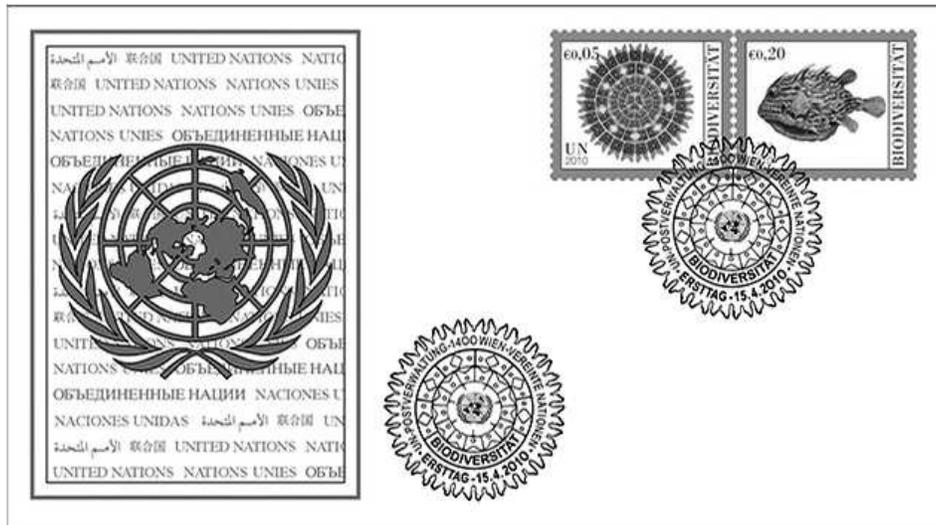
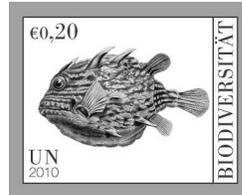
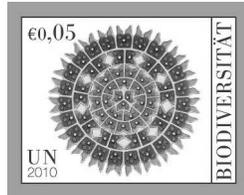


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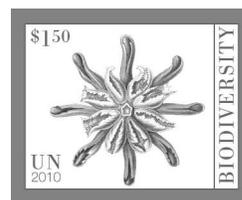




United Nations (Vienna)
Set of 2 stamps



United Nations Postal Administration (New York)
Set of 2 stamps



Other (google search)





Special logos or campaigns

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| | <p>Belgium Engagement campaign by the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences www.igivelifetomyplanet.be</p> <p>Biodiversité 52 (Walloon Public Service) www.biodiversite52.be/Public</p> |
| | <p>European Union <i>We're all in this together.</i> That's the message of a new EU campaign to inform about biodiversity and to get people actively engaged in preserving and restoring it. ec.europa.eu/environment/biodiversity/campaign/index.htm</p> <p>facebook application http://apps.facebook.com/biodiversity</p> |
| | <p>Finland LUMONET is the Finnish Clearing-House Mechanism of the CBD. It is an Internet-based biodiversity information system mainly about Finland. LUMO is an abbreviation of "luonnon monimuotoisuus", which is Finnish for Nature's Diversity. www.ymparisto.fi</p> |
| | <p>France www.labiodiversitecestmanature.org</p> <p>19 May 2010, the French Ministry of Sustainable Development on facebook</p> |
| | <p>Indonesia National campaign by the Yayasan KEHATI Indonesia www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/celebrations/iyb-Indonesia-KEHATI-celeb-en.pdf</p> |
| | <p>Lebanon Awareness campaign by the Shouf Biosphere Reserve</p> |



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|  | <p>Liechtenstein <u>Jahr der Biodiversität 2010</u></p> |
|  <p>2010 International Year of Biodiversity</p> | <p>Pakistan Awareness campaign by the Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation (CBC)</p> |
|  <p>2010 International Year of Biodiversity</p> | <p>Peru Perú, país megadiverso www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/celebrations/iyb-peru-megadiverso-es.pdf</p> |
|  | <p>New Zealand Sirocco the Spokesbird www.spokesbird.com</p> |
|  <p>2010 International Year of Biodiversity</p> | <p>United Kingdom www.biodiversityislife.net by the Natural History Museum also on facebook and Twitter</p> |
|  | <p>UNEP World Environment Day www.unep.org/wed/2010</p> |



Web presence

As defined in the Implementation Strategy for the International Year of Biodiversity¹ (IYB), the internet is a very important content/information delivery mechanism for a number of the target groups identified. Under this principle, several online communications channels were developed by the SCBD in order to engage a particular set of target groups with the aim to inspire action to protect and take the immediate steps needed to halt the loss of biodiversity, such as: a website (www.cbd.int/2010), a facebook page (www.facebook.com/iyb2010), and a YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/chm.cbd>).

The following points will analyze the web traffic, performance and sources for the different online platforms used during this year.

IYB Website

<http://www.cbd.int/2010>



The website was the central point to disseminate all the IYB information in order to raise public awareness of the importance of biodiversity and the consequences of its loss. During 2010, the website was maintained by members of the Secretariat containing all the information, converted into web content, sent by governments, partners and people around the world as part of their contributions to the IYB.

The main content published on the website has been:

- “Success stories”
- Country profiles
- Electronic versions of materials including multimedia in a variety of formats including photos, videos, audio presentations, PowerPoint presentations and flash presentations
- Calendar of events
- Links to and information about the partners
- Links to news items published around the world
- Calls to participation or action

The **Annexe 1** provides a completed Content Audit for the IYB website.

Google Analytics² has been used in order to measure the online traffic on the IYB website. The dates selected for this report are from January 1st to November 24th, 2010.

¹ Implementation Strategy For The International Year Of Biodiversity – 2010: <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/iyb-implementation-plan-en.pdf>

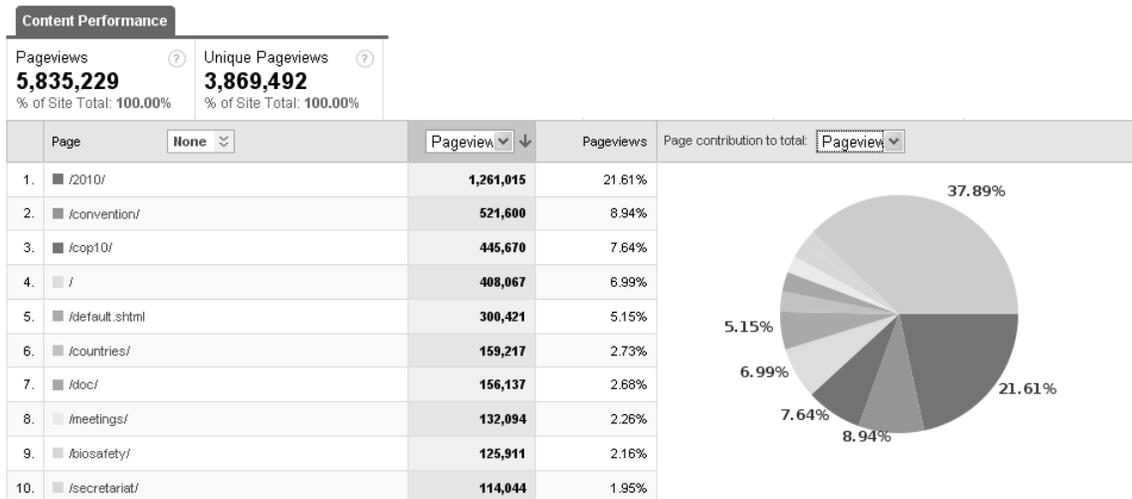
² Google Analytics: <http://www.google.com/analytics>



According to data provided by Google Analytics, for the previously mentioned period, the website of the International Year of Biodiversity, sub-domain www.cbd.int/2010, represented 21.61% of the entire online traffic for the main-domain www.cbd.int, being the section most visited with more than 1 million page views³ and 8 hundred thousand unique-page views⁴.

The Figure 1 shows the Top 10 sub-domain visited for the site www.cbd.int.

Figure 1



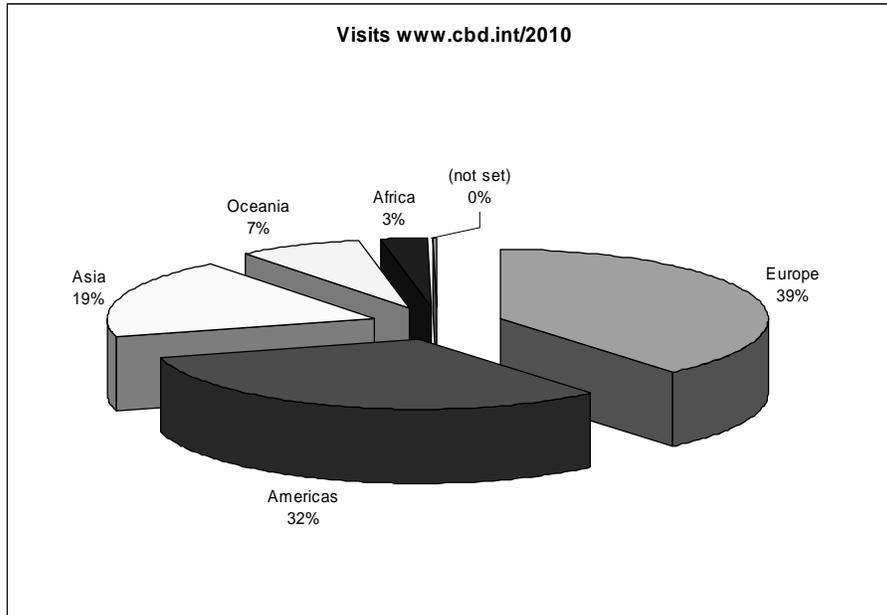
Visits⁵ by Continent

In terms of visits coming from different regions of the world, the following graphic, Figure 2, shows that almost three quarters of the visits come from Europe and America⁶, with 39% and 32% each. Asia has represented the 19% of the visits, Oceania 7% and Africa 3%.

³ **Pageview:** A pageview is an instance of a page being loaded by a browser.
<http://www.google.com/support/googleanalytics/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=33050>
⁴ **Unique pageview:** A unique pageview, as seen in the *Top Content* report, aggregates pageviews that are generated by the same user during the same session.
<http://www.google.com/support/googleanalytics/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=47813>
⁵ **Visits or session:** A period of interaction between a visitor's browser and a particular website, ending when the browser is closed or shut down, or when the user has been inactive on that site for a specified period of time.
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⁶ **"Americas"** represents North, Central and South America.

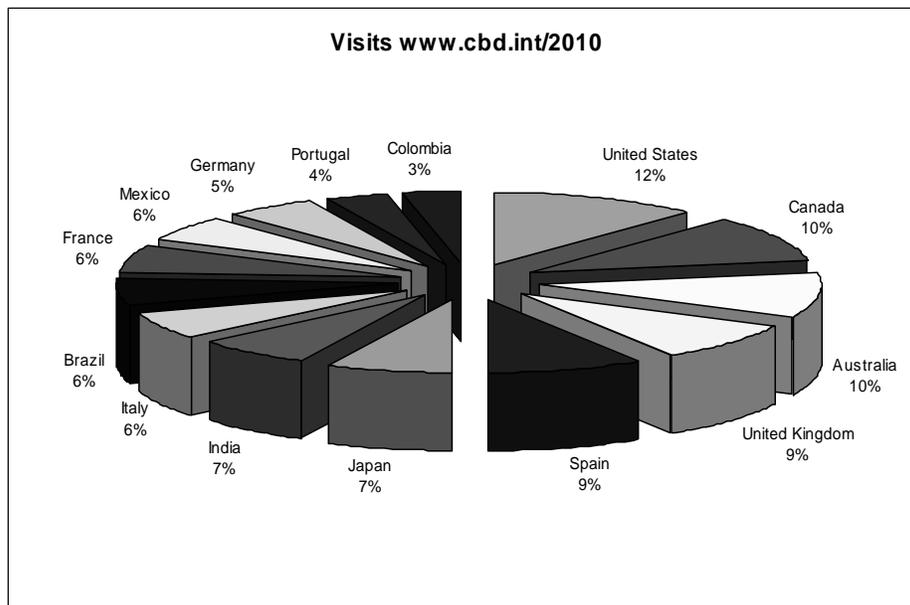


Figure2



Top countries

Continuing with the analysis; the following figure shows the top 14 countries in terms of number of visits. As previously mentioned, Europe has the largest amount of visits with the main country being the United Kingdom with 9% of the total number. United States is the leader in visitors from the Americas accounting for 12% of hits. Japan, from the Asian countries, represents 7% of visits and Australian visits account for 10% of Oceanian traffic. For the continent of Africa, South Africa (not shown in the figure, ranked 23rd in the list) represented 0.7% of total visits.





Page view

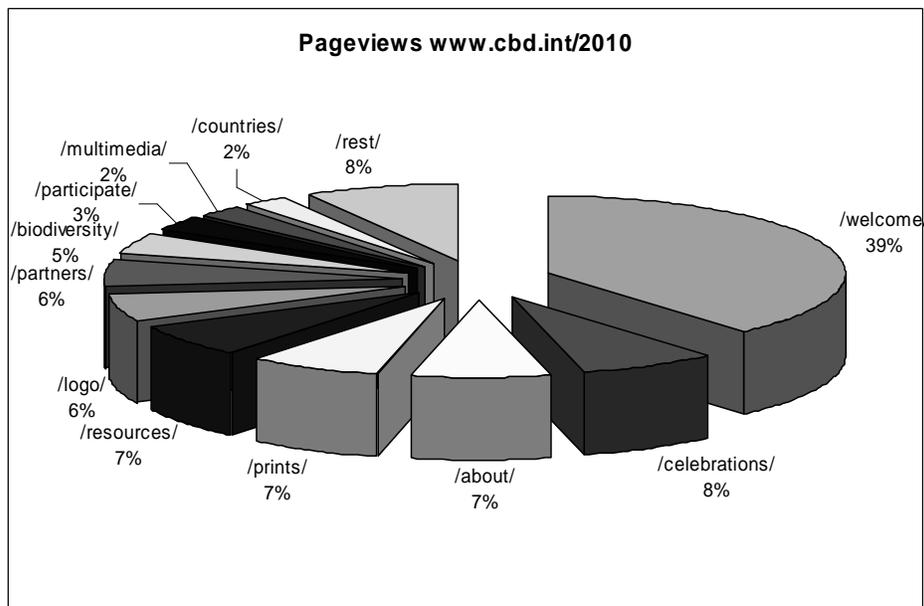
The content on the IYB website is organized in about 40 different pages. Figure 4 shows the content most visited. As can be seen, most of the visitors have seen or visited the home page, accounting for 39% of the total of visits. This is followed by the “Celebration” at 8%, which informs people on all the worldwide celebrations taking place for IYB. Ranking third in the most frequented pages is the “About” page with 7%; this section provides a complete introduction to the International Year of Biodiversity and its goals.

Another section among the most visited is “Prints” with 7%, which contains all the printed material developed to support the IYB such as: publications, posters, calendars, articles, educational material, factsheets, among other content. The “Resources” section is also represented on the figure with 7%; this is where the links to the different versions of the logo are posted, as well as printed materials, multimedia, exhibitions and the CHM website can be found.

The section “Logo” is also part of the top 11 most-visited sections, here the different versions of the logo including the Communications Guidelines can be found. Following “Logo” is “Partners” which has a list of the institutions and associations that are supporting the International Year of Biodiversity.

“Biodiversity” which provides an explanation of the value of biodiversity has 5% of visits. “Participate”, where all the different calls for action are presented, has 3% of visits. “Multimedia,” with 2% of visits, is where all the videos sent by the partners, institutions or individuals around the world are posted. Finally, the section “Countries” provides a list of the countries who have hosted a celebration for the International Year and a link to their country profile.

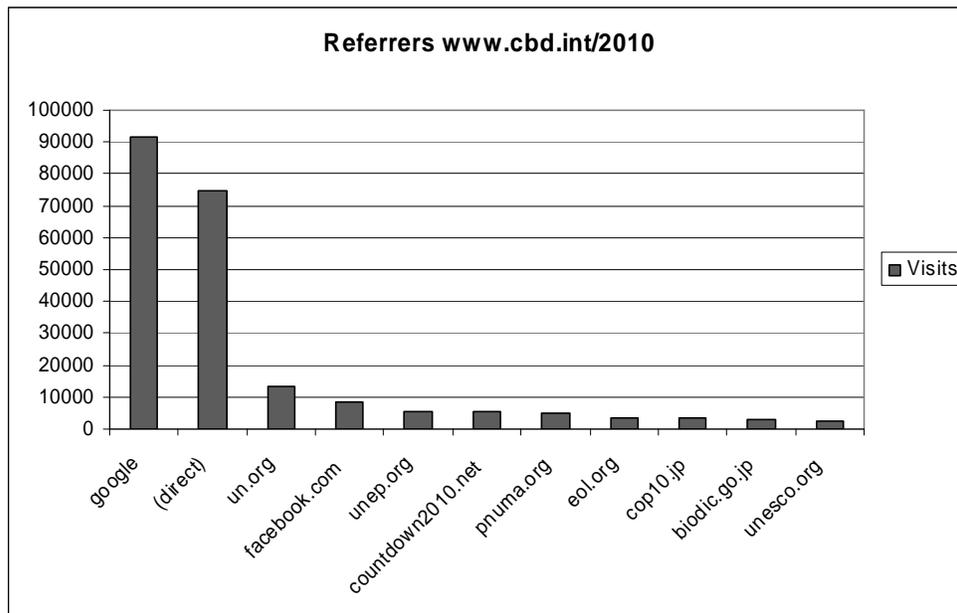
Figure 4





Referrers⁷

In terms of referrers for the IYB website, most of the web traffic comes from Google, with around 24% of the total. Secondly is direct traffic, meaning people who have arrived at the website by typing it on the address bar. It is important to mention that these referrers are responsible for close to 50% of the entire online traffic of the site. Other important referrers are United Nations and other UN institutions such as: UNEP or PNUMA, Countdown2010, and UNESCO. Also, for the web traffic coming from sites considered as part of the social media, facebook is ranks fourth place.



Keywords⁸

The following analysis will focus on the relevant keywords used on Google by the people who were searching on the internet during 2010. Some of the graphics show the main news headlines that Google Insight for Search⁹ considers relevant for a specific date or period of time during the International Year of Biodiversity. Three keywords have been selected and studied: “year of biodiversity”, “biodiversity 2010”, and “international year of biodiversity”.

Keywords: “year of biodiversity” and “international year of biodiversity”

The following graphs show the evolution in terms of online web search for the keywords and “year of biodiversity” and “international year of biodiversity”. An important point to consider in these graphs are the fluctuations during 2010; we saw a surge in searches in January 2010 when the International Year of Biodiversity was launched in Berlin, Germany followed by the middle of May,

⁷ **Referrer:** The URL of an HTML page that refers visitors to a site.

<http://www.google.com/support/googleanalytics/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=33063>

⁸ **Keyword:** A significant word or phrase, relevant to the web page or document in question.

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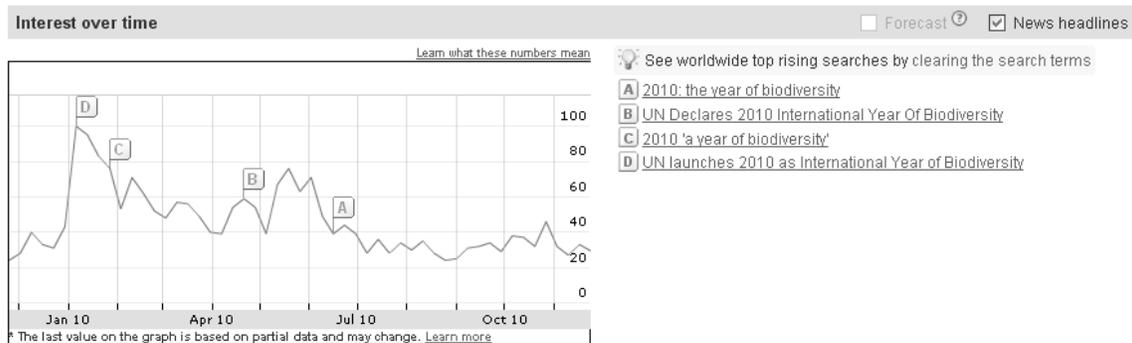
⁹ **Google Insight:** online tool which compares search volume patterns across specific regions, categories, time frames and properties. <http://www.google.com/insights/>



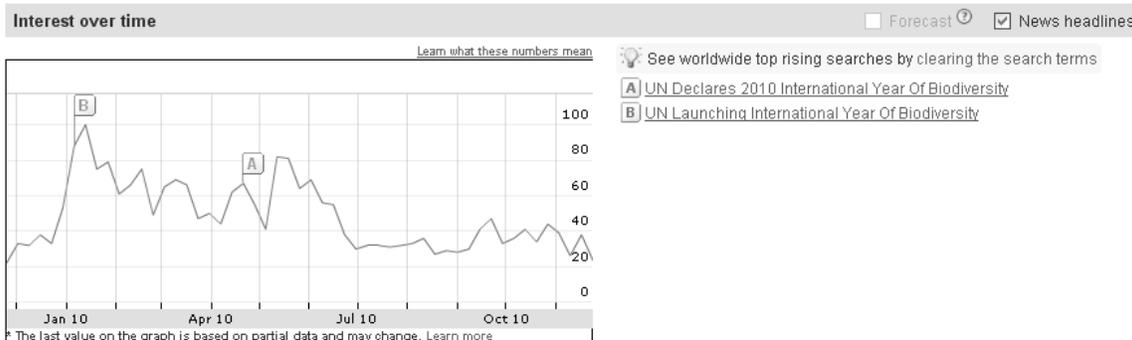
when the International Day for Biodiversity is celebrated and also in June, during the FIFA World Cup games.

After this period the amount of searches decreased and continued at this rate until another peak close to October when COP 10 was celebrated in Nagoya. In this case, the amount of search is a 40% of the total amount of searched made in January when the highest peak was reached.

Keywords: “year of biodiversity”



Keyword: “international year of biodiversity”





In the next two figures, Google Insight for Search provides a map highlighting the countries from where a big number of searches for the defined keywords have been produced. In the case for the keyword “year of biodiversity” most of the search comes from Australia, following by India, United Kingdom and United States. A different behaviour surfaces for the keyword “international year of biodiversity” where most of the web searches are concentrated in United Kingdom.

Keywords: “year of biodiversity”



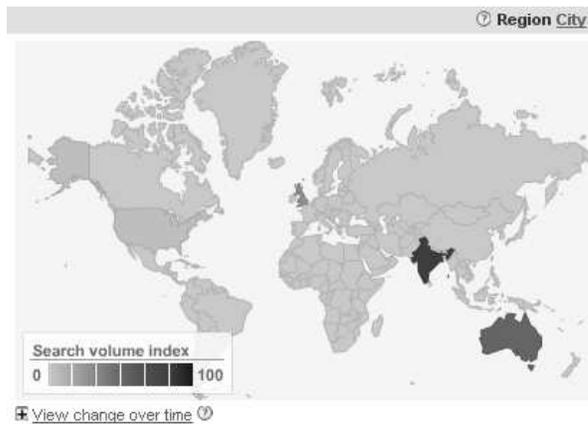
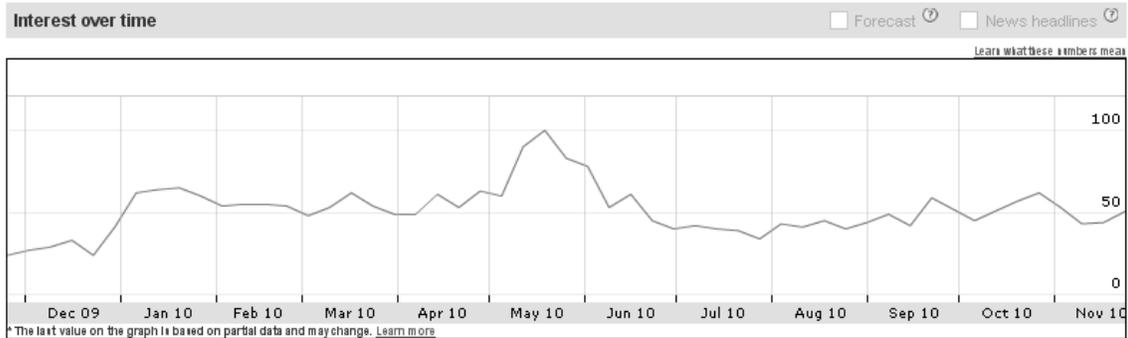
Keyword: “international year of biodiversity”





Keyword: “biodiversity 2010”

The keyword “biodiversity 2010” has a completely different behaviour and its peak was reached during May, when the International Day for Biological Diversity was celebrated. After this, the behaviour tends to be stable throughout the year making up approximately 50% of the highest amount of search. In addition, the concentration of searches was located in India, Australia, United Kingdom and United States.





Facebook

www.facebook.com/iyb2010

The International Year of Biodiversity is about sharing stories of successes and hopes for preserving biodiversity. It is also about giving the community of biodiversity practitioners a place to exchange ideas and grow. To assist in this, and understanding the power of the social media, a facebook page created for the International Year of Biodiversity. So far, it has gathered over 53,000 members, who regularly post on the wall. They exchange important websites, tell others about their biodiversity activities and ask for or provide inspiring stories about their work with the natural world.

The facebook page was mainly maintained by members of the Secretariat to raise awareness about biodiversity by introducing different levels of discussion and participation related to subject. In order to reach this objective, and also to create the engagement with the different people and cultures, the posts were in different languages. These posts could be in form of articles, videos, links to others websites, publications made by the SCBD, and other activities or campaigns run by United Nations.

Some of the highlights of this facebook page were the following posts:

- Factsheets¹⁰: more than 500 Likes¹¹ and 40 comments
- IYB-Logo around the world¹², photo album: more than 250 Likes and 30 comments
- IYB-Logo and you campaign¹³: more than 430 Likes and 45 comments.
- Edward Norton, Giselle Bündchen, MISIA United Nations Goodwill Ambassadors for Biodiversity videos
- The winners of the Biodiversity Challenge Badge (2010)¹⁴: more than 230 Likes

In the following sections, the total amount of people who liked the IYB facebook page, their countries, the quantity of interactions, and its demographics will be analysed.

¹⁰ Permanent link: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=197843&id=188729418506>

¹¹ **Like:** The Facebook "Like" button is a feature that allows users to show their support for specific comments, pictures, wall posts, statuses, or pages. <http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/facebook-like-button.html>

¹² Permanent link: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=212156&id=188729418506>

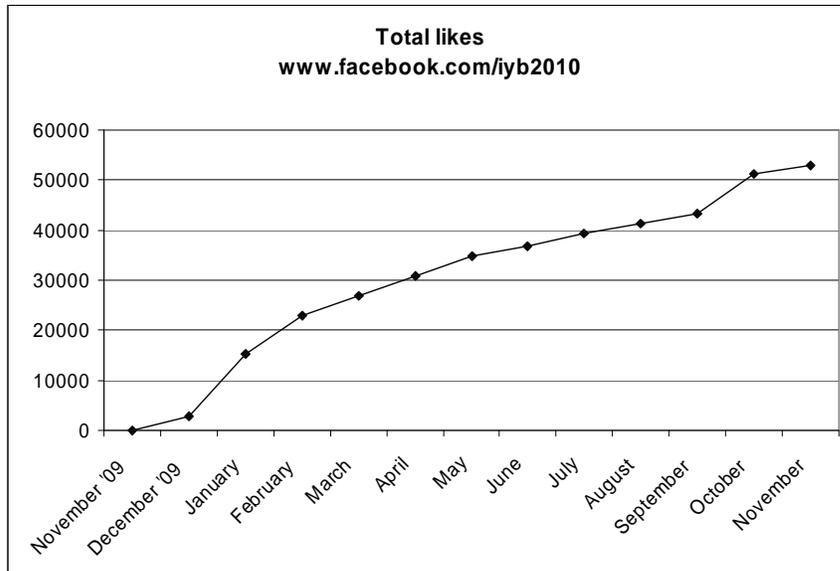
¹³ Permanent link: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=242042&id=188729418506>

¹⁴ Permanent link: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=218034&id=188729418506>



Total Likes¹⁵

The following graphic shows the amount of new likes received by the IYB facebook page from its creation in November 2009 until November 2010. As presented, the facebook page has been constantly increasing since its inception, amassing more than 53,000 followers. Also, the graphic shows that the growth curve is close to reaching its highest number which may be considered normal as the year 2010 is approaching its finish.



Total Likes by country

One of biggest advantage that facebook provides is the opportunity to reach many different people all around the world with the same platform and style giving a unique way of communication. In this sense, the likes coming from different countries are represented on the following graphic. Although facebook provides a unique opportunity for people around the world to communicate via a common platform, the statistics derived from our analysis omits any mention of African countries in the list of the top 20 countries where the IYB facebook page has experienced greatest success. This may be attributed to the lesser participation of African countries with Facebook pages and also the omission of country participation rates beyond the top 20 by facebook. The following graph depicts the Likes coming from different countries.

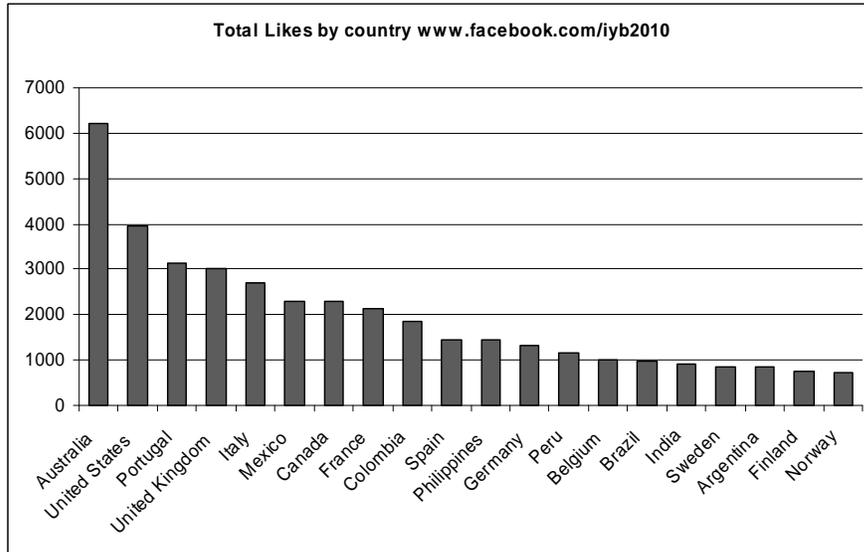
Facebook insight only provides the amount of likes received for the top 20 countries in the list. Despite this, it confirms what was previously mentioned: people from a very wide variety liked the IYB facebook fan page.

The country with the biggest amount of likes is Austria with more than 6,000, followed by United States, with almost 4,000 likes and Portugal, United Kingdom and Italy with almost the same amount of likes, at approximately 3,000.

¹⁵ **Like:** The Facebook "Like" button is a feature that allows users to show their support for specific comments, pictures, wall posts, statuses, or pages. <http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/facebook--like--button.html>

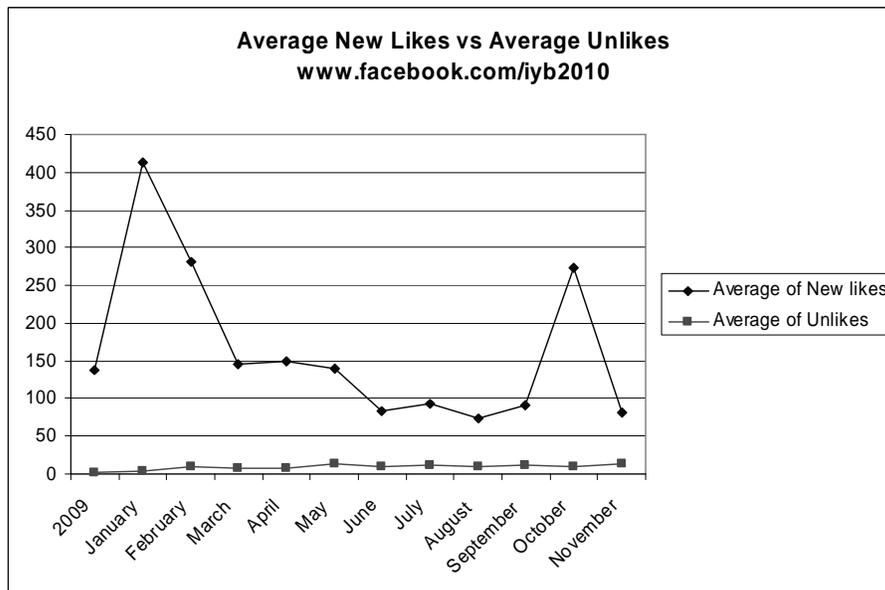


Mexico, Canada, France and Colombia also have almost the same amount of people who liked the IYB facebook page, about 2,000.



Average Likes vs Unlikes

By comparing the average quantity of Likes versus Unlikes, it can be observed the high engagement obtained where the amount of Unlikes is quite stable along the year, despite the fluctuations in the amount of received Likes. Also, the disparity between the average numbers of Likes and Unlikes received. On one hand, the average number of Likes received, during the mentioned period, was 167.68 per month. On the other hand, the average number of Unlikes received was 9.87 per month.

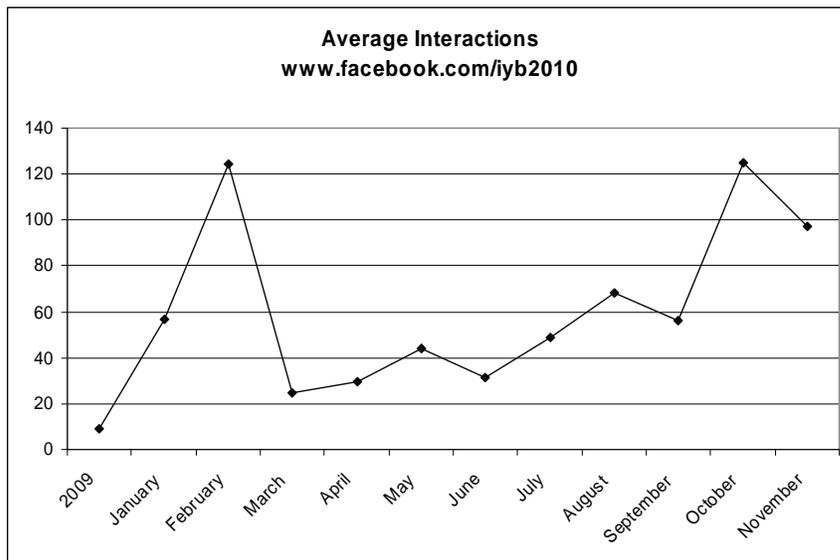




Average Interactions

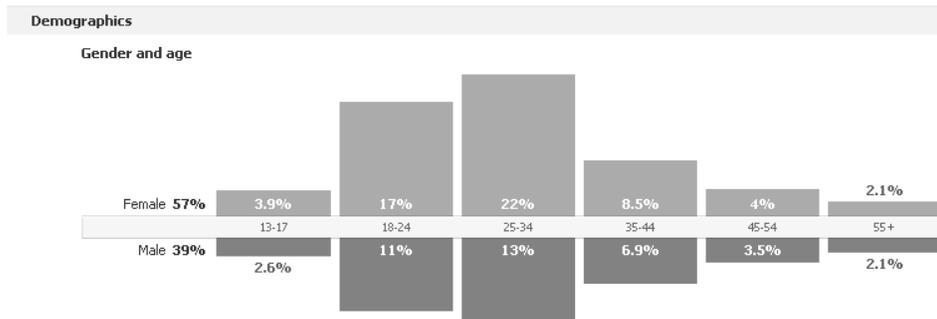
Facebook defines interactions as the daily number of likes and comments created on a person's page content. Based on this, it can be underlined there are two major points during the year. One of them was in January, when the International Year of Biodiversity was launched, and another one during COP10, two of the significant events for this year.

At the same time, it is important to highlight the peak in May coinciding with the celebration of the International Day for the Biological Diversity, and the peak in August which matches with the publications of the Factsheets on facebook.



Demographics

In terms of demographics, facebook provides a detailed report concerning the gender and age of the people who actually have liked the IYB facebook page. At the same time, six groups are defined. Among them, the female public has represented the largest engaged rate. This group has 39% of the IYB likes, especially in the 18-25 and 25-34 years-old segment. On the other hand, for the same segments, the male public represents 24% of the total group of people who have given a Like.





Facebook also provides statistics to better understand the people's profile in terms of their city and selected language per session. Once again, it can be observed the very wide variety liked the IYB facebook fan page. For example, among the top Towns or Cities are Melbourne in Australia, Lisbon in Portugal, Mexico City in Mexico, Bogota in Colombia, among others. At the same time, in terms of languages, it has a great variety such as: English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian, German, etc.

| Towns/Cities | Language |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 3,521 Melbourne | 20,374 English (US) |
| 2,743 Lisbon | 8,020 English (UK) |
| 1,691 Mexico City | 7,146 Spanish |
| 1,384 Bogota | 2,845 French (France) |
| 1,144 Lima | 2,533 Portuguese (Portugal) |
| 1,141 Rome | 2,513 Italian |
| 1,095 Madrid | 1,335 Spanish (Spain) |
| 1,072 Makati | 1,286 German |
| 838 Sydney | 927 Portuguese (Brazil) |
| 780 Montreal | 616 Dutch |
| 584 Paris | 512 Swedish |
| 576 London | 462 Finnish |
| 572 Kuala Lumpur | 392 French (Canada) |
| 537 Buenos Aires | 391 Greek |
| 509 Milan | 338 Norwegian (bokmal) |
| 472 Jakarta | 226 Indonesian |
| 459 Stockholm | 213 Turkish |
| 458 Sao Paulo | 165 Danish |
| 424 Athens | 160 Czech |



Youtube

<http://www.youtube.com/user/chmcbd>

YouTube is the world's most popular online video community, allowing millions of people to discover, watch and share originally-created videos. YouTube provides a forum for people to connect, inform, and inspire others across the globe and acts as a distribution platform for original content creators and advertisers large and small.¹⁶

The International Year of Biodiversity shared a YouTube channel with other programmes of the SCBD. Although the channel was shared, most of the videos posted during 2010 were related to the IYB.

The following graphics shows the top 10 most-viewed videos on the SCBD channel. Out of the top 5 videos, highest-ranking video was the official video of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010, which provides an explanation about what biodiversity is, its value for the society, the explanation concerning the reasons to declare 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity, and finally a call to protect the life on Earth. This video was watched at least 40,000 times. In the second place, its version in Spanish which was broadcasted about 14,000 times.

The third place most-watched video is the Action now for life on Earth. This video has been viewed 13,000 times and talks about the 2010 Target, its importance for life on Earth, and the actions being taken by the global community for its realization. In fourth place is the message from Edward Norton, who was named in 2010 as United Nations Goodwill Ambassador for Biodiversity, his message was viewed around 7,000 times. Finally, fifth is the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 Official video which presents the Global Biodiversity Outlook, the flagship publication of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with 6,000 views during 2010.

| Top videos | % of |
|--|------|
| Official video of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 | 36.5 |
| Video oficial del Año Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica 2010 | 12.5 |
| Action Now for Life on Earth | 11.7 |
| Message from Edward Norton - United Nations Goodwill Ambassador for Biodiversity | 6.6 |
| Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 | 5.6 |
| Biodiversity song from Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens | 3.2 |
| IYB Welcome Message | 2.9 |
| Countdown2010 video | 2.7 |
| Message from MISIA -- Honorary Ambassador for COP10 | 2.5 |
| Vidéo officielle de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité 2010 | 2.2 |

¹⁶ About Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/t/about>

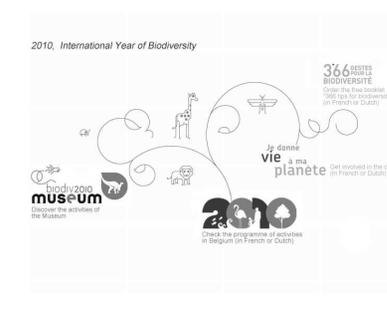


Websites/blogs

Throughout this 2010, countries and institutions have developed websites devoted to promoting biodiversity and the International Year of Biodiversity. In the following list, some these websites are listed.

| Preview | Address | Description |
|--|---|---|
|  | <p>http://www.unep.org/iyb/</p> | <p>Portal for the International Year of Biodiversity – UNEP</p> |
|  | <p>http://www.biodiversidad.gob.mx/ Twitter: http://twitter.com/conabio Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mexico-City/Comision-Nacional-para-el-Conocimiento-y-uso-de-la-Biodiversidad/208239404119</p> | <p>Biodiversity in Mexico. Biodiversidad Mexicana</p> |



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|--|--|---|
|  | <p>http://www.biodiversityislife.net/ Twitter: http://twitter.com/iybuk Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Year-of-Biodiversity-UK</p> | <p>International Year of Biodiversity in the UK. Science and arts events, talks, initiatives + exhibitions.</p> |
|  | <p>http://www.biodiversity2010.net/</p> | <p>Korean website for the International Year of Biodiversity</p> |
|  | <p>http://www.biodiv2010.be/</p> | <p>Website for the International Year of Biodiversity in Belgium</p> |



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|--|---|--|
|  | <p>http://www.biodiversity-day.info</p> | <p>International Day of Biological Diversity website, Germany (GTZ)</p> |
|  | <p>http://www.biodiversity2010.org.au/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Monkey-Me</p> | <p>International Year of Biodiversity project - Council of Australasian Museum Directors, Australia.</p> |



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|--|---|--|
| | <p>http://www.biodiversitaet2010.ch/ Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/biodiv2010</p> | <p>Biodiversität 2010 - International Year of Biodiversity in Switzerland</p> |
| | <p>http://www.brink-namibia.com/biodiversity</p> | <p>International Year of Biodiversity in Namibia</p> |
| | <p>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/biodiversity/campaign/index.htm Facebook: http://apps.facebook.com/biodiversity/</p> | <p>We're all in this together. That's the message from a new EU campaign to inform about biodiversity and to get people actively engaged in preserving and restoring it.</p> |



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|--|--|--|
|  | <p>http://www.biodivcanada.ca</p> | <p>Environment's Canada website for the International Year of Biodiversity</p> |
|  | <p>http://2010.biodiv.gov.cn/</p> | <p>International Year of Biodiversity in China</p> |
|  | <p>http://www.humboldt.org.co/2010colombia/ Twitter: http://twitter.com/2010colombia Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/biodiversidadcolombia</p> | <p>International Year of Biodiversity in Colombia</p> |

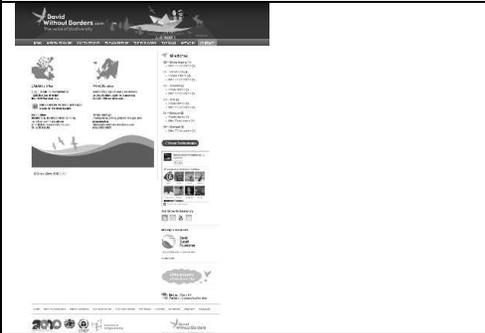


| | | |
|--|---|--|
| | <p>http://www.biodiversite2010.fr/</p> | <p>Official website for the International Year of Biodiversity in France.</p> |
| | <p>http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/kikaku/closing2010/</p> | <p>Official website of the Closing Event for the International Year of Biodiversity 2010</p> |
| | <p>http://www.naturmangfoldaret.no/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Naturmangfoldaret-2010/107596529261979</p> | <p>Norwegian website for the International Year of Biodiversity</p> |



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|  | <p>http://www.portugalbiodiversidade.org/</p> | <p>Portuguese website for the International Year of Biodiversity</p> |
|  | <p>http://www.2010biodiversidad.es/</p> | <p>Official Spanish website for the International Year of Biodiversity</p> |
|  | <p>http://www.fundacion-biodiversidad.es/ Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/fundacionbiodiversidad</p> | <p>Website of the Fundación Biodiversidad (Biodiversity Foundation)</p> |



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|  | <p>http://blog.giselebundchen.com.br Twitter: http://twitter.com/giseleofficial Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/Gisele</p> | <p>Gisele Bündchen's blog. Goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Environment Programme</p> |
|  | <p>http://www.davidwithoutborders.com Twitter: http://twitter.com/davidwborders Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/DavidwithoutBorders</p> | <p>David Without Borders is a quest to discover international initiatives that preserve biodiversity.</p> |



Conclusions

The IYB web presence for this year has been extraordinary. For example, it has been the top section visited at the CBD website gathering viewers from all around world. It has also been one of the most successful United Nation's initiatives on facebook¹⁷, serving as a medium for people to inform themselves about the importance of biodiversity and an outlet to inspire the preservation of it.

As mentioned, most of this web traffic comes from Google Search, while at the same time, a large number of visits are also generated by people who actually have typed the web address or have already had it as part of their history of visited websites; this reflects well on our ability to capture a sustainable interest in the web user. Together, these sources of web traffic have represented close to 50% of the entire number of visits.

In addition, even though it is hard to define the path that the visitors have followed once arriving at the website, according to the number presented, it is certain that most of visits of the IYB website have the Welcome page as the landing page. This underlines the importance of having an attractive and comprehensive homepage - a goal that the IYB has clearly achieved.

In terms of the web 2.0 or social media tools, internet applications that help the interaction with the web surfers¹⁸, the IYB have also experienced a high attractiveness on the web. The web traffic produced from facebook in particular, is ranked 4th in overall web referrals for the IYB, helping to disseminate all the IYB information globally. In addition, the ability to constantly improve content on the web, allowed for the IYB theme to maintain a steady interest with its followers. This also highlights the importance of conceiving a strategy web 2.0 from the very beginning of an online project.

Finally, the Best Green International Campaign recognition received from The Green Awards¹⁹ in December 2010, provides additional testimony of the well-executed web campaign of the International Year of Biodiversity.

¹⁷ Number of Likes received for other United Nation's initiatives on facebook (12/06/2010): UNEP: 15,938; UNESCO: 11,469; UN Information Center 11,164; **UNICEF**: 412,682; UN University – Ourworld 2.0 magazine: 2.148; Greening the Blue: 470; United Nations Millennium Campaign 51.886

¹⁸ **Web 2.0**: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_2.0

¹⁹ **The Green Awards**: http://www.greenawards.co.uk/2010_winners/winners_case_studies/best_green_international



Press Coverage

This section will elaborate on the media coverage that the International Year of Biodiversity has received throughout 2010. In order to evaluate the coverage, this report will be based on the information provided by Google News.

First the total media coverage will be presented, defined as the total number of articles which appear on the Internet mentioning the Year. It will also be subdivided by language, based on the six official UN languages.

Second, the media coverage will be evaluated by monthly distribution throughout the Year, followed by an analysis.

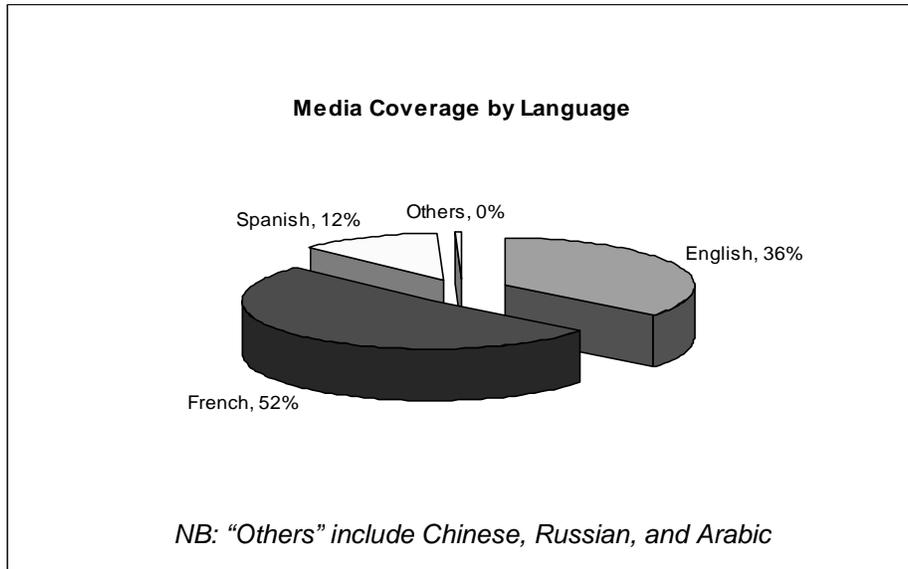
Thereafter, in order to have an idea on the type of media coverage IYB received in relation to high level events, several headlines will be listed for each event, representative each event's coverage.

Finally, another series of headlines will be presented, which represent the coverage that IYB received from UN agencies and biodiversity related international organizations (from UNEP to Conservation International).

Total media coverage

The numbers below correspond to the number of articles mentioning the "international year of biodiversity" according to Google news in the six UN languages.

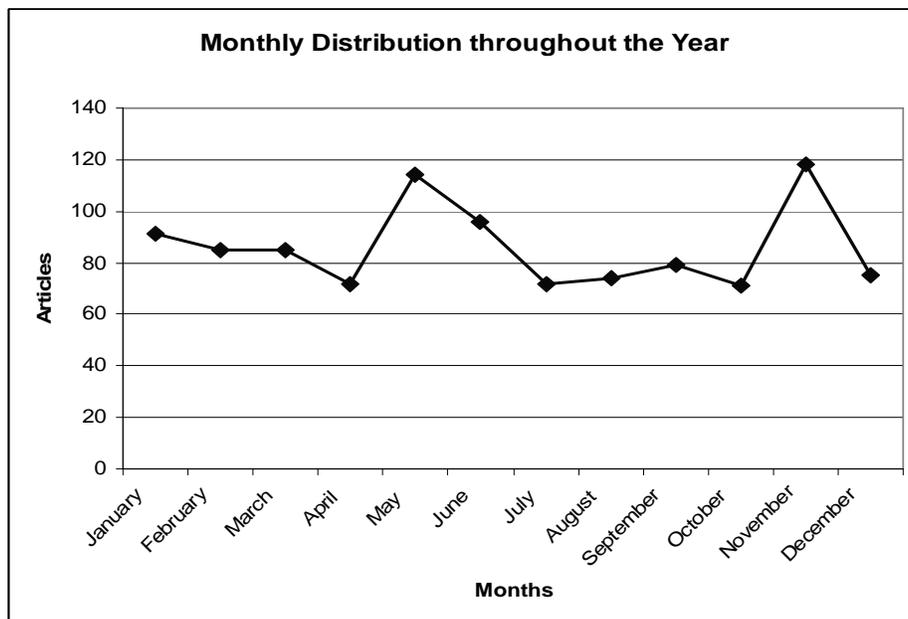
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| News.google.co.uk | 10 900 |
| <i>News.google.com</i> | <i>9 150</i> |
| <i>News.google.ca</i> | <i>10 800</i> |
| <i>News.google.com.au</i> | <i>10 800</i> |
| News.google.fr | 15 800 |
| News.google.es | 3690 |
| News.google.ru | 21 |
| News.google.cn | 54 |
| News.google.eg | 66 |



As this graph represents, most articles mentioning “international year of biodiversity” archived on Google news are in French and English.

Media Coverage Distribution throughout the Year

Since the highest media coverage of the Year appeared under news.google.co.uk, the following graph will depict the yearly distribution of the coverage on a monthly basis.





The peak for the month of May represents the increased media coverage that the Year received as a result of the International Day of Biodiversity, which was 22 May 2010. The World Environment Day, 5 June 2010, explains the increase during that month. The peak in November is most likely due to increased media coverage after the Tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the release of *The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity*

IYB Coverage in High Level Events

Below are some of the most relevant headlines of articles concerning the seven high level events that took place this year for the International Year, and are representative of the amount of press coverage these events received.

❖ IYB Launch in Berlin, Germany – 11 January 2010

UN Launching International Year Of Biodiversity

Radio Free Europe, 11 January

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HIGH LEVEL EVENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

Berlin, Germany

The International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) was officially launched by the Presidency of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Berlin, Germany. The Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin's natural history museum, provided the perfect symbolic setting to inaugurate to the International Year. German Chancellor Angela Merkel reminded the world that "the conservation of biological diversity has the same dimension as climate protection."

German Minister of the Environment Norbert Röttgen; Issei Tajima Japan Vice-Minister of Environment, Abdulrahman Fadhl Al-Iryani Yemen Minister of Environment, Achim Steiner UNEP Executive Director, and Ahmed Djoghlaf Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, attended the festivities along with over 400 participants from the diplomatic corps, government, civil society, international organizations, scientists, business, and media representatives. In addition, a video message by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stressed that "Business as usual is not an option," and that new targets and a new vision are needed.





Curitiba Brazil

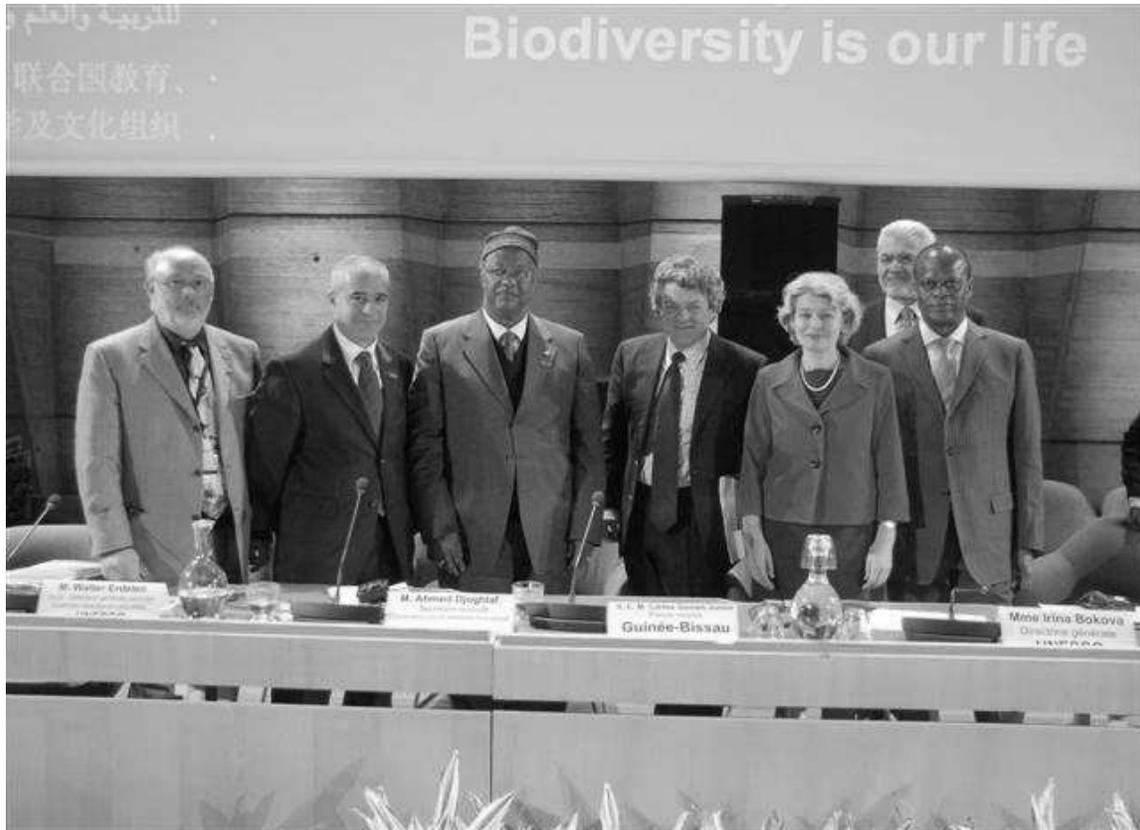
On 7 January, Brazil celebrated the International Year in Curitiba, the host of COP 8, with the participation of Mayor Beto Richa of Curitiba, Acting Minister of Environment Izabella Teixeira of Brazil, and Minister Mah Bow Tan of Singapore. The event was held at the margins of the Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and Biodiversity which was attended by 95 participants, including representatives of eighteen cities from around the world.





Paris, France

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hosted an inaugural event on 21-22 January, followed by a scientific conference from 25 to 29 January, at its headquarters in Paris. The ceremony took place with the participation of the Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau and the French Minister of State, Mr Jean Louis Borloo, as well as the President of the General Conference of UNESCO.





Tokyo, Japan

On 25 January, the Japanese official launch took place in Tokyo. During the event, the first meeting of the Japanese national committee for the International Year of Biodiversity was held during the IYB kick-off event. The committee, chaired by the Chairman of Nippon Keidanren, was comprised of national and local governments, academia, NGOs, private sector and media. The meeting was followed by the appointment of additional members of “Life on the Earth” Supporters (mostly celebrities and famous figures) which attracted much attention of the Japanese media





Beijing, China

On 26 January, China initiated the IYB celebration in Beijing. About 500 participants attended this initiation ceremony, including Ministers and Vice-Ministers of all biodiversity-related central government departments, heads of provincial environment departments, representatives of international and non-governmental organizations and the media. A monument for IYB was opened for public display at this ceremony. China has planned a series of celebration activities throughout the year.





Madrid, Spain

On 26-27 January in Madrid, the Spanish Ministry for Environment and Rural Affairs, in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the European Commission, celebrated the launch of the International Year with the participation of 48 European countries attending the conference on the “Post-2010 Biodiversity Vision and Target”. A Spanish public-awareness campaign, “biodiversity is music”, was launched, and the European Commission announced a five million euro public-awareness biodiversity campaign.





The Netherlands

On 28 January, the Netherlands celebrated the launch of the International Year. The Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality and the Minister of Education, Culture and Science attended the festivities. It was a high-level event which also celebrated the launch of the Dutch National Center of Biodiversity: NCB Naturalis. This state-of-the-art institute will assemble, make accessible and exhibit the largest part of the Dutch natural history collections of plants and animals. The establishment of the National Center of Biodiversity is one of the ways in which the Dutch Government contributes to the national as well as international conservation of biodiversity. It will provide significant support for public information and scientific research and education on the subject of biodiversity.



United Kingdom

29 January 2010. Based at the Natural History Museum in London, IYB-UK is the partnership of organisations, groups and charities celebrating the IYB in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The United Kingdom has responded extremely strongly to the call to support the IYB and the partnership is strong, with 300 partners ranging from charities to farmers, local councils to wildlife rangers, schools and colleges to zoos and museums and botanic gardens. The exciting and broad programme in the UK which began in January and will end in December includes seminars, exhibitions, public debates, art work, citizen science experiments and exhibitions encompassing both science and the arts. UK-wide events include the chance to take part in surveys of farmland birds, butterflies, harvest mice, hedgehogs and water.





New Delhi, India

On 4 February, the IYB was launched in New Delhi at the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2010. An annual global event attended by several Heads of State and Government and chief executive officers of major companies. The event was organized jointly by the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and UNESCO. A press/media event with Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Environment and Forests, in which the minister released a biodiversity brochure entitled “Achieving 2010 Biodiversity Target: India's Contributions”, and a table calendar for the year 2010 was released by the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) depicting award-winning entries by school children in a painting competition organized by NMNH during the Wildlife Week in October 2009 on the theme “Our Rich Biodiversity”. A message from the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity was delivered at the event.

International Day for Biological Diversity 2010

The United Nations proclaimed May 22 the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. As part of the IYB, the theme of IDB 2010 was Biodiversity, Development and Poverty Alleviation. The following countries and organisations held special events for the occasion (details available on www.cbd.int/idb/2010/celebrations):

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| Algeria | European Union | Myanmar | South Africa |
| Armenia | Finland | Namibia | Spain |
| Bangladesh | France | Nepal | Suriname |
| Belgium | Georgia | Nicaragua | Sweden |
| Benin | Germany | Niger | Switzerland |
| Brazil | Guinea-Bissau | Peru | Timor-Leste |
| Cameroon | Honduras | Philippines | Tunisia |
| Canada | Hungary | Poland | Turkey |
| Cuba | India | Republic of Korea | United Arab Emirates |
| Czech Republic | Italy | Romania | United Kingdom |
| Denmark | Jordan | Russian Federation | Viet Nam |
| Dominican Republic | Kenya | Seychelles | Zambia |
| Ecuador | Latvia | Singapore | |
| Egypt | Lithuania | Slovakia | |
| Estonia | Luxembourg | Slovenia | |
| | Morocco | | |

IDB2010 Celebrations by Partner Organizations
www.cbd.int/idb/2010/celebrations

Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity
UNCCD
UNEP
UNEP-ROWA
UNESCO
UNON Gigiri
UN-interpreters (Cuisine and Culture)
United Nations University-UNU
OurWorld2.0 E-Magazine (UNU)



The Green Wave

In 2010, 1103 groups from 63 countries celebrated on 21 or 22 May and registered on The Green Wave site. In Japan, the Ministry of Environment compiled the results of their national campaign: some 111,000 participants from 1,588 groups, in 43 prefectures, resulting in nearly 254,000 trees planted. For a total of over 2500 groups from 63 countries who participated to the 2010 Green Wave worldwide.



New York

In its resolution 61/203, the General Assembly declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity and in resolution 63/219, it decided, as a contribution to the International Year, to convene a high-level meeting of the General Assembly at its 65th session, with the participation of Heads of State, Governments and delegations.

The meeting was chaired by the President of the 65th session of the General Assembly. The panel discussions were co-chaired by Heads of State and Government at the invitation of the President of the 64th session of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical representation. The President of the General Assembly prepared a summary of the discussions and was submitted to the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Kanazawa, Japan

The official closing ceremony for the International Year of Biodiversity will be held in Japan. The closing ceremony will serve as a bridge to the celebration of the 2011 International Year of Forests.



Activities celebrated in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

A number of outreach activities highlighting the contribution of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the protection of biological diversity from the potential adverse effects of living modified organisms (LMOs) were carried out as part of the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations around the world. Countries that organised biosafety-related IYB activities include: the Czech Republic, Malaysia, Japan, India and South Africa. Organizations included: United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Aarhus Convention, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, CropLife, HNB Garhwal University, McGill University, Institute of Plant Biotechnology for Developing Countries, University of Ghent (Belgium), Alb-Gold and the Academies for Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS).

The Czech Republic

The Czech Republic organized a series of workshops in support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework for the Czech Republic to celebrate the International Year of Biological Diversity. During the workshops, a number of outreach materials and promotional materials were displayed and disseminated, including the 2010 logo. On 2 December, for instance, a workshop highlighting examples of the use of genetic modifications in biochemical research, in pharmacy, medicine and food production, questions around genetically modified salmon, example of risk assessment procedure of GMOs took place in Prague. The workshop was organized by the Czech Commission on the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms and Genetic Products, in cooperation with the Institute of Chemical technology, and was open to the public.



As part of the IYB celebrations, the Secretariat also undertook a number of activities to increase public awareness of the Biosafety Protocol. These included: launch of a re-designed website of the Protocol (<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol>); co-organization of an exhibition on the Protocol with Redpath Museum at McGill University during the Montréal Museums Day; organization of a joint CBD/Aarhus Convention workshop on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs and production/dissemination of factsheets on various biosafety issues.



CELEBRATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The United Nations as a whole embraced the Year starting with the Secretary-General, Mr Ban Ki-moon's message to the world issued on 2 January 2010 reminding us why Biodiversity is Life and why Biodiversity is our Life. With the Year officially launched here are some key activities organised by the United Nations;

With one impassioned voice other United Nations offices responded to the call to action and promoted the Year by organising key international events which led the way to a global celebration of Life on Earth. Listed below are key events organised by UN agencies making the Year a memorable occasion.



United Nations Organisation

Issuing six stamps on the occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity through the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA);

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today designated two-time Academy Award-nominated actor Edward Norton as a United Nations Goodwill Ambassador for biodiversity;

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Japanese singer MISIA Honorary Ambassador for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be held 18 to 29 October 2010 in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan;

Message from the UN Secretary-General

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Ban Ki-moon, prepared a message for the International Year which was made available to the world at the beginning of January 2010. The message was distributed through a variety of United Nations organizations.

The Secretary-General also delivered a message in support of the International year of Biodiversity for "Earth Hour" that is commemorated on 27 March.

(UN Secretary-General's Message for Earth Hour, 27 March 2010.)

- UNON Gigiri (United Nations Office, Nairobi) celebrated the International Day for Biodiversity on 22 May 2010.
- UN-interpreters celebrated the International Day for Biodiversity 2010 by issuing a special edition of *Cuisine and Culture*.



CMS - Convention on Migratory Species

- Being an official partner of the International Year of Biodiversity, the Convention on Migratory Species joins the Convention on Biological Diversity to help raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity on a global scale.
- Poster: Odontocetes, the Toothed Whales



FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation

FAO played an active role in meetings, celebrations and other activities initiated on the occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity. Listed below are some key activities and publications launched in honor of the Year:

- the Second Report on the State of the World's Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
 - the Global Forest Resources Assessment
 - the Young Hands Together for Diversity International Art Competition
 - the Youth Quick Guide to Biodiversity
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- FAO main meetings and workshops planned in 2010
 - Agricultural biodiversity in FAO
 - Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources

Bioversity International

Thousands of people joined Bioversity and our partners to mark the International Year of Biodiversity at the Auditorium Parco della Musica in Rome. The event took place over four days and focused on the role of agricultural biodiversity and its crucial role for human survival. More than 80 speakers took part, and in addition to the discussions, there was a concert, film competition, city garden, interactive exhibition and even a talking tree.



UNCCD - United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

- UNCCD celebrated the International Day for Biodiversity on 22 May 2010.
- United Nations Calendar 2010, Sustaining Life, Sustaining Our Future



UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development



UNDP - United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme was among the most active of partners for the International Year of Biodiversity. In celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010, UNDP carried out a variety of communications and activities with country partners through its network of country offices. A series of knowledge products highlighted how governments, organisations and communities are addressing biodiversity issues, contributing to progress on reversing global biodiversity loss and how this is benefiting the poverty reduction efforts.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the American Museum of Natural History organized the North American IYB launch in the presence of over 400 participants. The Discovery Channel in collaboration with the BBC announced the launch of the 'Life' documentary, which includes 11 episodes which aired in March 2010.

Showcasing successful stories

The UNDP focus during the year and in particular for Cop 10 in Nagoya Japan, was on showcasing successful stories to inspire policy changes and on the ground actions by governments and partners.

A highlight of UNDP activities were the country level celebrations showcasing successful stories of biodiversity conservation and sustainable use contributing to livelihoods of communities and to national and local economies. See the extensive list of activities in many countries by [clicking here](#).

Key messages on the contribution of biodiversity to poverty reduction and development were prepared drawing from the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3, the Millennium Assessment and follow up work, as well as the ongoing global study on "The Economics of Ecosystems & Biodiversity" (TEEB). The MDG biodiversity target and post 2010 outlook were emphasised. Bridging the policy messages with on the ground realities, 78 country offices drew from projects and programs and demonstrated real life examples of the contribution of biodiversity to human development.

Codifying experiences in knowledge products

Production of key documents to codify knowledge and experiences supported this effort. These included A 'How to' Primer, created in partnership with the South African Government on mainstreaming biodiversity management in land use management. It also includes UNDP findings from Protected Area Management and Finance work. Results of UNDP led economic



analyses of the economic contribution of ecosystems to develop the A 'How to' Primer on Integrating Biodiversity Management into Commodity Supply Chains and a web based publication of photo stories illustrating local community approaches to conservation and sustainable use was prepared

Biodiversity and the Human Development Report

The annual Human Development Report, commissioned by UNDP, focuses on the global debate on key development issues, providing new measurement tools, innovative analysis and policy proposals. The 20 th anniversary edition of the Human development looked into how to best integrate environmental sustainability and biodiversity.

Participation in key IYB events

UNDP officials and key staff participated in CBD events over the year. UNDP organised the North American launch of the International Year of Biodiversity in New York, 10 February 2010

Biodiversity for Local Livelihoods.

UNDP and its Equator Initiative, in collaboration with the GEF Small Grants Programme, produced, in collaboration with the CBD, a website and database of examples of the ways that local communities were working to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity. This important product included case studies and multimedia photo and audio stories of the work of communities: <http://www.cbd.int/2010/livelihoods/>



UNEP - United Nations Environment Programme

The United Nations Environment Programme produced an extensive set of materials and activities for the IYB. A website for the year included case studies and extensive information materials.

Messages. Both the Executive and Deputy Executive Directors produced messages for the year, that were made available throughout the websites of UNEP.

PUMA® and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced major conservation projects in Africa as beneficiaries of the 'Play For Life' Campaign, a World Cup which inspired partnership to support the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. Proceeds generated from the campaign will be donated to beneficiary projects that will help save: African lions in Zambia (The African Lion: King Without A Kingdom Project); elephant populations in the Ivory Coast and Liberia (Support for the Elephants Project); and gorillas in Nigeria's Mbe Mountains (Promoting Community Participation in Gorilla Conservation).



Puma and UNEP Announce Strategic Partnership to Support the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, February 2010.

JN teams up with Puma for the International Year of Biodiversity ahead of African World Cups, 15 Jan 2010.

In Kigali, Rwanda, under the theme “Many Species, One Planet One Future”_celebrations during World Environment Day in Rwanda coincided with the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. Through different events, presentations, and overall celebrations, Rwanda, with its exceptional array of biodiversity, reminded the world of what is possible by showcasing their country’s huge strides on environmental protection. UNEP’s annual World Environment Day (WED) was devoted to the subject of Biodiversity.

(<http://www.unep.org/wed/2010/english/>). Global Celebrations held in Rwanda, included a gorilla naming ceremony, a tree planting ceremony and awards for sustainability (<http://www.rema.gov.rw/wed/>) The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr Ahmed Djoghlaif, was a special guest.



MANY SPECIES • ONE PLANET • ONE FUTURE
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY • 5 JUNE 2010



Tunza

The Youth magazine of UNEP, TUNZA, had a special issue devoted to the International Year of Biodiversity. Tunza, Volume 7, No 3, Dec 2009: International Year of Biodiversity (languages: en - es - fr)



- Jochen Zeitz, Chairman and CEO, PUMA announces partnership with UNEP (video). Children's Painting Competition.
The annual UNEP Children's Painting Competition, organised by Bayer and UNEP, was devoted to the subject of Biodiversity. Around the world, children harnessed their creativity in support of the International Year of Biodiversity.
- International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment organized by Bayer and UNEP, 17 Aug 2010.



14-year-old Tin Chi Ting Coco from Hong Kong named winner of the 19th International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment.



UNEP-WCMC - UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre



UNESCO - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNESCO devoted considerable resources to the International Year of Biodiversity, with special events at the beginning of the year, and a sustained presence. UNESCO organised a high level opening event for the year at UNESCO headquarters in Paris from 21 to 22 January. The event included the participation of the head of state of Guinea Bissau, and representatives from UNESCO, GEF, UNDP, UNEP, Bioersity International, and other international organizations. E.O. Wilson was a high level speaker.

The high level event was followed by a scientific conference from 25 to 29 January, which brought together experts on a variety of themes relating to the science of development and biodiversity and other key themes.

A resolution on the International Year in the General Committee of UNESCO called on all Member states to organise celebrations. The report of these celebrations will be released in 2011.



Finally, the network of UNESCO Associated Schools participated in events and activities in support of the year. More information can be found on the links below:

- UNESCO celebrates the International Year of Biodiversity
- Biodiversity is life. Biodiversity is our life. A travelling exhibition.
- Poster: UNESCO Associated Schools Competition
- UNESCO Associated School Network UN School Brochure

Winners of Biodiversity Competition Announced

Alice Grey from Port Ellen Primary School on the Isle of Islay in Scotland took the top prize for primary school entries, while **Shannon Church**, Imogen Hale and Katie Lipscombe from St Johns School in Marlborough won the secondary school category.



The competition, organised by UNESCO Associated Schools in the UK to celebrate the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, attracted 114 entries from across the UK.



UNFCCC - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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- The UNFCCC, along with the UNCCD, produced a special edition of the Rio Conventions' Calendar for the International Year of Biodiversity, featuring award-winning photography from around the world: United Nations Calendar 2010, Sustaining Life, Sustaining Our Future



UNFF - United Nations Forum on Forests

UNU - United Nations University

We run a web-magazine, Our World 2.0, from the United Nations University, Tokyo. This year for the International Year of Biodiversity we have a special focus on Biodiversity, including articles from, and interviews with respected international figures, educational video-briefs and photo slide shows. All our biodiversity content to date is kept here.

We also publish all our content in Japanese, appropriate given that Nagoya will be hosting COP10. Feel free to include our link on your website or suggest new topics to report on. We also welcome any other suggestions for collaboration.





Web-magazine: Our World 2.0 - Article Writing Style Guide



UNWTO - United Nations World Tourism Organization

The World tourism Organization devoted its World Tourism Day of 27 September 2010 to the theme: Tourism and Biodiversity: <http://www.unwto.org/worldtourismday/index.php?lang=E>



WIPO - World Intellectual Property Organization

WIPO held a number of activities, also in support of the year.



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

GEF's participation in the IYB helped to update and inform the next round of biodiversity targets, linking the awareness-raising aspect of the IYB activities with the upcoming policy goals.

The GEF worked with the CBD Secretariat on a number of fronts to promote at the international scale the paramount nature and priority of conserving and sustainably using biodiversity.

For the GEF, the IYB was a significant event given its role as the financial mechanism of the CBD. The GEF undertook a number of activities through which could most effectively contribute to the objectives of the IYB.

The GEF showcased innovative solutions to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, demonstrating the link between biodiversity management and the provision of ecosystem goods and services through its programs and projects, and play a key role in promoting dialogues among key stakeholders.

In each activity, a strong emphasis was placed on GEF's role in catalyzing biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and access and benefit sharing in the developing world with wide ranges of partners.

The GEF during its fourth Assembly commemorated the IYB by spreading awareness about the importance of biodiversity. The event was held at the Legislative Palace in Montevideo, Uruguay and was also co-hosted by the Uruguayan Council for International Relations (CURI). Several



speakers addressed the Assembly, recognizing the moral imperative to preserve biodiversity and the urgency required to prevent further species loss.

Monique Barbut, CEO of the GEF, warned that by destroying our biological wealth we endanger the safety nets provided by nature on multiple fronts. She noted the fifth GEF replenishment adds more resources for biodiversity projects and additional elements to GEF's strategy that will have positive repercussions for biodiversity.

Multiple speakers addressed the Assembly including the Environmental Minister of Uruguay, Graciela Muslera, and Thomas Lovejoy, Chairman for the GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP). They argued that much work is still needed to be done to prevent biodiversity degradation, and that IYB Day at the Fourth Assembly was more about raising awareness than celebrating accomplishments.



- Photo Contest. http://www.thegef.org/gef/news/2010IYB_GEF_contest_winners
- Support for the UNESCO Exhibition. http://portal.unesco.org/science/en/ev.php-URL_ID=8335&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- Case Studies of activities around the world.
- Support for Public Service Announcements at Fanfest at the FIFA World Cup, at the Venice Film Festival, and a special collaboration with the International League of Conservation Photographers:



2010 International Year of Biodiversity





National Celebrations

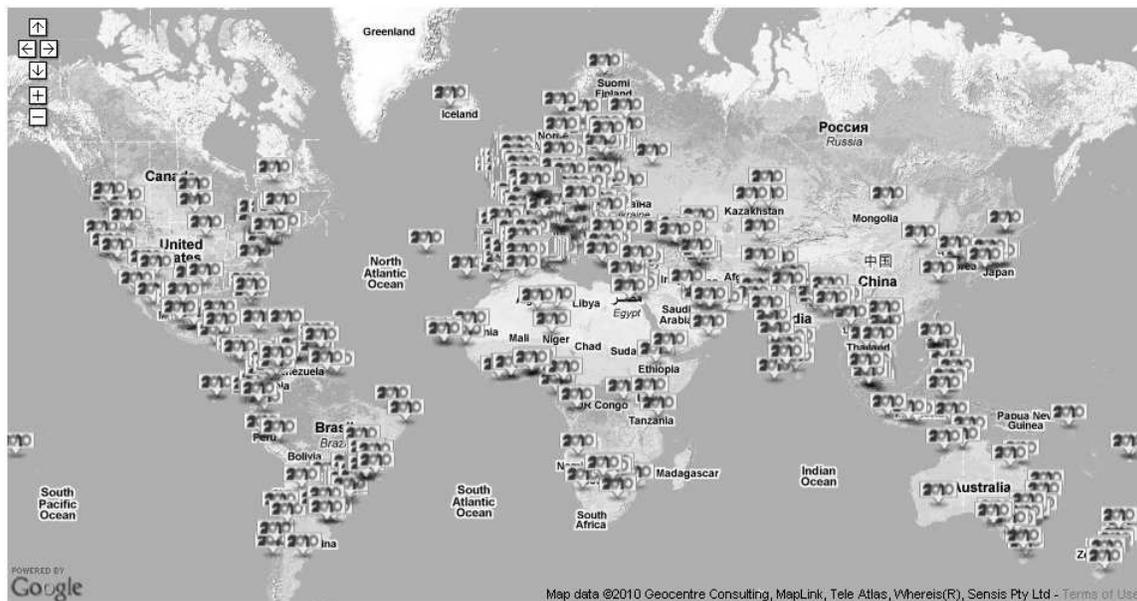
Establishment of National Committees
National celebrations
Special logos or campaigns
International Day of Biodiversity 2010
The Green Wave

Establishment of National Committees

While the International Year of Biodiversity was a global event, the celebrations took place primarily at the national level. National Committees should have had as wide a participation as is possible, and be constituted of a variety of stakeholders including, but not limited to, representatives from: Ministries other than those traditionally associated with the CBD, municipalities, business & key economic sectors, educators, Indigenous and Local Communities, NGOs, scientific groups, national Clearing-House Mechanisms, media, youth groups

National celebrations

To date (6 Dec 2010), we are aware of International Year of Biodiversity celebrations in 192 countries and 14 UN agencies. There are 385 official IYB Partners (governments, organisations, UN agencies, etc.).





Afghanistan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=af



Calendar of events

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| 5 June 2010 Kabul | <u>World Environment Day</u> |
| 9 June 2010 Jalalabad | <u>World Environment Day</u> |

Albania

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=al



Main activities



Monitoring and Conservation of Important Sea Turtle Feeding Grounds in Albania

In 2008, a local organization called the Albanian Herpetofauna Society-H.A.S, in collaboration with The Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles-MEDASSET started a conservation project in the Drini Bay and the Patoku Lagoon, in Albania. The three-year Project called "Monitoring and Conservation of Important Sea Turtle Feeding Grounds in the Patok Area of Albania 2008-2010" aims to contribute to sea turtle and habitat conservation, population dynamics, migratory routes monitoring, capacity building, environmental education and awareness-raising in Albania.



Algeria

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=dz

Main activities

- Mai 2010. Awareness campaign in Oran, Algeria. [Photos \(5mb\)](#)
- 21-22 mai 2010: **Colloque national sur « la biodiversité de la steppe, un patrimoine à sauvegarder »**
Dans le cadre de son Projet sur la biodiversité dans la région des Ksour du Haut Atlas et à l'occasion de l'année internationale de la biodiversité ; L'association Arc en Ciel, et en coordination avec l'ambassade du Royaume des Pays-Bas en Algérie, organise un colloque national sur « la biodiversité de la steppe, un patrimoine à sauvegarder » à Ain Sefra (w.Naama). Le colloque se veut une opportunité pour les experts, les chercheurs et les acteurs de la société civile de débattre des questions relatives à la biodiversité, à l'éducation environnementale, à l'eco-citoyenneté et au développement durable.
- 22 May 2010 : **International Day for Biodiversity 2010**
The main events marking the International Day for Biodiversity took place at Jardin d'Essai du Hamma. This event, held at the botanical gardens, had activities for everyone. Children were able to go on a guided tour of the grounds and were also able to participate in activities such as drawing and taking a quiz on biodiversity. There were workshops for children concerning gardening and ornithology and a film was presented. For adults, there was a conference at the Horticultural school which marked Biodiversity Day. Speakers at the conference discussed the types of species found across Algeria and also discussed the importance of maintaining them. Later, all participants were able to plant trees and shrubs in the garden.

Calendar of events



| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 1 January - 31 December 2010 Alger | Présentations animées par les cadres du MATET sur la biodiversité |
| 21 March, 22 May, 17 June 2010 Alger | Campagne de plantation d'arbres |
| 22 - 25 March 2010 Djanet | Journées d'informations sur la conservation de la biodiversité (Parc Tassilli) |
| 22 - 25 March 2010 Tamanrasset | Journées d'informations sur la conservation de la biodiversité (Parc Ahaggar) |
| 8 - 17 April 2010 Jijel | Portes Ouvertes au Parc National de Taza |
| 20 - 22 April 2010 Alger | Atelier sur la restauration et la conservation de l'Oryx Algazelle |
| 3 - 5 May 2010 El Taref | 1er séminaire national sur les plantes médicinales et aromatiques |
| 4 - 6 May 2010 Annaba | Atelier sur la gestion des espaces verts (région Est) |
| 6 - 15 May 2010 Tissemsilt | Portes Ouvertes au Parc National de Téniet El Had |
| 19 May 2010 Alger | Film documentaire sur la biodiversité |
| 19 May 2010 Alger | Concour de dessins et photos |
| 20 - 29 May 2010 Tipasa | Portes Ouvertes au Parc National de Gouraya |
| 21 - 23 May 2010 Alger | Cours de sensibilisation sur la Biodiversité et le développement |
| 21 - 22 May 2010 Ain Sefra | <u>Colloque national sur « la biodiversité de la steppe, un patrimoine à sauvegarder »</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Blida | Visite guidée au Parc National de Chréa |
| 22 May 2010 Alger | Conférences-Débats sur la préservation des ressources et espaces naturels |
| 1 June 2010 Bordj Bou Arreridj | <u>Journée d'Etude sur l'Environnement : Thème "Des Millions d'espèces - Une planète - Un Avenir commun" / Organized by Centre Universitaire de bordj Bou Arréridj</u> |
| 17 - 26 June 2010 Batna | Portes Ouvertes au Parc National de Belezma |
| 11 - 13 October 2010 Tlemcen | Congrès International sur la biodiversité marine et côtière |



Andorra

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ad

Main activities

September, 2010. The Principality of Andorra became the Global Biodiversity Information Facility's (Gbif) 100th Participant, the world's largest initiative for enabling free access to biodiversity data via the Internet, and who also supports the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity.



Young scientists from UNESCO Associated Schools (ASPnet) explore biodiversity

Biodiversity and Sustainability was the subject of the 12th International Meeting of Young Scientists of the UNESCO Associated Schools, held in Santarém, Portugal, from 13 to 16 January.

The meeting brought together 55 ASPnet students and teachers from 4 countries (Andorra, Portugal, Spain and United States of America) to launch the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity with students and a teacher from each country presenting their research on topics including Evolution, Biodiversity and Sustainability, Sustainability of the Systems of Animal Production, Public Health and Fight Against Poverty and Protected Areas and Biodiversity Maintenance.



Angola

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ao

Main activities

The Play for Life partnership teams up the UN Environment Program (UNEP) with PUMA for a revolutionary new Africa Unity Kit, the first ever continental football kit, or uniform, to be worn as the official third strip by PUMA-sponsored national teams at the African Cup of Nations, between 10 and 31 January 2010 in Angola.

[Youtube](#)



Antigua and Barbuda

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ag

National Committee

The Environmental Awareness Group of Antigua & Barbuda (EAG)

P.O. Box 2103

St. John's, Antigua, West Indies

Webpage: www.eagantigua.org/

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Main activities

UN opens Biodiversity Year with plea to save the world's ecosystems

By The Environmental Awareness Group of Antigua & Barbuda. [Article](#)



Argentina

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ar

National Committee

Biodiversidad 2010: Congreso Argentino y Latinoamericano

Marcela Santoro. Organización de Congresos

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National Website

www.biodiversidad2010.com.ar

Official Partners

Administración de Parques Nacionales <http://www.parquesnacionales.gov.ar/>

Caretakers Environment International <http://www.caretakers.org.ar/>

Municipalidad de Bahía Blanca <http://www.bahiablanca.gov.ar/>

Programa de Agricultura Urbana, Subsecretaría de Economía Solidaria – Secretaría de Promoción Social – Municipalidad de Rosario

www.rosario.gov.ar/sitio/desarrollo_social/empleo/proyectos.jsp

Main Activities

Launching of the International Year of Biodiversity in Argentina.



Argentina emitted a flyer, stamp and postcard to commemorate the International Year of Biodiversity



Eventos programados con motivo de la celebración de Año Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica en Argentina. Información enviada por el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto argentino.

Se realizará el Primer Congreso Latinoamericano y Cuarto Congreso Argentino sobre Conservación de la Biodiversidad entre los días 22-26 de noviembre en la ciudad de San Miguel de Tucumán. Mayor información puede ser encontrada en:

www.biodiversidad2010.com.ar

Se efectuará, en coordinación con el Correo Argentino, la emisión de una pieza filatélica de tipo entero postal alusiva al Año Internacional de la Biodiversidad cuya fecha de emisión será el 5 de junio.

Se participará en la posta del Ambiente dentro del paseo del Bicentenario con material alusivo al Año Internacional de la Biodiversidad. Dicho evento se realizará con motivo de celebrarse los 200 años de la Revolución de Mayo.

Se organizarán en diversas provincias argentinas actividades relativas al Año Internacional de la Biodiversidad.

Centro Cultural "Culturarte" de San Salvador de Jujuy

Desde el 11 de mayo hasta el 12 de junio podrán disfrutar de un evento único por su envergadura así como por su enfoque multidisciplinario que abraza a pintores, escultores, jóvenes, trabajadores de la conservación, fotógrafos, músicos, pensadores, actores, escritores, investigadores entre muchos otros para exponer, mirar, escuchar y debatir para que con todos estos relatos se vaya construyendo paisajes con abundante diversidad cultural y biológica. Porque si se entiende que la especie en peligro somos nosotros mismos, entenderemos la necesidad de la efectiva protección de la diversidad y quizás en esa prevención se sustente gran parte del mejoramiento de las posibilidades futuras del país y de la humanidad. [Haga clic aquí para revisar el calendario completo de actividades.](#)

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| 4 April - 6 June 2010 Buenos Aires | <u>Tribute to Nature 2nd Fase : "Polar Meeting" Photograph Exhibition on Climate Change / Organized by Jardín Botánico de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires</u> |
| 10 July - 3 August 2010 Buenos Aires | <u>Dibujemos la diversidad autóctona</u> |
| 1 September - 31 December 2010 Buenos Aires | <u>Art and Music in the Garden / Organized by Jardín Botánico de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires</u> |
| 27 - 29 September 2010 Rosario | <u>Sexta Semana de la Agricultura Urbana</u> |
| 8 October 2010 Malargue | <u>1º Olimpiadas Ambientales en la Zona Rural</u> |
| 19 November 2010 Buenos Aires | <u>National Meeting of Argentinean Botanic Gardens Network</u> |
| 22 - 26 November 2010 San Miguel de Tucuman | <u>I Congreso Latinoamericano (IV Argentino) de Conservación de la Biodiversidad</u> |
| 27 November 2010 Rosario | <u>Campaña de Madrinas y Padrinos de las Semillas Locales y Criollas: "Cultiva Diversidad. Siembra tus Derechos"</u> |



Armenia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=am



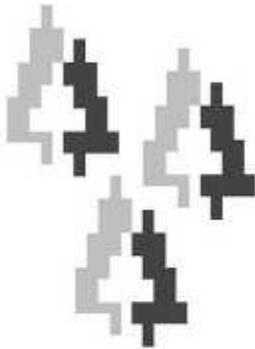
Main Activities



Exploring Biodiversity in Rivers and Streamlets of Armenia

On May 22 - International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) – the RA Ministry of Nature Protection and GTZ-SMB-Programme jointly organized a press conference followed by a media-tour to Ashtarak Gorge where classes from several Yerevan schools became actively involved in exploring biodiversity of Kasakh River.

[Press Release](#)



“Evil Quartet” (Threats to Biodiversity in Armenia)

Vem Media Arts of Yerevan has completed the tenth in a series of films about environmental issues in the Republic of Armenia. The new film, “Evil Quartet,” is about the threats to biodiversity. The 22-minute documentary was produced by Manuk Hergnyan, written by Inga Zarafyan, and directed by Hayk Kbeyan. The film highlights several endangered species in Armenia, the impacts of human development on wildlife, the role of hunting and poaching, and a scientific overview of an ecosystem.

Please click [here](#) to view the movie.

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| 22 May 2010 Yerevan | <u>Celebration of the International Day of Biodiversity</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Yerevan | <u>Armenia Celebrates May 22 International Day of Biodiversity</u> |
| 16 September 2010 Yerevan | <u>GTZ-SMB Program Hosts Special Event To Celebrate World Water Monitoring Day</u> |



Australia

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Action Biodiversity <http://actionbiodiversity.org>

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Australasian Wildlife Management Society www.awms.org.au

Australian Science www.australianscience.com.au

Canberra Reptile Sanctuary canberrareptilesanctuary.org.au

Carbon Neutral www.carbonneutral.com.au

Council of Australasian Museum Directors (CAMD) International Year of Biodiversity project
www.biodiversity2010.org.au

Fauna & Flora International www.fauna-flora.org

Green Times www.greentimes.com.au

Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board www.kinrm.sa.gov.au

Nature Skills www.biodiversityislife.com.au

New South Wales National Parks www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Parks Victoria www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Taxonomy Research & Information Network www.taxonomy.org.au

Zoos Victoria www.zoo.org.au



Main activities

Activities for the International Year of Biodiversity (report by the Australian Government)

Zoos Victoria

There are a range of other ways Zoos Victoria are helping you to help biodiversity this year.

Act 4 Nature

Act 4 Nature is our latest campaign alongside our partners, Department of Sustainability and Environment, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Parks Victoria and Museum Victoria. In this year-long campaign celebrating the international Year of Biodiversity participants will pledge to take part in a particular target action each month, the outcomes of which promote conservation and sustainability.

BIOdiverseCITY

1–18 April 2010 **artists engage in the webs and the intertwinement of life in our urban worlds**

Biodiversity: the diversity (number and variety of species) of plant and animal life within a region.
2010: The United Nations International Year of BIODIVERSITY

BIOdiverseCity: a group exhibition of contemporary art featuring 20-30 artists living and working in Sydney, Australia. Each artist has been asked to explore the biodiversity, and issues of biodiversity, of the environments that they traverse in the routines of their daily lives. From the parks and waterways, to the backyards and neighbourhoods, no stone will be left unturned (figuratively speaking) as artists engage in the webs and the intertwinement of life in our urban worlds.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 10 March 2010 Canberra | <u>'International Year of Biodiversity: So what's biodiversity done for me? Why biodiversity matters: the economic, social and environmental perspectives'</u> |
| 1 - 18 April 2010 Newtown | <u>BIOdiverseCITY Group Exhibition / Organized by At the Vanishing Point - Contemporary Art Inc.</u> |
| On the first Saturday of every month. Canberra | <u>Biodiversity Talks: The Nature of Biodiversity</u> |
| 21 May 2010 - 31 August 2010 Canberra | <u>Marine Biodiversity Hub Exhibition – Ensuring a future for life in Australia's oceans</u> |
| 28 May 2010 Canberra | <u>"Biodiversity in Crisis: Are we just fiddling while Rome burns?"</u> |
| 16 - 23 August 2010 Albury | <u>The Murray and Riverina's best biodiversity pictures</u> |
| 20 - 23 October 2010 Canberra | <u>2010 NELA National Conference: The Politics of Biodiversity</u> |
| 23 - 24 October 2010 Queensland | <u>Killarney Biodiversity Weekend</u> |



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Die Grünen Tirol tirol.gruene.at

Hohe Tauern National Park www.hohetauern.at

National Park Thayatal www.np-thayatal.at

Natural History Museum Vienna nhm-wien.ac.at

Naturkundliche Gesellschaft (Natural History Society) www.nkis.info

Network of Biological Systematics Austria www.nobis-austria.at

Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology www.fwiw.at

Umweltdachverband <http://www.umweltdachverband.at/themen/naturschutz/biodiversitaet/2010-jahr-der-biodiversitaet/>

Main activities



Official website for the celebrations on the International Year of Biodiversity in Austria.

[Read the pdf report.](#)



The Thayatal National Park

The season in the park started on 1 March, and the Park did something very special to promote the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, they have covered the front side of the house with a huge 2010 flag!



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|----------------------------|--|
| 21 April 2010 Vienna | <u>Aktionstag Biodiversität - Artenvielfalt im Brennpunkt der Forschung / Organized by the Natural History Museum Vienna, Network of Biological Systematics Austria, Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology and Friends of the Natural History Museum</u> |
| 28 - 28 May 2010 Vienna | <u>ENVIRONMENT DAY Talks 10 - Value of the DIVERSITY of Values</u> |
| 7 October 2010 Illmitz | "Biodiversität: Vielfalt der Natur - Vielfalt des Lebens" (Biodiversity: Diversity of Nature - Diversity of Life) |
| 21 October 2010 Vienna | <u>Biodiversity research in Austria // Land der Vielfalt zukunftsreich? - Biodiversitätsforschung in und aus Österreich</u> |

Azerbaijan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=az



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Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------|---|
| 7 July 2010 Gabala | "Biodiversity and Achievement of the Purposes of Development of the Millennium" Conference |

Bahamas

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bs



Main activities

Coastal Ecology of the Bahamas

Dr. Kathleen Sullivan Sealey, a marine biologist from the University of Miami, has been researching the effect that land usage has on the coastal environment in the Bahamas. This region of the world has a long history of natural resource exploitation and there is continual pressure to develop the remaining coastline with tourist accommodations. With the help of Earthwatch volunteers, she has been collecting data on water quality, key organisms, and land use along the shorelines. This data has allowed Dr. Sullivan Sealey to create restoration and management plans for many parts of the Bahamas. She has proposed national water quality standards and has involved the local community in the clean-up of Victoria Pond. Continued study in this region is critical for the conservation and preservation of biodiversity. For more information, please visit the [website](#).



Bahrain

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bh

Main activities

Bahrain International Year of Biodiversity National Plan and its First Quarterly Report (Jan-Mar) - Second Quarterly Report (Apr-Jun)

The Kingdom of Bahrain officially launched the celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 by announcing on 7 January 2010 during the opening ceremony of a National Park within Arad Bay Marine protected Area.

The park comprises a walkway and entertainment facilities and it aims to attract the local residents and ecosystem service and their importance to sustain their lives.

22 May 2010, Celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity by UNEP-ROWA



Mini-Marathon - Photos

MORE than 1,000 runners and athletes of different ages participated in the eighth annual Jawad Mini Marathon. The annual charity event is being organised by the Jawad Business Group in partnership with the American Mission Hospital (AMH). Organisers hope to raise funds for local charities and to increase public awareness about the environment.



Our Life is More beautiful with biodiversity

Environment celebration by a The Youth Club of Al Muharraq and the TUNZA youth NGO



Awareness campaign for Youth in Bahrain - Photos



Bangladesh

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bd

Official Partners

Humanity Watch humanity-bd.blogspot.com

Main activities

27-28 January 2010, [Moulvibazar Biodiversity Conservation Day 2010](#)



Nature's diversity unites Bangladesh

22 May 2010, to celebrate the International day of Biological Diversity, IUCN Bangladesh awarded the winners of the “Biodiversity in focus” environmental photography competition. [See the winning images on IUCN's Flickr account](#)

22 May 2010, [The Green Wave in Bangladesh](#)

It was a four day programme, for the students, teachers and the children who never goes to school, but they also have right to know about nature, about climate change and of course about biodiversity. This awareness and tree plantation programme organised and managed by Design Bangladesh team.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 27 - 28 January 2010 Moulvibazar | Moulvibazar Biodiversity Conservation Day 2010 |
| 3 - 4 March 2010 Dhaka | <u>National Workshop on Blue Flag Beach Conservation Project in South Asia (Dhaka)</u> |
| 6 May 2010 Dhaka | “Biodiversity in focus” – Environmental photography competition |
| 22 May 2010 Dhaka | <u>Seminar on protected area network and freshwater dolphins</u> |



Barbados

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bb

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Main activities

[The Natural Heritage Department \(NHD\) Hosts Activities To Mark International Year For Biodiversity.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 15 June 2010 Saint Michael | Tree Planting Ceremony for IYB |

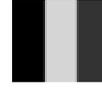


Belarus

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=by

Main activities

[Schedule of events for the International Year of Biodiversity](#)



Belgium

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Official Partners

Confederation of European Paper Industries
www.cepi.org/content/default.asp?PageID=558&DocID=25183

Countdown 2010 www.countdown2010.net/year-biodiversity

European Environmental Bureau eeb.org/iyb2010

Natura Music Festival www.naturamusicfestival.be

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences www.naturalsciences.be

Main activities

Biodiversité 52

The Directorate General for Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Environment of the Walloon Public Service conducted a major communication campaign on biodiversity, in partnership with NGO's, the public media. Several Life projects were also going on in Wallonia, with actions dedicated to endangered butterflies conservation, chalk grassland restoration, and species and natural habitat monitoring. [Website](#)

The Belgian COP10 blog

The Belgian delegation (via the Belgian CBD Focal Point) will be maintaining a blog for the general public during COP: COP10 in 10 questions and 10 themes. There will be portraits of the Belgian delegation, information on the major COP issues, life within and around the negotiations, challenges of having to negotiate on behalf of the EU and its 27 member states (as Belgium has the Presidency right now), side events, etc.

Languages: French, Dutch and some English. [Website](#) - [Twitter](#)

366 gestes pour la biodiversité

(in French and Flemish only)

Simple everyday actions to protect the Biodiversity. The book « 366 gestes pour la biodiversité » is now available as a screensaver for Mac and Windows. A new advice every day!



Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences

Engagement campaign

I give life to my planet

The engagement campaign www.igivelifetomyplanet.be and its enriched website, a joint project with the Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment.

Belgium celebrated the 2010 **International Day for Biological Diversity** by organizing several activities and events, most of them targeted towards the general public. Here are a few examples.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| Throughout 2010 Ghent | <u>Campaign "Biodiversiteit, alles hangt samen"</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Province of West Vlaanderen |
| 26 January 2010 Brussels | <u>Biodiversity on the Brink - BirdLife's photo exhibition to launch the International Year of Biodiversity</u> <i>Organized by:</i> BirdLife European Division |
| 22 March - 2 April 2010 Liege | <u>Exposition sur la biodiversité</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Service Environnement de la Ville de Liège |
| 31 March 2010 - 31 December 2011 Brussels | <u>Touring exhibition "BiodiverCity"</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (Belgium) |
| 6 May 2010 Brussels | <u>Taste Biodiversity!: How biodiversity is feeding the world</u> <i>Organized by:</i> The Greens/EFA in the European Parliament |
| 21 May 2010 Gent | <u>What is Gent University Doing for Biodiversity?</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Marionville | <u>Party for Biodiversity</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Natagora |
| 1 - 4 June 2010 Brussels | <u>The 2010 Green Week Conference : Biodiversity - Our Lifeline / Organized by the European Commission-Directorate-General for the Environment</u> <i>Organized by:</i> European Commission, Directorate General, Environment European Commission |
| 6 June - 31 August 2010 Brussels | <u>Expo photos « La biodiversité à Bruxelles »</u> <i>Organized by:</i> BIM / IBGE |
| 8 - 9 September 2010 Ghent | <u>Biodiversity post-2010 – "Biodiversity in a Changing World"</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Institute Culturel et Educatif Montagnais |



Belize

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bz

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--------------------------|---|
| 28 May 2010 Rio Bravo | <u>Belize students join the “Green Wave”</u> |



Benin

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bj

Main activities

The Minister of Environment and Nature Protection’s message on the occasion of the celebrations for the International Year of Biodiversity (in French). Activities to highlight the International Year of Biodiversity (in French).

International Day for Biodiversity

On 4 June, Benin held a day long celebration in the Lama Forest. To begin the day, there were speeches made by local officials. There was also a theatre production and folkloric dancing and singing. Later, many individuals partook in the planting of several trees. The participants then went on a trek through the Lama Forest. The variety of the flora and fauna were pointed as the visitors passed. The visitors had a chance to touch and examine some of the fascinating species found in the forest. Lastly, the participants visited local stands to see what products can be made and cultivated from the forest which helps with the region’s local economy. More information.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| March - July 2010 Cotonou | Tournois de Football « La biodiversité c’est la vie » |
| 19 - 29 March 2010 Cotonou | Salon régional sur diversité biologique au Bénin |
| 31 March 2010 Porto-Novo | Message à la Nation la veille du lancement officiel de l’AIDB |
| 1 April 2010 Porto-Novo | Mise en terre des plants de l’AIDB par les autorités et lâchés d’animaux sauvages menacés d’extinction |
| 1 April 2010 Porto-Novo | Table ronde sur le thème de l’AIDB |
| April - December 2010 Porto-Novo | Diffusion de spots et de films sur la biodiversité |
| 1 April 2010 Porto-Novo | Présentation officielle du timbre postal sur l’AIDB |
| 1 April - 30 May 2010 Porto-Novo | Lancement de la caravane biodiversité |



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| 13 - 15 April 2010 Porto-Novo | Atelier de renforcement des capacités des acteurs nationaux sur l'APA |
| May - July 2010 Porto-Novo | Débats télévisés sur la biodiversité // Jeux-concours sur la biodiversité |
| May - December 2010 Porto-Novo | Emissions et de jeux interactifs sur les radios sur le thème de l'année |
| 22 May 2010 Lama | Célébration la JIDB |
| 25 - 29 May 2010 Porto-Novo | Mini- foire sur la biodiversité et l'agriculture |
| 30 May 2010 Porto-Novo | Table ronde sur les menaces sur la biodiversité |
| June 2010 Porto-Novo | Organisation de cadre de concertation avec les acteurs nationaux pour sensibiliser sur les thématiques de la DB |
| 1 July 2010 Cotonou | Séminaire sur les aires protégées au Bénin |
| 5 - 7 July 2010 Abomey Calavi | Séminaire sur l'état de la biodiversité au Bénin |
| 25 - 27 October 2010 Allada | <u>International Symposium on Indigenous Fruit Trees for Dryland Africa: Domestication for Use in a Changing Environment</u> |

Bhutan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bt



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 22 May 2010 Haa | Biodiversity Fair |
| 11 June 2010 Thimphu | Sustaining Forest Biodiversity |



Bolivia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bo



Main activities

TROPICO promotes biodiversity conservation within the framework of sustainable development with equity and social inclusion.



El cuidado del ambiente, una responsabilidad de todos (in Spanish – 24 mb)

Authors: María Ripa de Marconi, Karen Veizaga Abularach. TROPICO

Bosnia and Herzegovina

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ba



Main activities

UNDP's initiatives implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as parts of the broader picture of UN efforts to preserve biodiversity worldwide, reflect the words of the UN's General Secretary, Ban Ki Moon, who emphasized the importance of environmental efforts in 2010, the international year of biodiversity, by calling on every country and each citizen of our planet to join together in global alliance for protection of life on the Earth. Full Article

Botswana

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bw



Main activities

Botswana commemorates the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 - Schedule of Activities

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 22 May 2010 Gaborone | Launch of the International Year of Biodiversity (Official Notification to the nation) |
| 22 May 2010 Tsetseng | International Day for Biological Diversity |
| 5 June 2010 Mahalapye | World Environment Day |
| August, November 2010 and February 2011 Gaborone | Environmental Dialogues: Biodiversity topics (2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarter) |



Brazil

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=br

Official Partners

Hdom Engenharia e Projetos Ambientais www.hdom.com.br

Instituto Biotrópicos www.biotropicos.org.br

Instituto EcoFaxina www.ecofaxina.blogspot.com

Instituto Orbis de Proteção e Conservação da Natureza www.institutoorbis.org.br

Museum of Sciences and Technology of the Rio Grande do Sul University
www.pucrs.br/mct

Planeta Sustentável www.planetasustentavel.abril.com.br

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Sendosustentavel sendosustentavel.blogspot.com

Main activities

Mensagem de Gisele Bündchen sobre o Ano Internacional da Biodiversidade

[Youtube](#) ou [ir no blog da Gisele Bündchen](#)

Gisele apresenta segundo vídeo da série Biodiversidade

[Youtube](#) ou [ir no blog da Gisele Bündchen](#)

[English version](#)

Gisele apresenta penúltimo vídeo da série Biodiversidade

Intitulado Inspirando Exemplos

[Youtube](#) ou [ir no blog da Gisele Bündchen](#)

[English version](#)

2010 Ano International da Biodiversidade, **Lançamento regional é feito em Carazinho**

AMA Promove a campanha “2010: Ano Internacional da Biodiversidade” - Artigo

The Association of Friends of the Environment (AMA), non-governmental organization established in 1985 and working in the area of nature conservation, will be performing at the regional launch of the campaign for the UN in 2010 - International Year of Biodiversity, on 14 April 2010, the city of Carazinho, Rio Grande do Sul AMA Website.



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
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| 8 January 2010 Curitiba | Celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity <i>Organized by:</i> City of Curitiba |
| 14 April 2010 Carazinho | <u>Lançamento regional da campanha 2010 - Ano Internacional da Biodiversidade</u> |
| 18 May - 30 December 2010 Port Alegre | A biodiversidade dos Líquens de Floresta de Araucaria do estado do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil / The Biodiversity of the Lichens of the Floresta de Araucaria of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil / Exhibition organized by Museu de Ciências e Tecnologia PUCRS |
| 20 - 22 May 2010 Rio Paranaíba | <u>SIMBIO 2010 - I Simpósio da Biodiversidade</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Sao Paulo | <u>Third Global Biodiversity Outlook, palestra a ser proferida pelo Dr. Thomas Lovejoy</u> |
| 27 May - 31 December 2010 Carazinho | <u>Mostra fotográfica - Biodiversidade é a nossa vida!</u> |
| 8 - 10 June 2010 Cruz Alta | IV Semana do Meio Ambiente e XII Semana Acadêmica de Ciências Biológicas |
| 24 June 2010 Brasília | IYB Celebrations at the WHC |
| 19 - 23 July 2010 Brasília | <u>III Ciclo de Palestras - A Atuação do Biólogo</u> |
| 12 August 2010 Sao Paulo | Biodiversidade em perspectiva: patrimônio genético, patentes e pirataria |
| 30 August - 3 September 2010 Erechim | <u>IV Simpósio Sul de Gestão e Conservação Ambiental</u> |
| 15 - 30 September 2010 Caxias do Sul | <u>A biodiversidade da Serra Gaúcha se exhibe</u> |
| 19 - 22 October 2010 Porto Alegre | <u>International Year of Biodiversity Lecture Series / Organized by Museu de Ciências e Tecnologia</u> |
| 21 - 23 October 2010 Xanxere | <u>III Semana de Estudos Temáticos sobre Biodiversidade</u> |
| 24 November 2010 Santos | <u>Evento Técnico Sobre Biodiversidade: "Cores da Biodiversidade"</u> |



Brunei Darussalam

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bn



Main activities

Brunei rides the Green Wave

BRUNEI will join some 7,000 groups from 194 countries in the global Green Wave campaign on May 22 by planting trees to highlight the importance of biodiversity. In an email to The Brunei Times, Linda Ibrahim said that year 2010 is a special year because the United Nations General Assembly has declared it the International Year of Biodiversity and May 22 is the international day for biodiversity. [Full Article](#)

Bulgaria

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bq



Official Partners

Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation (BBF) www.bbf.biodiversity.bg

Green Balkans NGO www.greenbalkans.org

Main activities

Green Balkans NGO – Calendar 2010

<http://www.greenbalkans.org>



The colours of the Black Sea
By Lyubomir Andreev
(In Bulgarian and English)



Burkina Faso

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bf



Main activities

The Work of the Civil Society in the Field of Gender Equality and Biodiversity by Ms Rosalie Ouoba, Support Network for Women from Rural Areas in West Africa and Chad, Burkina Faso.
[Full Article](#)

Burundi

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=bi



Main activities

Le Ministère de l'Eau, de l'Environnement, de l'Aménagement du Territoire et de l'Urbanisme a publié, pour le huitième Bulletin Scientifique de l'Institut National pour l'Environnement et la Conservation de la Nature, un numéro spécial dédié à l'Année Internationale de la Diversité Biologique.

Initiation des jeunes à la protection de l'environnement, par Aube Nouvelle pour Femme et le Développement (ANFD).

Cambodia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=kh

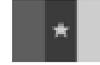


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Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------|---|
| 20 June 2010 Siem Reap | International Year of Biodiversity in Cambodia |



Cameroon

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cm

Main activities

Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights (FEEDAR & HR):

[Annual Report 2008-2009](#), [Quarterly Newsletter January –April 2010](#).

12 May 2010, **International Day for Biodiversity**: Celebrations in Cameroon.

Read more: [Programme](#) - [Announcement](#) - [Press Release after the event](#).

22 May 2010, **International Day for Biodiversity**: Celebrations in Kumba.

Activities developed by the Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights (FEEDAR & HR).

22 May 2010, **International Day for Biodiversity**: [Celebrations in Bankigili](#).

On the International Day for Biodiversity, the Bankigili Community Forest had several excursions set up for the participants. Nine groups ranging from trees, reptiles/amphibians, birds and butterflies were created. Before the participants went on their treks, they had a visit from the local mayor who welcomed them to the region. The visitors went on various different walks, depending on the group they had chosen. Later, all participants met and discussed the findings from their trips. Virtually all groups found that many of the species from their group were difficult to find. Many of the experts believe that this is due to excess deforestation and the expansion of farms in the region. These observations bring to light the importance of species conservation in the area. [Read more](#).

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 27 April 2010 Douala | <u>Conférence : Faut-il protéger la biodiversité ?</u> |
| 5 May 2010 Yaounde | La biodiversité : Un patrimoine naturel à préserver et à conserver |
| 1 September 2010 Yaounde | Conférence: La Gestion des Pollutions en Milieu Urbain |
| 3 November 2010 Yaounde | Eau Saine pour Tous dans les Pays en Voie de Développement: Enjeux et Défi |



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Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network www.biodiversityeducation.ca/index.php/events

BiodiversityMatters www.biodiversitymatters.org

Canadian Environmental Network www.cen-rce.org

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Quebec Chapter www.snapqc.org/fr/node/477

David without borders www.davidwithoutborders.com

GaïaPresse www.gaiapresse.ca/fr/dossiers/index.php?id=12

Islands Trust – Canada www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Le projet Québec-Costa Rica www.quebec-costarica.org

Montreal International www.montreal-international.com/bulletins/montrealmonde/en/2009-12-17-infolettre.html

Ontario Biodiversity Council – Canada www.ontariobiodiversitycouncil.ca

The Columbia Basin Biodiversity Atlas www.biodiversityatlas.org

Wildsight www.wildsight.ca/education/classroom

Main activities

The Government of Canada is pleased to have contributed to the creation of the International Year of Biodiversity logo.



Environment's Canada website for the International Year of Biodiversity provides a virtual meeting place where Canadians can share their stories about how they are celebrating the Year. You will find more events in the [calendar](#).

Activities organized by the Biosphere as part of the International Year of Biodiversity BioKits

The Biosphère is producing a series of BioKits aimed at inspiring families to get out and explore the urban spaces and natural areas in their own neighbourhoods and beyond. Through a series of interactive, outdoor activities offered in both the Urban BioKit and the Nature BioKit, participants are initiated to biodiversity and are offered ways of taking action to preserve it. [Download the Biokit of your choice.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
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| 15 December 2009 - 22 February 2010 Ottawa | <u>Call for Evidence : Council of Canadian Academies' Panel on the State and Trends of Biodiversity Science in Canada</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Council of Canadian Academies |
| 28 January - 28 March 2010 Ottawa | <u>Nature Matters! Contest</u> |
| 27 - 28 April 2010 Montreal | Sommet sur la biodiversité et le verdissement de Montréal |
| 3 - 9 May 2010 Columbia Valley | <u>Wings Over the Rockies Festival : International Year of Biodiversity</u> |
| 20 May 2010 Toronto | <u>Urban Biodiversity Conference / Organized by Ontario Biodiversity Council (OBC) and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Winnipeg | <u>International Day for Biodiversity Celebration</u> |
| 22 May 2010 All around the world! | <u>International Year of Biodiversity Flashmob</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Toronto | <u>Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network (BEAN)</u> |
| 29 - 30 May 2010 Ottawa | <u>Run for Biodiversity</u> |
| été 2010 Quebec | <u>Vacances Année Biodiversité 2010</u> |
| 9 - 11 June 2010 Montreal | <u>International Conference on Biological and Cultural Diversity</u> <i>Organized by:</i> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Université de Montréal (Canada) |
| 30 November - 2 December 2010 Montreal | <u>Biodiversity Science in Québec: 2010 and beyond // QCBS Annual Conference</u> |



Cape Verde

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cv



Main activities

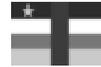
Cape Verde celebrates the International Year of Biodiversity: [Programme of Activities](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 22 May 2010 | Ecological Marathon (Ecological marathon) |
| 4 - 6 June 2010 Santiago | International Environment Fair in Cape Verde |
| 16 September 2010 Praia | Tree Planting in Cape Verde |

Central African Republic

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cf



Main activities

IYB Celebration in Central African Republic

To celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity, the Central African Republic has commemorated biodiversity by holding an information session and having a tree planting ceremony.

Chad

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=td



Main activities

Utilisation de ressources zoogénétique pour le développement durable. [Document](#)



Chile

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cl

Official Partners

Corporacion Laguna Verde <http://www.corporacionlagunaverde.cl/>

Escuela Francisco Andrés Olea www.sip.cl

Main activities



“Nuestro Bosque Nativo”
Resultados Concurso Cuento-Poesía - Fotos



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Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 21 June - 10 September 2010 Valparaiso | <u>Concurso de Cuento y Poesía “Nuestro Bosque Nativo”</u> |
| 4 November 2010 Valparaiso | <u>2nd Regional Environmental Education Conference, Valparaíso 2010</u> |
| 5 - 7 November 2010 Valdivia | <u>Primera Feria de la Biodiversidad de la Región de los Ríos</u> |



China

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cn

National Website

<http://2010.biodiv.gov.cn/>

Official Partners

The Conservancy Association www.cahk.org.hk

The Society for Wildlife and Nature (SWAN) International
www.swan.org.tw/eng/index.htm

Main activities



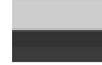
To successfully host a series of activities for International Year of Biodiversity, China established National Committee for 2010 International Year of Biodiversity which is chaired by Vice Premier Li Keqiang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, and its members include leaders of 25 ministries and agencies at the national level. The National Committee worked out the Plan of actions in China for 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. [Read more.](#)

China launched the International Year of Biodiversity on 26 Jan 2010 in Beijing. About 500 participants attended this initiation ceremony, including Ministers or Vice Ministers of all biodiversity-related central government departments, heads of provincial environment departments, representatives of international and non-governmental organizations and the media. A monument for the Year was opened for public display at this ceremony. China plans a series of celebration activities through the year. [Read more and see the pictures.](#)

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Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
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| 26 January 2010 Beijing | Launch of International Year of Biodiversity in China <i>Organized by:</i> State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) |
| 1 - 31 May 2010 Shanghai | Shanghai World Exposition <i>Organized by:</i> Bureau of the Shanghai World Expo 2010 Coordination, China |
| 22 May 2010 Beijing | Biodiversity Day Celebrations in China |



Colombia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=co

National Committee

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National website

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Official Partners

Amazonia Reforestation www.myreforestation.com

Canto de alarma www.cantodealarma.blogspot.com

Co2 Tropical Trees www.co2tropicaltrees.com

Ecodiversity Fondation Colombia

Fondo para la Acción Ambiental y la Niñez - Fondo Acción www.accionambiental.org

Organización para la Educación y Protección Ambiental www.opepa.org

Main activities

National Events to commemorate The International Year Of Biodiversity in Colombia

March - April - May - June - July - August

Prepared by Instituto Alexander von Humboldt. More information can be found by visiting the following site: <http://www.2010colombia.com>.

El Zoológico Jaime Duque se encuentra ubicado en Tocancipá – Colombia. Resumen de actividades para el Año.

Todos somos un semillero de vida

La Fundacion CD Viviendas, ONG, fundada en 1990 y el Proyecto *Semillas de Vida* quiere hacer conocer en Sur América y el mundo el Parque Ecológico que desarrollaremos sobre 50 Hectáreas de terreno de nuestra propiedad sobre los Cerros de Bogotá y queremos unir esfuerzos en el Año Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica.



Events hosted by the Sede de Investigacion Universitaria - (UdeA) Medellin – Colombia. [Posters \(zip file\)](#)



Celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity in La Universidad de los Andes (In Spanish)
[Contest](#) - [Exhibition](#) – [Symposium](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 26 January 2010 Bogota | <u>Launch of International Year of Biodiversity in Colombia</u> <i>Organized by:</i> **Instituto Alexander Von Humboldt |
| 25 - 26 February 2010 Bogota | <u>Lecture : Biodiversity : Why Are We Losing It?; How Can We Get It Back? / Presenter: Sebastian Walker</u> <i>Organized by:</i> **Instituto Alexander Von Humboldt |
| 1 March 2010 Bogota | <u>Expedición Colombia : Launch of Biodiversity Education and Editorial Project</u> <i>Organized by:</i> **Instituto Alexander Von Humboldt |
| 22 - 28 March 2010 Cali | <u>International Year of Biodiversity Event at the ABS talks</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| 8 April 2010 Bogota | <u>Cooperation and Competition in Biodiversity Economics / Presenter : Dr. Juan Camilo Cadenas, Economía de Recursos Naturales, Universidad Andes</u> <i>Organized by:</i> **Instituto Alexander Von Humboldt |
| 21 April 2010 Medellín | <u>Tardes de Ingenio: Biodiversidad y genómica en Colombia</u> |
| 20 May 2010 Bogota | <u>The International Panel : Health and Biodiversity / Presenter : Dr. Aaron Bernstein, MD, MPH Faculty, Harvard Medical School, USA</u> <i>Organized by:</i> **Instituto Alexander Von Humboldt |
| 21 - 22 May 2010 Cúcuta | <u>Día de la Biodiversidad, Inventarios Rápidos en la cuenca baja del Río Pamplonita</u> |
| 5 - 16 January 2011 Bogota | <u>Learning Journey: Biodiversity and Culture in Colombia</u> |



Comoros

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=km

Main activities

Plan d'action 2010 Convention sur la Diversité Biologique – Comores
Programme provisoire de la célébration de l'Année International de la Biodiversité du Mardi 04 mai 2010



Photos: Abdou Chakour Chadhouliati, remise des documents relatifs à l'Année internationale de la biodiversité et parc marin de Mohéli, la première aire protégée des Comores.



Congo

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cg

Main activities

Activities for the International Year of Biodiversity (French)

Célébration of the International Day of Biodiversity by APEDJ/AFEYD

APEDJ/AFEYD (Association Pour l'Environnement et Développement de la Jeunesse/Association For Environment and Youth Development) has answered to the invitation of UNEP and others structures of environment to celebrate the IYB and on May 22nd, 2010 APEDJ/AFEYD has conducted the activity. The action was trees planting and environmental education concerning the importance of biodiversity. Two schools (LOANGO Marine and La Médiane) have joined us to celebrate that activity. So some questions about Biodiversity were asked by the children and young people of those schools, which are:

- What is biodiversity?
- Why the celebration of IDB?
- What's conservation of biodiversity?
- What means the degradation of biodiversity?

What means flora, fauna? What means aquatic species?... until eleven questions asked by the children and young people of those schools. More information can be found by downloading [Report of this activity](#) or by visiting [Picasa](#) to review the photos.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|----------------------------|--|
| 5 June 2010 Brazzaville | <u>Celebration of the International Day of Biodiversity</u> |



Cook Islands

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ck

Main activities

Cook Islands Biodiversity & Natural Heritage: The Cook Islands Biodiversity Website

The Natural Heritage Project was initiated by Sir Geoffrey Henry within his Prime Minister's Department in 1990. The Project moved into the Natural Heritage Trust when it was established in 1999 by an Act of Parliament.

The Project is a programme of the Cook Islands Government:

- a) to collect and integrate scientific and traditional information on local plants and animals
- b) to preserve such information, and make it available to the general public.

Protecting the Muri Lagoon in Rarotonga

The community of Muri Village requested assistance in upgrading their meeting house to a multi-purpose standard (cyclone evacuation center, cultural arts center, gymnasium, health care, etc.). Seacology agreed fund the renovating and upgrading of the village meeting house and health clinic; in exchange, the Muri community will declare 413 acres of the lagoon and surrounding area as a protected area for a duration of 10 years.

For more information, please visit the website: [Seacology Island Projects](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 26 May 2010 Avarua | Cook Islands' Celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity |
| 27 - 28 May 2010 Avarua | Lagoon Day |
| 31 May - 4 June 2010 Avarua | National Environment Week |



Costa Rica

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cr

Official Partners

Fundación Green Pet www.greenpetfoundation.org

Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad www.inbio.ac.cr

Main activities

"**CRiterio Ambiental**", the 1st. [International Environmental Film Festival](#) in La Fortuna de San Carlos, Costa Rica will take place in September 2010, with the gentle collaboration of the International WWF bureau in Switzerland, as well as the support of many important and diverse local governmental and non-governmental entities. Though Costa Rica is a quite small country, it has the enormous privilege of hosting almost 6% of the world's biodiversity, a reason why it could be the perfect setting for an event in which the population and the international guests and visitors, will find an opportunity to interact and exchange important ideas on how to better preserve our habitat.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 20 - 24 September 2010 Turrialba | <u>VI Henry A. Wallace/CATIE. Inter-American Scientific Conference Series - "Agrobiodiversity in Mesoamerica: from Genes to Landscapes"</u> |
| 25 September - 1 October 2010 La Fortuna | <u>CRiterio Ambiental - Film Festival</u> |



Côte d'Ivoire

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ci

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------|---|
| 3 June 2010 Abidjan | Press Workshop at UNDP Office |
| 3 June 2010 Abidjan | Student Discussion from Pigier Group |
| 4 June 2010 Abidjan | Launching of "An Environment without Plastic Bags" |
| 5 June 2010 Abidjan | Conferences on Biodiversity at ENSEA |



Croatia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=hr

Official Partners

Bio diversity Info www.biodiversity-info.org

Main activities

DRŽAVNI ZAVOD ZA ZAŠTITU PRIRODE

Ujedinjeni narodi proglasili su 2010. godinu Međunarodnom godinom biološke raznolikosti: "Radi se o slavljenju života na Zemlji i važnosti biološke raznolikosti za naše živote. Pozivamo čitav Svijet da se pokrene u 2010. godini kako bi se sačuvala raznolikost života na zemlji: biološka raznolikost!"

Udruga za biološka istraživanja - BIOM • Association for Biological Research - BIOM

22. svibnja slavi se Međunarodni dan biološke raznolikosti, a Republika Hrvatska isti dan obilježava i Dan zaštite prirode, kako bi se pridružila svijetu u nastojanjima za očuvanje biološke raznolikosti i unapređenja zaštite prirode. 2010. godina je prilika da se, osim na ovaj datum, i tijekom cijele godine ukaže na veliku ulogu koju biološka raznolikost ima u održivom razvoju i općenito u ljudskom postojanju, posebice za zdravlje ljudi i zdravlje čitave planete Zemlje.

Website of the [Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 - 30 April 2010 Split | Visit to the eco beehive yard Elez |
| 1 - 31 May 2010 Krk | Let's Learn about the Birds |
| 20 - 21 May 2010 Split | Kids with Happy Faces; Healthy City of Split |
| 22 - 23 May 2010 Vis | The land and sea adventure of the Island of Vis |
| 22 - 23 May 2010 krka | Open Doors Weekend |
| 22 May 2010 Zagreb | GEO Action Day |
| 22 - 25 September 2010 Porec | <u>2nd Conference on native breeds and plant varieties as part of natural and cultural heritage</u> |

Cuba

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cu



Main activities

[Activities in Cuba for the 2010 International Day of Biodiversity \(PDF in Spanish\).](#)



Cyprus

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cy

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 5 June - 31 December 2010 Nicosia | <u>The 500,000 Challenge for the Cyprus' Biodiversity Act</u> |



Czech Republic

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cz

Main activities

Workshops 2010 Organized/planned within the UNEP/GEF Project "Support for the Implementation of the National Biosafety Framework for the Czech Republic". More information can be found by [clicking here](#).

As an introduction to the International Year of Biodiversity, the Ministry of Environment is publishing a book about nature and biodiversity in the Czech Republic - status and trends in 2009. Also, The Ministry of Environment, in cooperation with numerous organisations, is planning events to promote the International Year of Biodiversity in the Czech Republic.

A **children's art competition** with the theme "Interesting world of bats" is organised in close cooperation with NGOs. We are planning to exhibit all of these pictures during the 6th Session of the Meeting of Parties (MoP6) of EUROBATS, which will be held in Prague, 20-22 September 2010. The winners of the competition will be announced and rewarded during these days.

Cesky Krumlov – October 36th International film festival "Ekofilm" devoted to the conservation of environment. The main theme of the festival for this year is "biodiversity". Different exhibitions will be organised throughout the Year, leaflets and information materials concerning biodiversity are in preparation and will be edited soon. NGOs are also preparing many activities.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 28 June - 7 January 2010 Prague | Biosafety in Context of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity; Genetically Modified Animals |
| 20 - 22 September 2010 Prague | <u>6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to EUROBATS</u> <i>Organized by:</i> The Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (EUROBATS) |
| October 2010 Cesky Krumlov | <u>36th International film festival - Ekofilm</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic |



Democratic Republic of the Congo

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cd

Official Partners

NGO A. R. C. E. Hir. ntmneto@yahoo.fr

Pole Pole Foundation / Kahuzi-Biega National Park www.great-apes.com/popof

Main activities



Association de Recherches de Conservation et d'Encadrement des Hirondelles, Territory of Kapanga, Province of Katanga
[Pictures \(377 kb\)](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------|---|
| 5 June 2010 Kinshasa | Many Species - One Planet - One Future |



Denmark

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=dk

Official Partners

Danish Society for Nature Conservation dn.dk

Main activities

22 May 2010 - **International Day for Biodiversity**

Biodiversity activities took place on the island of Funen. Two events involving two endangered species (dormouse and fire-bellied toad) from the area were organized on that day. Participants were first provided with information concerning the dormouse and then they were involved in improving the mouse's habitat by planting various bushes. The participants were also able to set up nests for the mouse, which in the past has helped strengthen the mouse population. Lastly, they were introduced to a special dormouse that had been bred in captivity under very special conditions. Participants were also given information about the fire-bellied toad and were able to hear its distinctive call in the evening. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 27 June 2009 - 4 January 2010 Aarhus | <u>The Coral See</u> |
| 22 May - 31 October 2010 Copenhagen | <u>Europe in Bloom : A Living Façade at the European Environment Agency / Organized by European Environment Agency, Copenhagen, Denmark</u> |
| 6 September 2010 Copenhagen | IYB Celebration |
| 15 October 2010 Copenhagen | <u>Night of Culture</u> |



Djibouti

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=dj

Main activities

Conseils des Ministres

Communiqué de la 7ème Séance du Mardi 23 février 2010

Communication sur l'Opération de plantation de 100 000 arbres.

Le Ministre de l'Agriculture, de l'Elevage et de la Mer a fait une communication sur l'opération de plantation de 100 000 arbres et a rappelé l'importance de l'arbre, source de vie, comme la ressource en eau, dans la vie socio-économique. L'opération de plantation de 100 000 arbres, initiée par le Président de la République s'inscrit dans le cadre de la poursuite des efforts consentis par le gouvernement pour la protection de l'environnement et la lutte contre la désertification. Le Ministre a mis l'accent sur la nécessité aujourd'hui de lutter contre le processus de désertification et la perte de la diversité biologique en commençant par rendre à l'arbre la place qu'il mérite dans le pays et dans notre société. Cette opération vise ainsi à améliorer la couverture végétale, restaurer l'environnement et préserver la diversité biologique tout améliorant le cadre de vie de la population aussi bien en milieu rural qu'urbain. Ainsi, il est prévu de lancer la première phase de la plantation de 50 000 arbres de l'espèce Neem, à la mi-mars 2010 à Djibouti et dans ses environs et au mois de septembre dans les régions de l'intérieur pour la 2ème phase. La mise en œuvre de l'opération consistera à impliquer selon une approche participative les citoyens, les institutions nationales et étrangères résidentes par une distribution de plantes de Neem ou Miraamiri. Les arbres seront plantés dans la capitale et les chefs lieux de 4 régions de l'intérieur. Cette opération s'inscrit pleinement dans le cadre des festivités de célébration de 2010 décrété "année internationale" de la diversité biologique par les Nations-Unies. Un Comité Intersectoriel de Coordination et de Pilotage sera chargé de la préparation et l'exécution de l'Opération. Il sera appuyé par un Comité Technique chargé du Suivi et de l'Evaluation. Cette Opération va contribuer à l'embellissement des villes et à l'amélioration du cadre de vie de la population. [Site web](#).

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 19 October 2010 45 Boulevard du Maréchal Foch | <u>Conférence : La biodiversité à Djibouti</u> |

Dominica

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=dm



Main activities

On June 5, 2010, Dominica together with other nations, international organizations, and human communities in the world, commemorate World Environment Day as part of the celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity. [Full Article](#)



Dominican Republic

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=do

Official Partners

Hispaniolan Land Mammal Project (Darwin Initiative) www.thelastsurvivors.org

The Ornithological Society of Hispaniola www.soh.org.do

Main activities

El Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales celebró el Día Internacional de Diversidad Biológica, 22 de mayo, con una gran concentración en los Humedales del Ozama con la participación de estudiantes escolares, la comunidad científico – técnica, Organizaciones no Gubernamentales y Organismos de Cooperación Internacional.

Las actividades a desarrollar fueron: una interacción de la diversidad cultural con la diversidad biológica, resaltando las tradiciones culturales de las comunidades locales, siembra de árboles por parte de los participantes de las escuelas, entre otras actividades alusivas a al tema de "Biodiversidad, Desarrollo y Alivio a la Pobreza". De ser posible, solicitamos que esta actividad se enmarque dentro de las actividades desarrolladas en la iniciativa de "Ola Verde".

[Reporte sobre la celebración del Día Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica en República Dominicana](#)

Reporte sobre las actividades realizadas para celebrar el Año Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica:

[Primer Informe \(Enero-Junio\)](#)

[Segundo Informe \(Julio-Agosto\)](#)

[El Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y el Instituto Postal Dominicano ponen a circular sello alusivo a la Biodiversidad](#)

Conservationists are in the Dominican Republic to save one of the world's strangest and most ancient mammals - the Hispaniolan solenodon. While trying to track down one of these creatures, The Last Survivors team is also trying to find out exactly how this animal has been able to survive for a remarkable 76 million years.

Check the links below to review the coverage made by the BBC in Dominican Republic.

[31 May 2010 "Ghost hunters: On the trail of a 'living fossil'"](#)

[1 June 2010 "The cave of bones: A story of solenodon survival"](#)

[2 June 2010 "Close encounter with a bizarre venomous beast"](#)



Dr. Jose Nunez-Mino and his Excellency the ambassador Anibal de Castro at The London Apothecary Centre



The Last Survivors Project in conjunction with **The London Apothecary Centre** held a very successful event in July consisting of a series of three talks highlighting the conservation issues being faced in Hispaniola (the island made up of Haiti and Dominican Republic) with a primary focus on the plight of the non-flying land mammal fauna endemic to the Caribbean (solenodon and hutia). The talks were accompanied by a photographic exhibition of some outstanding photographers from the Dominican Republic, all of which donated their work to the exhibition: Leandro Pichardo, Fer Figheras, Fausto Ortiz, Rafael Arvelo, Jerry Bauer, Rafael Bello Camacho, Leo Salazar, Felix Sepulveda, Jose Alejandro Alvarez, Pedro Genaro Rodriguez, Francisco Salgero & Fonso Khouri. Not only did the event raise substantial funds for the last survivors project but also attracted a large number of the general public to the event in addition to representatives of the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism and the Dominican Republic Embassy in London including his Excellency the ambassador Anibal de Castro. [Click here to download](#) some of the pictures of this event.

Photo exhibition of the Fauna of the Dominican Republic



The event is part of “The Last Survivors” project (www.thelastsurvivors.org) which is a UK Darwin Initiative funded project which consist of a collaboration between: Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Sociedad Ornitologica de la Hispaniola, Zoological Society of London and the Dominican Republic National Zoo. This has also been supported by the British Embassy in the Dominican Republic, Natural History Museum of the Dominican Republic & US Fish Wildlife Service as well as a number of photographers (Jorge Brocca, José Núñez-Miño, Eladio Fernández, Darío Fernández Bellón, Rafael Arvelo, Leo Pichardo and José Alejandro Álvarez). [Photos in exhibition](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 28 July 2010 Santo Domingo | <u>Lanzamiento de sello alusivo a la Biodiversidad</u> |
| 21 October 2010 Santo Domingo | <u>LAUNCH EVENT: Photo exhibition of the Fauna of the Dominican Republic</u> |
| 9 November - 31 December 2010 Santo Domingo | <u>Fauna Dominicana</u> |



Ecuador

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ec

Official Partners

Charles Darwin Foundation www.darwinfoundation.org

Main activities

[Work Plan to commemorate the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity in Ecuador \(Spanish\).](#)

[Biodiversity week – Programme organized by the Ministry of Environment. August 2010 \(Spanish\).](#)

Kite Contest in Santa Elena



An event to celebrate the World Day of the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the International Year of Biological Diversity. It is a contest that has helped strengthen children's self-esteem and artistic skills while also learning how much they know about their rights and duties of protecting the environment. This activity will help build and fraternize friendships between educational institutions and the community.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 17 - 22 May 2010 Quito | <u>La Semana de la Biodiversidad</u> |
| 19 May 2010 Quito | <u>National Forum for the International Day of Biodiversity in the IYB "Biodiversity and Wellbeing"</u> |
| 21 May 2010 Puerto Ayora | Galápagos celebra su Biodiversidad |
| 25 - 27 November 2010 Imbabura | Exhibición Temporal "Ecuador Biodiverso por Naturaleza 2010" |
| 9 - 12 December 2010 Ciudad de Manta | <u>1st Latin American Symposium on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity of Latin America and the Caribbean, and 2nd National Symposium</u> |



Egypt

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=eg

Main activities

Egypt is organising many activities for the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity.

The **Nature Conservation Sector** (NCS) of the Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, has prepared the plan celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity 2010, and has undertaken several initiatives to celebrate the Year. Here is a report on NCS's achievements during for the month of March 2010

Contribution of Egypt towards the International Year of Biodiversity during the first 6 months (January-June 2010). Report

Opening of the International Year of Biodiversity in Egypt

3-7 March 2010: At the formal opening of the International Year of Biodiversity, Egypt held celebrations at the Regional Biodiversity Hurghada Camp for youth and children. The tree-planting event comprised several days of activities ranging from preparation to cleaning the areas to be planted. Participants planted 750 trees in two areas in Hurghada City, while over 200 people planted Gazwalina, Vegas and Neem trees. Read the full report. See the pictures.

Egypt for North Africa second celebration: *Let's Take Care of Egypt*

2-3 April 2010: The national conference, Lets Take Care of Egypt. We had the vision of bringing together more than 250 young people from schools and universities all around Egypt to learn and share their experience about maintaining environment, and especially biodiversity. Read more. See the pictures.

Global Biodiversity Outlook 3

10 May 2010: GBO3 was launched in Nairobi, Kenya, during the SBSTTA/WGRI meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity. A parallel event was held in Egypt at the Cairo House Ministry of Environment, in Cairo city. GBO3 Action Plan - GBO3 Press Release.

State of Biodiversity in Africa

10 May 2010: Along with GBO3, the regional summary entitled "State of Biodiversity in Africa" was also launched.

International Day for Biodiversity

22 May 2010: In cooperation with EEAA and Alexandria Library, NCS contributed to the celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity.



World Environment Day at Bibliotheca Alexandria

27 May 2010: The Ceremony was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with the World Bank Public Information Center (PIC) at the BA Depository Library as well as the Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, the National Council of Youth and Sport, and Alexandria University, under the auspices of the Governor of Alexandria General Adel Labib. [Read the articles \(in Arabic\)](#)



Biodiversity: Play and Learn!"

Exhibition from 9- 24 November 2010, Egypt

[The Arabic Network for Human Rights Information has released an article relating to the International Year of Biodiversity. – Please click here to view the article \(in Arabic\).](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 10 November - 11 December 2009 Sinai | <u>Sinai Expedition</u> |
| 8 February 2010 Alexandria | <u>Lecture: Biodiversity</u> |
| 3 - 7 March 2010 Hurghada | Regional Biodiversity Camp for Youth and Children |
| 14 April 2010 Alexandria | <u>The First Preparatory Meeting of the Arab Encyclopedia of Life</u> |
| 8 May 2010 Fayoum | <u>Flying over Egypt (World Migratory Birds Day)</u> |
| 10 May 2010 Alexandria | Launch of Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 (GBO 3) |
| 27 May 2010 Alexandria | <u>World Environment Day Celebration and International Day of Biodiversity in Egypt</u> |
| 9 - 24 November 2010 Alexandria | <u>"Biodiversity: Play and Learn!"</u> |



El Salvador

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sv



Official Partners

The Great Universal Brotherhood Fund. Dr. Serge Raynaud of Ferrière
www.granfraternidaduniversal.org

Equatorial Guinea

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gg



Main activities

Along with other countries of the world, Equatorial Guinea commemorates World Tourism Day, whose theme is "Tourism and Biological Diversity", which was held this year in China. [Full Article](#)

Eritrea

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=er



Main activities

Eritrea National Inception Workshop. FNR-Rio Website of the GEF Project on Integrated Reporting to Rio Conventions (CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC)

Strengthening the Nile basin's ability to protect biodiversity: The Nile Basin Initiative is laying emphasis on trans-boundary interventions. [Article](#)



Estonia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ee

Main activities

Estonian report on the celebration of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity.

Estonia is celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity as well as 100th anniversary of nature conservation (creating the first protected area). The document has a list of activities including those especially planned for the International Year of Biodiversity or connected to biodiversity.

Biodiversity will be the theme of a new series on national television.

International Day for Biodiversity

Between 14 and 15 May, scientists, university students and primary school children came to Tartu to visit the Emajogi River. The Biodiversity Action Day was part of the school children's Biology and Geography curriculum. Throughout the day as the students were exploring the area, an emphasis was placed on teaching the children how all the species are interconnected. For instance, they were told about how the earthworms need the leaves on the ground to live, and in turn, the hedgehogs and moles eat the worms. Thus, each species is important in maintaining the functioning of the region's ecosystem. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 27 - 29 May 2010 Tallinn | <u>Conference: "Nature Conservation Beyond 2010" / Seminar: "Management of Biodiversity and Landscapes in Estonian Coastal Areas"</u> |



Ethiopia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=et

Main activities

Website of the [Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority](#).

Celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity in Ethiopia [Part 1](#) - [Part 2](#) - [Part 3](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|----------------------------|---|
| 22 May 2010 Addis Ababa | "Biodiversity for Development and Poverty Alleviation" |



European Union

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=eur

Official Partners

European Environment Agency - European Union www.eea.europa.eu

Main activities

Post-2010 Biodiversity Vision and Target This video presents the visual identity and the strategy of the upcoming EU Campaign 2010. The Campaign website will be launched in March and a wake-up-call video is planned - among other activities. More details on the '[Europa](#)' web.



We're all in this together

We're all in this together. That's the message from a new EU campaign to inform about biodiversity and to get people actively engaged in preserving and restoring it.

Click here to visit the [Official site of this campaign](#) or to visit the [Application on Facebook](#).

[watch on Youtube](#)

Biodiversity Campaign - European Union

[watch on Youtube](#)

By [clicking here](#) you can review the events that took place in the world, including the interactive map, the European Day of Biodiversity held at the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg on April 28th, with the signing of a joint commitment to parliamentarians, NGOs and Local Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Further information in English: [A milestone at the Council of Europe](#) and [Working together for biodiversity](#).



The 3rd European Youth Perspective Conference

From the 1st until the 6th of July 2010, 150 young Europeans from 35 different European countries came together in Geel (Belgium) to learn and exchange knowledge and experience about biodiversity. Click here to download the [Executive Summary](#) or the [Official Declaration](#) of this event.



Biodiversity – 10 messages for 2010 - Each message provides a short assessment focusing on a specific ecosystem or issue related to biodiversity in Europe. Download:



1. [Climate change and biodiversity](#)
2. [Protected areas](#)
3. [Freshwater ecosystems](#)
4. [Marine ecosystems](#)
5. [Forest ecosystems](#)
6. [Urban ecosystems](#)
7. [Agricultural ecosystems](#)
8. [Mountain ecosystems](#)

Note: The rest of Messages will be soon posted here: [The European Environment Agency \(EEA\)](#)



Fiji

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=fj

Official Partners

BioNET-PACINET www.bionet-intl.org

Main activities

[Website of the Ministry of Lands, Mineral Resources and Environment](#)

A new a solar power water supply system has been installed for Yasawa I Rara Village, Yasawa Islands, Fiji

In 2002, Seacology funded the construction of a community center in Yasawa I Rara, a remote village located in the northern portion of the Yasawa Islands in Fiji's western region. In exchange, the villagers agreed to prohibit any development on the communally-held islands of Yalewakalou and Yawini Ciri, as well as establishing a no-take fishing reserve on the 80 square mile area surrounding the islands. As it rarely rains on Yasawa, the village recently approached Seacology to help provide reliable access to fresh water. Seacology facilitated the purchase and installation of a solar water pump system for the community center in support of the community's continued adherence to protecting the islands and the no-take provisions of the fishing reserve. As of March 2010 Seacology field representative Harry Powell reports that the system is completed and fully functional.



Seacology is an international nonprofit, nongovernmental organization whose sole purpose is to preserve the environments and biodiversity of islands globally. Seacology has created an innovative model of island conservation and community development that has proven to successfully protect threatened island ecosystems, engage local stakeholders in modern conservation trends, promote international cooperation and dialogue, and ensure long-term benefits to rural island communities and the increasingly precious environments that surround them. To-date, Seacology has funded 199 projects on islands around the globe, preserving 1,812,720 acres of coral reef and marine ecosystems and 161,477 acres of terrestrial habitat. There remains much more work to be done, and Seacology intends to continue our legacy of success through additional innovative, grassroots programs aimed at preserving the world's most endangered ecosystems throughout 2010.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 16 - 18 August 2010 Nadi | <u>Preparatory Workshop for UN Biodiversity Summit</u> |
| 19 - 20 August 2010 Suva | 'Tadra Kahani' |



Finland

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=fi

Official Partners

Environment Online www.enoprogramme.org

Metsähallitus Natural Heritage Services – Finland www.metsa.fi/naturalheritage

Main activities

[Website of the Finnish Government - Ministry of the Environment](#)



LUMONET is the Finnish Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity. It is an Internet-based biodiversity information system mainly about Finland. LUMO is an abbreviation of "luonnon monimuotoisuus", which is Finnish for Nature's Diversity.

[Finnish plans for the International Year of Biodiversity](#)

[Communications Programme 2009–2016 for Saving Nature for People - National Strategy and Action Plan](#)

[Zip File of the Finnish logo in different languages](#)

22 May 2010 - International Day for Biodiversity

To celebrate the International Day for Biodiversity, scientists gathered to observe wildlife found in the Toololahti Park. Some scientists guided families through the park pointing out the various species they passed along the way. Other scientists observed and recorded the number of species they could find in the area over a 24 hour period. Some indicators that the wildlife in the park is doing well, was the identification of numerous trout in the lake. By the end of the day the scientists had identified more 938 plant and animal species. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 18 - 22 April 2010 Muonio | <u>Fifth European Plant Science Organisation Conference : Plants for Life / Presentation by Dr. B. Burlingame entitled : Biodiversity and Nutrition : Synergies in Agriculture, Health and Environment Sectors</u> |
| 21 May 2010 All over the world! | <u>ENO National Tree Planting Event / Organized by ENO National</u> |



France

<http://www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=fr>

National website

www.biodiversite2010.fr

Official Partners

Biodiversity Actions www.actions-biodiversite.org/site

Global Biodiversity Protection www.globalbiodiversityprotection.org

International Federation of Agricultural Producers www.ifap.org

Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle www.mnhn.fr

Syndicat Intercommunal du Bolmon et du Jaï www.rrgma-paca.org/membre.asp?EnNum=En00000035

Synergiz www.synergiz.fr

UNESCO www.unesco.org/en/biodiversity

YIRIWA-Afrique le Meilleur yiriwafrance.free.fr

Main activities

If you missed the Ministry on Facebook (19 May 2010), you can find the messages here!

On May 19th, leading up to the International Day for Biodiversity, the French Ministry of Sustainable Development shared the actions implemented in France to promote biodiversity. Short films, information on the events organised in France and other important information. You will know everything about biodiversity!

Voici le label que le **ministère français de l'Ecologie, de l'Energie, du Développement durable et de la Mer** propose aux porteurs de projets en France pour l'Année internationale de la diversité biologique 2010.





Appel Citoyen

À l'occasion de l'année internationale de la biodiversité, rejoignez tous ceux qui souhaitent que la prise en compte de la biodiversité devienne une grande cause partagée. Résultats.



Le quiz de la biodiversité sur TF1.fr

sur TF1.fr au quiz de la biodiversité pour tenter de gagner de nombreux cadeaux et peut-être devenir candidat de l'émission "Le quiz de la biodiversité" diffusée sur TF1 dès le 16 avril 2010.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|---|
| 9 January - 9 October 2010 Paris | <u>Concours: La capitale Française de la biodiversité</u> |
| 20 January 2010 Paris | <u>L'Homme dans la biodiversité</u> |
| 21 - 22 January 2010 Paris | <u>High-Level Event for the IYB : Launch of the UNESCO Biodiversity Exhibition</u> <i>Organized by:</i> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| 8 March - 4 April 2010 Brest | <u>Mois de la Science - Évolution et diversité</u> |
| 1 - 4 July 2010 Digne-les-Bains | <u>InvenTerre: Festival de la Biodiversité</u> |
| 2 - 4 July 2010 Belfort | <u>Venez découvrir le stand de La biodiversité, c'est la nature sur le Festival des Eurockéennes de Belfort !</u> |
| 5 - 11 July 2010 Hautes-Alpes | <u>Semaine de la Biodiversité</u> |
| 8 - 11 July 2010 Niort <i>Confirmed</i> | <u>Festival de la diversité biologique et culturelle</u> |
| 20 - 23 September 2010 Paris | <u>15e Colloque international Sur le thème : Biodiversité et évaluation environnementale</u> |



Gabon

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ga

Main activities

Gabon, an integral part of Africa's lungs

The Congo Basin, which covers Gabon, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic, is the world's second largest area of natural tropical rain forests after the Amazon region.

Libreville International Conference, 2-3 June 2010

"Bolstering biodiversity in Africa: everyone's problem and heritage"

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 2 - 3 June 2010 Libreville | <u>Libreville International Conference, "Bolstering Biodiversity in Africa : Everyone's Problem and Heritage"</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Gabonese Republic |
| 18 November 2010 - 22 May 2011 Libreville | <u>Concours Photo "Référencement Biodiversité Gabon 2010"</u> |



Gambia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gm

Main activities

Global Unification - The Gambia - International Year of Biodiversity

Using the power of young people to promote the International Year of Biodiversity while at the same time continuing our work on climate change mitigation and adaptation.



Georgia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ge

Main activities

The Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia celebrated the International Day of Biodiversity and Year of Biodiversity.

'Our country is unique. Our environment, our biodiversity is something that we can be really proud of. We do not have a right not to celebrate such an important day, especially when we have such good foreign partner companies. Environment is in fashion and it should be strengthened', declared the Environment Minister Mr. Goga Khachidze.

[Document - Photos \(10MB .zip file\).](#)

Calendar of Events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------|---|
| 27 June 2010 Tbilisi | Paraplane Festival of Tbilisi 2010 |
| Confirmed | |



Germany

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=de

National website

<http://kalender.biologischevielfalt.de/start.php>

Official Partners

Business and Biodiversity Initiative "Biodiversity in Good Company" – Germany www.business-and-biodiversity.de/en/homepage.html

Convention on Migratory Species - Bonn Convention www.cms.int

IFOAM - International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements www.ifoam.org

The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity www.teebweb.org

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification www.unccd.int

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change www.unfccc.int

Main activities

Veranstaltungen in Deutschland

Biologische Vielfalt ist der natürliche Reichtum unserer Erde. Die Vielfalt der Arten, der Gene und Ökosysteme ist eine wichtige Grundlage für unser Leben. Tag für Tag geht ein Teil dieser natürlichen Vielfalt verloren – mit einer Geschwindigkeit, wie sie in der Geschichte vorher nicht beobachtet wurde. Der Verlust der biologischen Vielfalt zählt neben dem Klimawandel zu den dringlichsten Herausforderungen unserer Zeit.

Das Internationale Jahr der biologischen Vielfalt macht auf die Bedeutung der natürlichen Vielfalt aufmerksam und ruft alle Menschen auf, sich für den schonenden und verantwortungsbewussten Umgang mit der Schöpfung zu engagieren.

Veranstaltungskalender

Events in Germany (in German)

The inauguration of the International Year of Biodiversity took place in Berlin on 11 January 2010. It was a high-level event for the beginning of the Year, sponsored by the German Presidency.

[More details & photos \(in German\).](#)

[Speech by the Federal Chancellor at the launch of the International Year of Biodiversity, 11 Jan 2010, Berlin](#)



A collaboration between Geo Magazine, GTZ and others will see national celebrations for the International Day of Biological Diversity in May 2010 taking place in up to 25 countries around the world. [Promotional video and a very hands-on "Conceptual Guideline and Checklists for Organisers" for International Day for Biodiversity](#), all available in English, French and Spanish. [The video has its own link on the menu, the guideline can be found under "Resources"](#)

[Freistaat Thüringen: Activities/Veranstaltungskalender](#)

The Research and Training Centre "Applications of Life Sciences" at the Hamburg University organized the on-line conference "Climate 2010/ Klima 2010" in cooperation with the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 to be held in November 1-7, 2010.

[Information document concerning the "Climate 2010/ Klima 2010" on-line conference](#)
[Registration form and call for papers for the "Climate 2010/ Klima 2010" on-line conference](#)



100 Years of European National Parks

EUROPARC developed an exhibition in 2009 to celebrate 100 Years of European National Parks. It has been travelling all year this year across protected areas in Europe. The exhibition is called Living Parks: 100 Years of National Parks Europe and highlights the incredible diversity of natural heritage in European national parks. It includes pictures and texts about the first 36 National Parks founded in 34 European Countries. You can find more information [by clicking here](#).

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 11 January 2010 Berlin | <u>Launch of the International Year of Biodiversity</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety - Germany |
| 18 March 2010 Stuttgart | <u>Biodiversity – Diversity of Life and the Duties of the Natural History Museums</u> |
| 29 - 30 March 2010 Berlin | <u>Biodiversity Research : Milestones for Sustainability</u> |
| deadline: 10 May 2010 Berlin | <u>artenReich - A competition about biodiversity</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Bonn | <u>UN Biodiversity Day at the Botanical Garden in Bonn</u> |
| 26 June 2010 Berlin | <u>Hol die Sonne in die Rummelsburger Bucht!</u> |
| 8 - 14 August 2010 Seevetal | <u>Biodiversitäts-Akademie</u> |
| 17 - 21 October 2010 Cologne | <u>65th Annual WAZA Conference : Biodiversity is life : The Role of Zoos and Aquariums in Biodiversity Conservation</u> <i>Organized by:</i> World Association of Zoos and Aquariums |



Ghana

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gh

Main activities

Ghana's programme of activities

Hero productions: Active partners of the countdown 2010 secretariat and will promote the logo and the year through their activities.



Greece

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gr

Official Partners

Elleniki Etairia - Society for the Environment & Cultural Heritage www.ellet.gr

European Centre for Environmental Research and Training (EKEPEK) – Panteion University
www.des.panteion.gr/ekepek.html

Institute of Marine Biology and Genetics (IMBG), Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)
www.helbionet.org

Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles
www.medasset.org/cms/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=95&lang=en

Natural History Museum of Crete www.nhmc.uoc.gr

Main activities



“Travelling with Sea Turtles in the Mediterranean”
Press Release: An underwater journey at Athens International Airport in cooperation with MEDASSET (3/5 - 29/8/2010).



The European Centre for Environmental Research and Training

Copenhagen 2009, the environment in the middle of an international crisis, Athens, January 2010, celebration in the framework of the activities for the IYB.



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 26 - 27 February 2010 Athens | Copenhagen 2009: The Environment in the Midst of a Global Crisis |
| 10 April 2010 Mesohori, Municipality of Paranesti | <u>Tenth Pan-hellenic Festival for the Exchange of Local Seed</u> |
| 19 - 25 April 2010 Crete | <u>Seminar Celebrating Biodiversity : Discover Crete's Cultural and Natural Heritage with Resident Historians, Mountaineers, Organic Farmers and Chefs / Organized by Crete's Culinary Sanctuaries Eco-Agritourism Network</u> |
| 5 - 8 May 2010 Kolympari | <u>Conservation and Sustainable Use of Wild Plant Diversity / Invitation for Sponsorship and Book Exhibition</u> |
| 5 - 8 May 2010 Kolympari | <u>Photo Competition "Beauty of Wild Plants and Fungi in Europe"</u> |
| 13 - 18 September 2010 Chios | <u>1st Chios Summer School on Sustainable Tourism</u> |
| 27 September - 2 October 2010 Crete | <u>The Magnificent West : Natural Heritage, Organic Food Production, Traditional Cuisine / Organized by Crete's Culinary Sanctuaries</u> |
| 1 - 7 October 2010 Kithira | Seminar "Europe and the Environment. Climate Change and Biodiversity in the 21st Century" |
| 2 - 8 May 2011 Crete | <u>CCS Seminar Celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity</u> |

Grenada

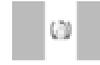
www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gd



Main activities

Activities undertaken at the national level relative to International Year of Biodiversity - activities for the months January-April, 2010.

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries



Guatemala

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gt

Main activities

Guatemala is launching the International Year of Biodiversity on Friday 12 February 2010 – [see the webpage and calendar of monthly events for 2010. PDF and images](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 12 February 2010 Guatemala City | <u>Launch of the International Year of Biodiversity in Guatemala</u> |



Guinea

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gn

Main activities

Le centre d'échange d'information de la Guinée

Le centre d'échange d'informations est un système international d'intégration et de coopération technique et scientifique en matière de conservation de la diversité biologique. Il a pour mission de fournir l'information nécessaire ou d'indiquer là où elle est disponible ainsi que sa qualité et sa fiabilité et de veiller au partage de celle-ci pour le bénéfice mutuel de toutes les parties contractantes.

<http://gn.chm-cbd.net>



Guinea-Bissau

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gw



Main activities



A l'occasion de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité 2010, les partenaires de la conservation de l'environnement en Guinée Bissau (IBAP, UICN, PREE / PRCM, Noé Conservation...) ont décidé de s'associer autour d'un événement pour célébrer la Biodiversité de la Guinée Bissau, avec un focus sur le Parc National d'Orango (dans la Réserve de la Biosphère des Bijagos). A travers plusieurs manifestations, la biodiversité sera ainsi mise à l'honneur pendant la semaine du 17 au 21 mai 2010 au Centre Culturel Français et dans d'autres lieux de Bissau.

Objectif de l'événement:

Pour célébrer l'année internationale de la Biodiversité, l'IBAP, l'UICN et leurs partenaires organisent un événement pour mettre à l'honneur la biodiversité en Guinée Bissau avec un focus sur le Parc National d'Orango (Archipel des Bijagos) à l'occasion de la journée mondiale de la Biodiversité (22 Mai 2010).

Résultats attendus:

- Valorisation des efforts consentis par le Gouvernement de la Guinée Bissau et les partenaires engagés dans la gestion durable des ressources naturelles
- Valorisation du patrimoine naturel et culturel de la Guinée Bissau
- Sensibilisation des élèves des écoles de Bissau et du grand public en général
- Visibilité internationale de la Guinée Bissau grâce à sa participation à l'Année internationale de la biodiversité 2010

Activités prévues lors de la semaine de la Biodiversité à Bissau:

Organisation d'une exposition au CCF du 17 au 22 mai 2010 (Photographies du Parc National d'Orango, Exposition IBAP « Nha terra » présentée au siège de l'UNESCO lors de l'ouverture de l'Année Internationale de la Biodiversité à Paris en Février 2010, Exposition de dessins du concours scolaire organisé à Orango, Artisanat Bijagos...)

Animations: concours scolaires pour une école d'Orango, visites guidées de l'exposition par des écoles de Bissau, conférence et débats, projections de films, pièces de théâtre, concours de gastronomie traditionnelle d'Orango, animation musicale et cocktail avec des représentants du gouvernement, du corps diplomatique et des partenaires clés.

L'organisation de cet événement sera soutenue par l'Ambassade de France en Guinée Bissau, le Programme Régional d'Education à l'Environnement côtier et marin du PRCM (PREE /UICN), l'ONG Noé Conservation et d'autres partenaires. [Vous trouverez le programme provisoire de la Semaine de la Biodiversité en Guinée Bissau ici](#)



Guyana

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gy

Main activities

Guyana's 2010 International Year of Biodiversity celebration plan by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 2 - 31 May 2010 Georgetown | Biodiversity Exhibitions in Guyana |
| 17 - 22 May 2010 Georgetown | Birdwatching in Guyana |
| 17 - 21 May 2010 Georgetown | Seminar Series and Film Show in Guyana |



Honduras

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=hn

Main activities

Website of the Secretariat of Natural Resources and the Environment

22 May 2010, **International Day for Biodiversity**

Celebrations organized by the Secretaría de Recursos Naturales y Ambiente (Report ES).



Hungary

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=hu

Official Partners

Budapest Zoo www.zoobudapest.com

Department for Agrobotany in Tápíószele , Hungary – Hungary
www.mgszh.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/foldmuv_ig/agrobot/agbem

Diverziti Egyesület (Diverziti Association) www.diverziti.hu

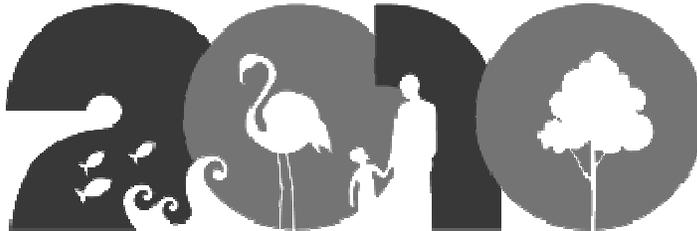
Greenmania www.greenmania.eu

National Society of Conservationists - Friends of the Earth Hungary www.mtvsh.hu

PAN Parks Foundation www.panparks.org

WUSME World Union of SMEs www.wusme.org

Main activities



2010 A Biológiai Sokféleség Nemzetközi Éve

[Communicating the International Year of Biodiversity in Hungary - CEEweb for Biodiversity](#)

As a preparation for the International Year of Biodiversity, the Hungarian Ministry of Environment and Water launched a postcard designing competition titled “Send a message to the world to conserve biodiversity”. Primary and secondary school children were invited to design the postcards for the celebration of 2010 showing the importance of diversity of life on earth. [The 3 best postcards were published and are used as the official Hungarian International Year of Biodiversity postcards throughout 2010.](#)



[The official Hungarian opening ceremony of the International Year of Biodiversity](#)

The Snowdrop Festival was held on 11th March 2010.



Activities of national parks, scientific and other institutions, NGOs related to the International Year of Biodiversity will be presented at the [Hungarian CBD website](#).



International Day for Biological Diversity - Update

The Ministry of Environment and Water has joined the International GEO Magazine's global initiative of organizing a national Biodiversity Action Day on the 22nd of May in order to draw attention to the importance of conserving biodiversity. Accordingly, students of the local school together with scientists and taxonomists from the Danube-Ipoly National Park and the Hungarian Natural History Museum analyzed the flora and fauna of the protected Szenas Hills holding a European Diploma. During the 24 hours Action Day the students could observe at four different sites how scientists work in nature.

International Day for Biodiversity

The village of Nagykovacsi put on a day of activities on 21 May for both local school children and adults. To begin the day the school children were able to watch a Duna-Ipoly conservation movie created by the Ministries of the Environment and Water Conservation. Later children set off to Bekas Lake where they explored the region and were challenged to locate and study local animals and vegetation. The children were even able to observe small organisms through a microscope. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 7 - 9 September 2010 Sibiu | <u>Conference on High Nature Value grasslands – securing the vital ecosystem services of European farming</u> |

Iceland

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=is



Main activities

Iceland Post issued two stamps to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7 - 9 April 2010 Reykjavik | <u>Green Days</u> |



India

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=in

Official Partners

Applied Environmental Research Foundation www.aerfindia.org

Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action www.cissa.co.in

Gujarat Science City www.scity.org

Indian Astrobiology Research Centre www.astrobiology.co.in

KIIT Centre for the Environment and Global Sustainability www.kiitcegs.org

Nature Foundation (India) www.nfindia.org

Peerless Green Initiatives www.peerlessgreen.net

Prakriti Bachao Foundation prakritibachao@yahoo.in

Sustainable-Kerala.Net sustainable-kerala.net

The Corbett Foundation www.corbettfoundation.org

Uttaranchal Bamboo and Fiber Development Board ubfdb.org

Wildlife Institute of India www.wii.gov.in

World Institute for Nature (WIN) worldnatureinstitute.org

Young Naturalist Network (YNN India Biodiversity Action Plan) youngnaturalistin@gmail.com

Main activities

The launch of the International Year of Biodiversity in India was marked by a press/media meet by Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Environment and Forests on 4th January, 2010, in which the Minister released a biodiversity brochure entitled 'Achieving 2010 Biodiversity Target: India's Contributions', and a table calendar for the year 2010 was released by the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) depicting award-winning entries by school children in a painting competition organised by NMNH during the Wildlife Week in October 2009 on the theme 'Our Rich Biodiversity'.

Workshop on “Biodiversity and Traditional Ecological Knowledge”

Let Us Talk on Biodiversity, Science & Technology Museum Hall Thiruvananthapuram (Report). CISSA organised a workshop on the theme “Biodiversity and Traditional Ecological Knowledge” on 5th June 2010. This programme titled “Let Us Talk on Biodiversity” introduced traditional knowledge holders on biodiversity such as tribes, farmers, fishermen, traditional health practitioners etc to the student community for an interaction **YB-2010 celebrations by the**

Conservation Himalayas in Uttarakhand

A Brief Activity Report in India.



National Food & Agro Biodiversity Festival

ANNAM National Food and Agro-biodiversity Festival is an attempt to infuse a new food culture that ensures not only supply of healthy and ethically produced food but also facilitates conservation of rich biodiversity at grass roots. **Report**

Farmer's Field Day

Bioersity International India held a Farmer's Field Day to celebrate the biodiversity of pearl millet where they planted a demonstration block and displayed 21 varieties of pearl millet. Over 90 farmers were present and at least a dozen agricultural scientists.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|--|
| 24 - 25 February 2010 Goa | <u>National Workshop on Blue Flag Beach Conservation Project in South Asia (Goa)</u> |
| 15 - 16 March 2010 Coimbatore | <u>National Conference on Impact of Climate Change on Biodiversity of Insects and Environment</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, India |
| 26 - 28 April 2010 Srinagar, Kashmir | <u>International Conference on Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation vis-à-vis Climate Change / Organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology</u> |
| 27 April 2010 Dehradun | <u>Colloquium on Biodiversity: Earth's Most Valuable Resource - Why does it matter to Business?</u> |
| 2 May 2010 Chennai | <u>International Marine Biodiversity Conservation Festival</u> |
| 20 - 21 November 2010 Bangalore | <u>National Conference on Conservation of Biodiversity</u> |
| 29 - 30 November 2010 Calcutta | <u>"Banana and Bamboo": Biodiversity Management of At Risk Commercially Valuable Crops through Community- Technology Integration</u> |
| 8 December 2010 Mumbai | <u>IARC-IYB 2010 Special Publication Invitation for Articles</u> |
| 11 December 2010 Mumbai | <u>IYB 2010 Essay Challenge for Indian Students</u> |
| 27 - 31 December 2010 Thiruvananthapuram | <u>Indian Biodiversity Expo (IBE 2010)</u> |
| 28 - 30 December 2010 Thiruvananthapuram | <u>Biodiversity and Development: Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Policy-Making</u> |



Indonesia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=id

Official Partners

Center for International Forestry Research www.cifor.cgiar.org

Eco Lodges Indonesia www.ecolodgesindonesia.com

Greeners Indonesia www.greenersmagz.com

Main activities

[List of national programmes to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity in Indonesia.](#)

[Website Kementerian Lingkungan Hidup, Republik Indonesia](#)

[National campaign for International Year of Biodiversity from Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation \(Yayasan KEHATI Indonesia\)](#)

The Forbidden forests of the Dayak, Borneo

[What on Youtube](#)

Co-hosted by the [Indonesian Institute of Science](#) and [University of Indonesia](#): 2010 Annual meeting of the [Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation \(ATBC\)](#). The ATBC is the largest professional society devoted to the promotion of research into, conservation of, and education about tropical biodiversity. The general meeting moves annually, and this is the first time it will take place in Southeast Asia.



World Environment Day Celebrated at Bintan, Riau Archipelago

The occasion took place at the shore of Desa (Village) Malang Rapat, and also as part of contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity 2010. There were two major activities carried out on the day, namely the announcement of the result of the writing competition and the planting of mangrove seedlings. A group of young students presented a local traditional dance at the beginning of the ceremony.



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|---|
| 24 - 26 February 2010 Bali | Eleventh Special Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum <i>Organized by:</i> United Nations Environment Programme |
| 16 April 2010 Kalasey Manado | Beach Clean-Up Day |
| 17 April 2010 Kalasey | Marine and Reef Relief Sweep Block |
| 22 Apr 2010 Serangan village-Bali | Coral Day |
| 22 April 2010 Thousand Island- Pramuka-Jakarta | Coral Day |
| 1 May 2010 Talaud | Let's Go Talaud, Beyond the Nature and Culture |
| 4 May 2010 Jakarta | Coral Day |
| 22 May 2010 Jakarta | Green Wave Campaign |
| 22 May 2010 Manado | "The Reef Night" |
| 30 June 2010 Jakarta | National Seminar for Biodiversity: "Indonesian biodiversity for better Indonesia in the future" |
| 4 - 10 July 2010 Lawang | <u>24th Conference of the Caretakers of the Environment International</u> |
| 25 July - 8 August 2010 | <u>Pantai Bersih Beach Clean-Up / Organized by The Alliance for Tompotika Conservation</u> |



Iran (Islamic Republic of)

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ir

Official Partners

Environment Friends Club of Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University www.efcsrttu.ir

Iranian Cheetah Society (ICS) www.wildlife.ir

Plan for the Land www.plan4land.org

Tirgan Cultural and Sports Institute www.tirgan.ir/index.php

Main activities



یست‌ی‌تسوع ز یسال جهان 2010

www.aradclub.ir



On the roof of Iran - Mount Damavand (5671 m)

On Thursday 22 July 2010 in the southern path to Mt Damavand the Environment Friends Club from SRTTU team of environment educators represented instructive environment-related posters on a small exhibition. Instructive packages were distributed among mountaineers, posters and banners were mounted. On Friday 23 July 2010 the banner of 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity was raised on the top of Mt. Damavand to celebrate this global issue.



International Year of Biodiversity in Central Kavir

A gathering for nature lovers in south Kavir National Park was held in order to celebrate the "International Year of Biodiversity". Attended by 700 environmentalists, the gathering was organized in partnership with Esfahan Climbing Committee in Badroud with "Biodiversity as Essence of Life" as a flagship. The Iranian Cheetah Society (ICS) introduced the year of biodiversity and its importance and the attendants received educational packages about the Asiatic cheetah.



New Cheetah Emerged

Despite of numerous disappointing news in the world of wildlife conservation; however, there is exciting news of emergence of a new cheetah which plays theater. The cheetah was designed by the ICS Wildlife Theater Group as a part of long-term educational initiatives launched since establishment in 2001. Since last March, 15 volunteers were trained to be ready for upcoming opportunities to spread the cheetah knowledge.



Conservation Education in Biodiversity Festival

National Festival of Biodiversity was held in Darabad Museum of Nature and Wildlife in Tehran. The festival was held by the museum and some 30 Iranian NGOs attended between 19 and 21 May 2010.



Caspian Seal Show

Sand Caspian seals show was held to celebrate International Year of Biodiversity in Babolsar, northern Iran. A total of 15 seal statues were constructed during a festival at the sea shore.

Calendar of events

Dates and Venue

2 February 2010

Ramsar

22 - 25 April 2010

Kavir

20 - 21 May 2010

Tehran

24 - 26 May 2010

Lavizan

22 - 23 July 2010

Damavand

Event

World Wetland Day

Desert Marathon for Year of Biodiversity

Do you know the meaning of Biodiversity?

Biodiversity Fair

On the roof of Iran; Mount Damavand (5671 m)



Iraq

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=iq

Main activities



The Ministry of Environment has issued stamps to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity
[Click here to view other stamps \(250 kb\)](#)



Iraq celebrates the International Year of Biodiversity in presence of the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Higher Education
[Programme](#) - [Photos](#)

Activities performed by Iraq after its accession to the Convention on Biological Diversity. [English](#) – [Arabic](#).



The Department of Environmental Engineering of the University Mustansiriya celebrates the International Year of Biodiversity. [Report \(Arabic\)](#)



Ireland

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ie

Official Partners

Forest Friends Ireland www.forestfriends.ie

Just Forests www.justforests.org

National Botanic Gardens of Ireland www.botanicgardens.ie

Main activities

Go wild in Monaghan - Free Events

Monaghan County Council has teamed up with a number of non-governmental organisations who work to promote the conservation and understanding of Ireland's biodiversity. These groups are membership based and rely heavily on the goodwill of volunteers to continue their good work. All the events listed are free, and will be highly enjoyable and informative. Please come along and learn more about Monaghan's rich biodiversity. [Click here to see the list of events in Monaghan](#) or visit the following website <http://www.monaghan.ie/websitev2/communityheritagearts/news/2010/May/BioDiversityCalendar130510.html>.

The [National Parks & Wildlife Service](#) will promote the year and produce material to raise awareness about biodiversity.

The [National Biodiversity Data Centre](#) produced a [2010 wall planner](#) to help raise awareness. And here is the [Programme of workshops for 2010](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 27 April 2010 Galway | <u>Information evening from Aquatic Invasive Species Ireland (CAISIE)</u> |
| 28 April 2010 Tullamore | <u>Information evening from CAISIE</u> |
| 16 - 22 May 2010 | <u>Bealtaine Festival of Outdoor Science: celebrating our Living Earth</u> |
| 29 - 30 May 2010 Dublin | <u>Fourth Annual Native Species Weekend / Organized by Dublin Zoo</u> |
| 13 - 18 June 2010 Dublin | <u>Fourth Global Botanic Gardens Congress : Addressing Global Change - a new agenda for botanic gardens</u> |
| 24 November 2010 Dublin | <u>Eco-Unesco's National Youth Eco-Forum 2010</u> |



Israel

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=il

Main activities

התכנית הלאומית למגוון ביולוגי בישראל

Israel's National Biodiversity Plan



Italy

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=it

Official Partners

Conservation Committee of the Societas Europea Herpetologica seh-cc.org/index.shtml

Food and Agricultural Organization www.fao.org/biodiversity/biodiversity-home/en

Le Scienze Web News www.lswn.it

Noc 32 Laboratorio biologico delle Madonie noc32madonie.blogspot.com

Main activities

La Settimana della Biodiversità

The celebration of the International Year of Biological Diversity will include a weeklong international celebration of biodiversity in music, video, poetry, drama and art. World renowned scientists, humanists, philosophers, gardeners and chefs will ensure that the festival has wide appeal and an international spotlight.

Where: Auditorium Parcoo della Musica Organized by Bioversity International

The Italian Commission for UNESCO launches an initiative to stress the crucial role played by schools, universities, cultural and training actors in the protection of biodiversity and sustainable development.

Declaration "For a Culture of Biodiversity" and Press Release 6/2010

This initiative is promoted by the Italian National Commission for UNESCO, in collaboration with some of the major partners of the UN-DESD (Decade on Education for Sustainable Development): FAO - Education for Rural People Partnership, Federation of Italian Parks (Federparchi), National Institute for Environmental Research and Protection (ISPRA), WWF, Legambiente and the Italian Geographical Society. For further details in Italian, [please click here](#).

After 2010

Volunteers for Biodiversity: forthcoming project involving 3 graduating or just graduated young people in research on biodiversity both in the field and in the museum, who will be payed back by regional and national Authorities (National Civilian Service)



Last May 22nd, Oasi Zegna celebrated the International Day of Biological Diversity

Oasi Zegna, Corporate Partner of Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign, joined the Green Wave Action involving local students in planting 50 beeches and copper beeches to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity and in memory of Zegna Group's founder, the textile industrialist Ermenegildo Zegna, who in 1930 around the family woolen mill in Trivero in Italy, planted more than 500,000 conifers and hundreds of rhododendrons and hydrangeas, believing in the harmony existing between industrial quality and commitment and improvement of the natural, social and cultural environment we live in.

List of events organized by Orobie Valtellinesi Park to celebrate the International Year of biodiversity.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 17 April 2010 Reggio Emilia | <u>Biodiversity. Think locally, act globally / Biodiversity - Pensare localmente, agire globalmente</u> |
| 20 - 21 May 2010 Rome | <u>Biodiversity and Sustainable Diets Technical Workshop</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Food and Agriculture Organization |
| 20 - 22 May 2010 Rome | <u>Conferenza Nazionale per la Biodiversita'</u> |
| 29 June - 8 August 2010 Ioannis | <u>International Festival EcoSpirituale and Biodiversity</u> |
| September 2010 - April 2011 Milan | <u>ThinkQuest: Experiences of Biodiversity</u> |
| 6 - 8 October 2010 Rome | <u>Biodiversity and Sustainable Diets International Scientific Symposium</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Food and Agriculture Organization |
| 22 November 2010 Bassano del Grappa Vicenza | <u>Conferenze Biodiversita - Il Piccolo mondo delle Orchidee</u> |



Jamaica

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=jm

Main activities

Jamaica School Children Help Celebrate United Nations International Year of Biodiversity -
Press Release



From left to right:

Lianna Harvey – First prize
Asheba Williamson – Second prize
Katana Finlason - Honorable Mention

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 5 - 9 October 2010 Montego Bay | <u>Fourteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme</u> |
| 5 October 2010 Montego Bay | <u>Sixth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) in the Wider Caribbean Region</u> |



Japan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=jp

National website

www.pref.ishikawa.jp/kikaku/closing2010/index_e.html

Official Partners

Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee – Japan www.cop10.jp/aichi-nagoya/english

EPO Hokkaido – Japan www.epohok.jp

Global Development Research Center www.gdrc.org/sustdev/biodiv/index.html

Japan Civil Network for the Convention on Biological Diversity www.cbdnet.jp

MERRY PROJECT www.merryproject.com

The Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) www.apn-gcr.org

United Nations University www.unu.edu

Main activities

Doodle 4 Google 2010

実施概要

テーマ「地球のなかまたち」

今年は国連の定める「生物多様性年」です。皆さんの身近な植物や生物、生態系の成り立ち、自然について理解を深め、Google のロゴマークになぞらえて Doodle を作ってください。

参加資格

日本在住の小中高生であれば、どなたでも参加できます。ただし、学校の先生の指導のもと、グループ（クラス、クラブ、部活動など）単位での参加をお願いします。

※先生の指導のもとであれば、参加希望者のみの有志のグループでの参加も可能です。

※高校生部門は、全日制の高校を対象としています。

コンテスト部門

4つの部門での最優秀作品を選びます。

さらに、その中から、グランプリ受賞作品を選びます。

小学校 1～3 年生部門

小学校 4～6 年生部門

中学生部門

高校生部門



もっと

Video Message from MISIA, Honorary Ambassador for the tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP10)

[Download MPG \(24MB\)](#) or [watch on Youtube](#)

25 January 2010, **Kick off event in Tokyo!**

“International Symposium on Cities and Satoyama Landscapes”

Date & time: 22 May 2010, from 14:00 to 16:30

Venue: Meijo University, Nagoya, Aichi

Organiser: Japanese Institute of Landscape Architecture (JILA)

Co-organised by: URBIO 2010

23 May 2010, **Sub-global Assessment of Satoyama and Satoumi in Japan: Launching the Cluster Findings towards CBD/COP-10**

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 16 January 2010 Nagoya, Aichi | <u>The Aichi-Nagoya Celebration : The Opening of the International Year of Biodiversity</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Institut de l'Environnement et de Recherches Agricoles |
| 27 February 2010 Tokyo | Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (IR3S) Symposium to Commemorate the International Year of Biodiversity <i>Organized by:</i> Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| 8 - 9 October 2010 Nagoya | Joint CBD-Aarhus Convention Workshop <i>Organized by:</i> Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| 11 - 29 October 2010 Nagoya | Celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity during COP-MOP 5 and COP 10 <i>Organized by:</i> Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| 27 October 2010 Nagoya | <u>Biodiversity World Tour - Stop #3: In the past decade, international organizations have set lofty goals for biodiversity preservation in the coming century. How will policymakers, farmers, researchers, and NGOs come together as one to meet these challenges?</u> |
| 18 - 19 December 2010 Kanazawa | <u>Closing of IYB : Contribution to the International Year of Forests</u> |



Jordan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=jo

Main activities

خطة العمل الوطنية للاحتفال بالسنة الدولية للتنوع الحيوي
2010

Jordan's action plan (Arabic) to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity.

الصفحة الرئيسية

Website of the Ministry of Environment

24 May 2010, Jordan celebrated the International Day for Biodiversity.

24 May 2010, under the sponsorship of H.E the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Environment convened the main celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity on Monday 24th May, 2010. The meeting was attended by the Minister of Environment, Minister of Education and the president of the syndicate of journalist and several stakeholders. IUCN, the Royal Botanical Garden and the Royal Society for Conservation of Nature participated also in the event. Several presentations were made on the progress towards 2010 target and Jordan efforts in this regard. At the event, awards were distributed to students who won the competition organized by the Ministry of Environment on biodiversity. Awards were also distributed to journalists- winners of the best articles on Zarqa river- one of the most degraded ecosystems in Jordan.

Click here to review the mass media coverage of the event.



Kazakhstan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=kz

Main activities

National Aarhus center of Kazakhstan

As the list of national celebrations and other biodiversity-related initiatives are developed and approved by the Government of Kazakhstan, they will be available on the website of the National Aarhus center, and distributed among NGOs and public, and will actively participate in their implementation. More details about the center (pdf).

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|--|
| 1 - 30 April 2010 Astana | Tulips Festival in Kazakhstan |
| 22 May 2010 Astana | Kazakhstan celebrates the International Day of Biodiversity |
| 17 - 18 September 2010 | <u>Стерх собирает друзей – 2010 / Siberian Crane -2010 collects friends</u> |
| 17 - 18 September 2010 Karamendy | V International Festival - "The Crane Gathers Friends 2010" |
| 8 December 2010 Aktau | Caspian Day |



Kenya

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ke

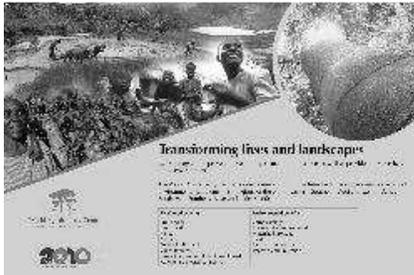
Official Partners

The Global Invasive Species Programme www.gisp.org

United Nations Environment Programme www.unep.org/iyb

Main activities

Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources



Display panels produced by the World Agroforestry Centre to raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity in Kenya.

The third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3) will be launched on 10 May 2010 in Nairobi during the during the SBSTTA/WGRmeetings of CBD. Launch GBP-3 in at least one other country on 10 May 2010 and a wide distribution in Universities. Possibilities of unpackaging the information to fit various audiences including the youth and community based actors will be explored.

22 May 2010 - **International Day of Biodiversity** - Celebrations in Kenya.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 21 March - 10 May 2010 Nairobi | <u>Distribution of a special edition DVD of the Catalogue of Life 2010 Annual Checklist</u> |
| 10 - 21 May 2010 Nairobi | IBY Celebrations at SBSTTA 14 <i>Organized by:</i> United Nations Environment Programme |
| 19 - 21 May 2010 Nairobi | <u>Ecological Conference: Climate Change and Natural Resource Use in Eastern Africa : Impacts, adaptations and mitigation</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Ecological Society for Eastern Africa |
| 24 - 28 May 2010 Nairobi | IBY Celebrations at WGRI 3 <i>Organized by:</i> United Nations Environment Programme |
| 5 June 2010 Nairobi | <u>World Environment Day</u> <i>Organized by:</i> United Nations Environment Programme |



Kiribati

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ki

Main activities

Please click here to view the **Ministry of Environment, Land & Agriculture Development website**

Kiribati Development Plan: 2008-2011

The theme of this plan is "Enhancing economic growth for sustainable development" and the vision is 'A vibrant economy for the people of Kiribati.' This is what Government is all about. It is for the people and to ensure that the benefits derived from the growth of the economy is felt and enjoyed by all its people.

Restoring Biodiversity One Island At A Time

2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity but evidence from the United Nations shows biodiversity is in a perilous state of decline. Nadine Koszler looks at how Kiribati is taking steps in the right direction to conserve the Pacific island nation's unique environment.



Kiribati and Phoenix Islands Blog (English)

Blog written by the New England Aquarium

Kuwait

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=kw

Main activities

The State of Kuwait celebrates the International Year of Biodiversity ([Arabic](#)) - ([English](#))

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 21 - 23 November 2010 Safat | <u>Impact of Climate Change on Biodiversity and Agriculture</u> |

Kyrgyzstan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=kg

Main activities

Pastures for the future in Kyrgyzstan

What on Youtube



Lao's People's Democratic Republic

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=la



Main activities

Achieving Convention on Biological Diversity targets in Lao PDR

IUCN Lao is working to strengthen the Lao delegation at the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP 10 in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010. Drawing on a capacity assessment, participants to the Lao COP 10 delegation will be selected and provided with training and preparation for the international meeting. Lao's past, current and future conservation targets will be identified and analyzed.

Source: [IUCN Events - Event](#)

Latvia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=lv



Main activities

[Home page of the Ministry of Environment of Latvia](#)

[Celebrations of the International Day of Biodiversity, 22 May](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 22 May 2010 Vidzeme | Gauja National Park Guided Tours |
| 22 May 2010 Jurmala | Kemeru National Park Guided Cycling Tour |
| 22 May 2010 Rezekne | Razna National Park Guided Tours |
| 22 May 2010 Dundaga Parish | Slitere National Park Guided Tours |
| 22 May 2010 Laudona | Teici Nature Reserve Guided Tours |
| 22 May 2010 Salacgriva | North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve Guided Tours |



Lebanon

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=lb

Main activities

Célébration au Liban de l'Année Internationale de la biodiversité.

Shouf Biosphere Reserve

Environmental Highlights:

Some of the highest mountains in the Middle East, providing a full wealth of ecosystem services including wild genes pool, freshwater storage, climate mitigation, hydro-geologic balance, and aesthetic/leisure value

The largest stands of Lebanese Cedars, one of the World's great tree icons

Rich flora and plenty of medicinal plants with high potential economic value

Interesting wildlife with a good potential for restoration through the reintroduction of charismatic species such as Ibex, Gazelle, Vultures, etc

A crossroads for bird migration, strategically located on the routes between Europe, Africa, and West Asia

Our awareness campaign for this year is under the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. The poster for the campaign has been designed with school teachers and students.



The campaign includes:

1. A workshop for the school teachers
2. A competition in the schools (drawings and stories about biodiversity features, threats, etc)

Also, an exhibition in Italy was held on 24-29 May 2010, the campaign logo was added on the tickets of one party of the Beiteddine International Festival

The Garden Show & Spring Festival

Edition N°7 - l'art de vivre au jardin 25-29 May 20 10 Beirut Hippodrome



Awareness campaign for the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity in Lebanon / Organized by Shouf Biosphere Reserve



The campaign includes:

Rally for Nature, sportive environmental activities for the schools that surrounding the Shouf Biosphere Reserve. [Click here to review some of the photos \(ZIP File 3MB\)](#).

A workshop for the school teachers

A competition in the schools (drawings and stories about biodiversity features, threats, etc).

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------|---|
| 21 May 2010 Beirut | International Biodiversity Day at AUB |
| 5 June 2010 Beirut | World Environment Day 2010 Celebration |
| 3 July 2010 Beirut | <u>Beiteddine International Festival</u> |

Lesotho

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ls



Main activities

Please click here to view the IYB Progress Report from Lesotho's Ministry of Environment

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------|---|
| 11 June 2010 Maseru | <u>Commemoration of the International Year of Biodiversity</u> |

Liberia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=lr



Main activities

Poverty an obstacle to saving Liberia's rainforest

Despite efforts to introduce more sustainable ways to live off the forest, poverty is the biggest threat to biodiversity, Johansen Voker, the acting executive director of Liberia's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ly

Main activities

2010 International Year of Biodiversity Website launched

To contribute to the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity, the United Nations General Assembly will convene in September 2010 a high-level event with participation of Heads of State and Government exclusively devoted to biodiversity. In his message to the international community, the President of the sixty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. Ali Treki from Libya stated that this event "offers a unique opportunity to fully engage the world leaders to respond collectively to the magnitude of the biodiversity crisis." [Please click here to view the complete article.](#)

[Celebration of World Tourism Day by UNWTO in Libya focusing on biological diversity as a contribution to IYB \(in Arabic\).](#)

[Celebration of World Environment Day \(5 June\) by UNDP in Libya \(in Arabic\).](#)

Liechtenstein

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=li

Main activities



Jahr der Biodiversität 2010 - Eröffnungsveranstaltung
(in German)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1 April 2010 Vaduz | Internationales Biodiversitätsjahr 2010 - Eröffnungsveranstaltung |



Lithuania

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=lt

Main activities

22 May 2010 - International Day for Biodiversity

To mark the International Day of Biodiversity, students and scientists alike explored the grounds of Rudininku on 29 May. Scientists spent a 24 hour period looking to identify as many species found in the area as possible. Although Rudininku was formerly an army training site from 1945 to 1980, today the natural biodiversity of the region has been restored. Local officials are hoping to build a “natural history trail” in which visitors would be able to not only learn about the various species found in the park but also about the park’s history. [Read more.](#)

Luxembourg

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=lu

Main activities

Le programme et activités du Ministère du développement durable et des Infrastructures, ainsi que des ses partenaires, dans le cadre de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité. Le Ministère a mis en place un partenariat spécialement dédié à la célébration de ce événement mondial, regroupant une quarantaine d'organisations d'horizons très diversifiées, faisant preuve de la complexité et de pluridisciplinarité de la conservation de la nature et de la biodiversité. L'inauguration officielle de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité a eu lieu le 9 février 2010 sous forme d'une conférence de presse en présence de nos partenaires. Parmi les points forts du programme figurent la publication d'une boîte à outils éducative sur la biodiversité destinée aux écoles et foyers du jour, le lancement d'un concours créatif sur la biodiversité s'adressant aux enfants et adolescents, la publication d'un livre sur le réseau *Natura 2000* au Luxembourg, la célébration de la journée mondiale de la biodiversité ou encore le lancement d'un programme permanent de monitoring de la biodiversité au niveau national. Toutes les informations relatives il la célébration de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité au Luxembourg sont accessibles il travers le site internet www.biodiv.lu. Par ailleurs, [une plateforme interactive d'échanges](#) sur internet sur la biodiversité a été créée et la promotion de nos activités et soutenue par la présence de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité sur Facebook à l'instar de la CDB.

22 May 2010 - International Day for Biodiversity 2010 in Luxembourg: A biodiversity picnic.

A calendar and a New Year card illustrated by a young female artist living in Luxembourg will promote the Year.



Madagascar

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mg



Main activities



Rapport sur le lancement de l'Année Internationale de la Biodiversité et la célébration de la Journée Mondiale des Zones Humides.



Malawi

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mw

Main activities

Tropical Biology Association

The Tropical Biology Association is developing capacity and building links for biodiversity research and conservation in Africa and South East Asia. Through its training courses and follow-up support, the TBA is creating an informed, motivated community of tropical biologists with the potential to have a significant impact.

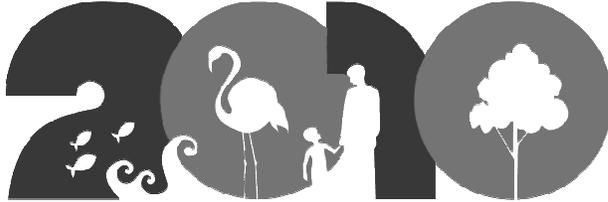
Dr Cecilia Maliwichi-Nyirenda is a trailblazer for female botanists in Malawi, having become the first female scientist to join the National Botanic Gardens in Malawi. In addition to her work at LEAD, she is the founder of a non-profit making organization, Indigenous Knowledge Centre, whose aim is to compile Malawi's rich indigenous knowledge, culture, traditions and beliefs. She is a prolific publisher in her field.



Malaysia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=my

Main activities



2010 Tahun Biodiversiti Antarabangsa

Key events for International Year of Biodiversity in Malaysia. Organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. More information can be found [by clicking here](#).

National celebrations will be launched during the Second meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.



River Restoration in Conjunction with World Biodiversity Day 2010

To restore the natural environment and enhance the river's biodiversity, GEC initiated restoration works for the source of Pencala River on 10th May 2010. This was also to celebrate and promote the International Year of Biodiversity 2010. The restoration works was carried out in partnership with the National Landscape Department and Federal Territory Drainage and Irrigation Department and funded by GAB Foundation.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 17 - 18 January 2010 Pulau Carey | <u>COP (Community Outreach Program)</u> |
| 26 January 2010 Kuala Lumpur | <u>Book Launching: "Beauty beyond the Land"</u> |
| 20 March - 3 April 2010 Kuala Lumpur | <u>Marine Parks @ Zoo Negara</u> |
| 27 March 2010 Pahang | <u>Rainforest to Reef 2010 (March)</u> |
| 31 March - 3 April 2010 Terengganu | <u>Reef Watchers Orientation Course</u> |
| 10 April 2010 Terengganu | <u>Rainforest to Reef 2010 (April)</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Jalan Kelantan | <u>Penrissen Range Important Bird Area (IBA) Site Dedication launch in conjunction with the World Biodiversity Day and the MNS 70th Year Anniversary</u> |



Maldives

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mv

Main activities

The International Year of Biodiversity was officially launched in the Maldives by Dr. Mohamed Waheed Hassan Manik, Vice President of the Republic of Maldives in a ceremony held on the 18th of February.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 18 February 2010 Male | Launch of the International Year of Biodiversity in the Maldives |
| 27 - 28 February 2010 Male | <u>National Workshop on Blue Flag Beach Conservation Project in South Asia (Male)</u> |



Mali

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ml

Main activities

The 13th regular session of AMCEN- May/June 2010 in Mali will provide excellent opportunity and platform to raise the issue of Biodiversity high at the political agenda in Africa through ministerial policy dialogue. It is expected that a specific decision will be made by the African ministers and would feed into the AU process as a contribution to the meeting of the Heads of State on 20 September 2010 at the UN General Assembly session on biodiversity in preparation for the tenth Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010.

Mali held a launch for the International Year of Biodiversity logo and has plans to celebrate the Year.



Malta

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mt

Main activities

Malta has launched a National Biodiversity Campaign with various events. This also included a press event and a site visit to one of our protected areas in conjunction with the Biodiversity Day (22nd May). For more information please visit: Malta Environment & Planning Authority (MEPA).



Marshall Islands

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mh

Main activities

Pacific meets at CBD COP 10 in Nagoya

The Pacific region is uniting at the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 10) for which the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is providing a coordinating role through technical and communication expertise.

There are 14 Pacific island countries attending The Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. [Full Article](#)



Mauritania

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mr

Main activities

[Note relative à l'Agenda National pour la célébration de l'année 2010 proclamée Année internationale de la biodiversité par l'Organisation des Nations Unies \(ONU\).](#)

[Communication en Conseil des Ministres relative à l'Agenda de la République Islamique de Mauritanie pour la célébration de l'année 2010 proclamée Année internationale de la biodiversité par l'Organisation des Nations Unies \(ONU\).](#)

[Communication en Conseil des Ministres relative à l'Agenda de la République Islamique de Mauritanie pour la célébration de l'année 2010 proclamée Année Internationale de la Biodiversité par l'Organisation des Nations Unies \(ONU\) - 18/03/2010.](#)

Annexes

[Célébration de l'Année international de la biodiversité en Mauritanie. Documents.](#)

[The department of Protection of Nature celebrates the International Year of Biodiversity.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 27 June - 1 July 2010 Nouakchott | La biodiversité, notre sécurité dans un monde en changement. 5e Forum côtier et marin en Afrique de l'Ouest |



Mauritius

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mu

Official Partners

Vallée de Ferney-Conservation Trust www.valleedeforney.com



Mexico

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mx

National Committee

Liga Periférico - Insurgentes Sur, Núm. 4903, Col. Parques del Pedregal, Delegación Tlalpan, 14010 | México, D.F.
Tel.: 5004-5000

National website

www.biodiversidad.gob.mx

Official Partners

National Commission for Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity www.biodiversidad.gob.mx

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México biodiversidad2010mexico.unam.mx

Main activities

The first activities (January, February, March) are being organized by the National Commission on Biodiversity for the International Year of Biodiversity. As more activities come up, we will post them here.

[Events in Mexico \(English\)](#)

[Actividades en México \(Español\)](#)

We invite you to visit the new portal on Mexican Biodiversity www.biodiversidad.gob.mx. It is both in English and Spanish and contains a lot of information, poetry, music, videos and an amazing children section.

On 28 January, Comarca Lagunera Coahuila-Durango, México launched their celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity. [See the programme of upcoming lectures and special events.](#)



Una mirada a la biodiversidad de Colima

Photographic exhibition to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity in Mexico, driven by the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and the Colima State Government through the University of Colima. [Photos](#)



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 24 February 2010 Mexico City | Inauguración oficial del Año Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica |
| 10 March 2010 Mexico City | <u>Inauguración de la exposición: BioDiversidad Mexicana</u> |
| 5 - 8 April 2010 Monterrey | <u>Circle of Conferences: International Year of Biodiversity</u> |
| 20 - 23 May 2010 Guanajuato | Celebración del Año Internacional de la Biodiversidad Biológica |
| 21 - 23 May 2010 Mexico City | <u>La Milpa: Baluarte de Nuestra Diversidad Biológica y Cultural // Organized by: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Leon | Marcha por la Defensa de la Biodiversidad |
| 22 May 2010 Mexico City | <u>Celebración del Día Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica</u> |
| 6 - 10 June 2010 Xalapa | <u>Fifty-First Conference of the Society for Economic Botany : Agriobiodiversity, Lessons for Conservation and Local Development / Organized by Society for Economic Botany</u> |
| 14 - 24 June 2010 Los Mochis | Ciclo de Conferencias “Año Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica” |
| 7 - 9 July 2010 Los Mochis | Exposición fotográfica: “La Diversidad Biológica en el Estado de Sinaloa” |
| 15 - 16 July 2010 Mexico city | <u>Environmental Journalism Seminar and Workshop // Sustainable Development and Biodiversity: Biological Diversity, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation</u> |
| 25 August - 25 November 2010 Los Mochis | TALLERES: “Importancia de la Diversidad Biológica” |
| 20 September - 15 October 2010 Puebla | <u>"Inspired by Nature" competition</u> |
| 27 - 28 September 2010 Monterrey | <u>Conferencias de la Biodiversidad: Biodiversidad Marina</u> |
| 14 - 15 October 2010 Xalapa | <u>V Coloquio Estudiantil “2010 – Año Internacional de la Biodiversidad”</u> |

Micronesia (Federated State of)

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=fm



Main activities

October, 2010. Polynesia, Melanesia challenged

Willy Kostka, of the Micronesia Conservation Trust, spoke during a press conference at the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 10) in Nagoya, Japan.



Monaco

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mc

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 - 5 June 2010 Monte Carlo | <u>Monacology 2010</u> |
| 11 June 2010 Monaco | Exposition: Jean-Baptiste Lamarck et la botanique à Monaco |
| 17 June 2010 Oujda | <u>Célébration de la Journée Mondiale de la Désertification</u> |

Mongolia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mn



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 22 May 2010 Ulan Bator | World Biodiversity Day |

Montenegro

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=me



Main activities

IYB Celebrations in Montenegro

To celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010, Montenegro accomplished three main activities throughout the year. The first event consisted of an Eco Fair that was done during April, in Podgorica. The second event was a public campaign that lasted throughout the year to promote biodiversity. Finally, during the year, many activities were organised to promote biodiversity and, most importantly, the conservation of habitats in Montenegro.



Morocco

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ma

Official Partners

Marine Turtles Protection Association in Morocco www.atomm.org

Main activities

Le Maroc a mis en place le **Comité National** de l'Année Internationale de la Diversité Biologique (AIB) 2010. Il s'agit du Comité National de la Biodiversité qui s'est réuni en décembre 2009 pour établir un programme d'activités pour célébrer l'AIB 2010.

[Programme des festivités entreprises par le Maroc à l'occasion de la célébration de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité \(janvier-mai 2010\)](#)

[Rapport d'activités de célébration de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité 2010 \(Avril 2010 pdf\)](#)

[Association Marocaine pour l'Écotourisme et la Protection de la Nature](#) (AMEPN)

L'AMEPN projette d'organiser plusieurs manifestations cette année et espère contribuer par des actions sur le terrain pour sauver ce qui reste de ce patrimoine naturel inestimable.

La **Caravane de la Moulouya** est une exposition mobile lancée le 12 janvier à Oujda avant de se rendre à Berkane, Nador, Taourirt, Guercif, Missour et Midelt. Cette campagne de sensibilisation se propose d'être à la fois festive et scientifique. Elle s'inscrit dans le cadre du projet initié par l'UICN et l'Agence du bassin hydraulique de la Moulouya, dont l'objectif principal est la sensibilisation et la communication des résultats du diagnostic de la biodiversité aquatique dans le bassin hydraulique de la Moulouya aux différents acteurs locaux. Le but est aussi la responsabilisation personnelle et citoyenne à la protection et à la préservation des ressources en eau de la Moulouya et à la protection de la biodiversité aquatique.

Notant que l'environnement est actuellement au cœur du débat au Maroc, cette caravane s'inscrit en droite ligne avec les directives Royales pour la mise en place de la Charte Nationale de l'Environnement et anticipe également les activités au niveau national de l'AIB 2010.

Outre la distribution de dépliants de l'ABHM et d'affiches et de livrets pédagogiques de sensibilisation, des échantillons de la faune et de la flore seront exposés au public avec également des collections et des observations sous la loupe binoculaire et présentation du matériel d'échantillonnage. Une conférence sur la Biodiversité aquatique de la Moulouya, les sources de la pollution et la responsabilité citoyenne des riverains envers la biodiversité dans ce bassin figure également au programme.

2 février 2010, en commémoration de la **Journée Mondiale des Zones Humides**, et dans le cadre de la célébration de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité 2010, le Haut Commissariat aux Eaux et Forêts et à la Lutte Contre la Désertification a organisé, en collaboration avec l'Institut Scientifique de Rabat, le Groupe de Recherche pour la Protection des Oiseaux au Maroc (GREPOM), la Société Protectrice des Animaux et de la Nature (SPANNA), le projet PRONALCD/GTZ et BirdLife International, une journée d'information et de sensibilisation sur l'importance de ces écosystèmes humides.

23-25 février 2010, [Lancement des Célébrités de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité](#)



22 mai 2010, **Journée Internationale de la biodiversité**

Le Maroc a célébré la Journée internationale de la biodiversité 2010. A cette occasion, le Département de l'Environnement, en partenariat avec la Province d'Ifrane, l'Institut Scientifique de Rabat et l'Association Marocaine de Biodiversité, a organisé une journée de sensibilisation le 22 mai 2010 à Ifrane.

4 et 5 Juin 2010, **Les journées scientifiques sous le thème « Des millions d'espèces - Une planète - Un avenir commun »**

Ces journées ont été organisées par l'Association des Jeunes Chercheurs de la Faculté des Sciences, Université Mohammed Premier d'Oujda et ce les 4 et 5 juin 2010 à Oujda. Ces journées ont organisées à l'occasion de la Journée Mondiale de l'Environnement, et de l'Année internationale de la biodiversité.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 2 February 2010 Rabat | <u>Journée Mondiale des Zones Humides : "Prendre soin des zones humides : une réponse aux changements climatiques"</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Department of Environment |
| 19 - 21 February 2010 Marrakech | <u>Journées Scientifiques sur la conservation des espèces menacées</u> |
| 23 - 25 February 2010 Rabat | <u>Journées Oiseaux d'eau et zones humides au Maroc</u> |
| 24 - 28 May 2010 Al Hoceima | <u>Atelier sur la CESP pour les gestionnaires des aires protégées en Afrique du Nord</u> |
| 27 - 28 May 2010 Rabat | <u>Les Sixièmes Journées Nationales de Biodiversité</u> |
| 4 - 5 June 2010 Oujda | <u>Les journées scientifiques sous le thème « Des millions d'espèces- Une planète- Un avenir commun »</u> |
| 11 June 2010 Rabat | <u>Table ronde sur le rôle des ONG dans la protection de la biodiversité</u> |
| 10 - 11 July 2010 Al Hoceima | <u>Operation Delphis Maroc 2010</u> |

11 juin 2010, **Table ronde sur le rôle des ONG dans la protection de la biodiversité**

Cet événement a été organisé par le Département de l'Environnement le 11 juin 2010 à Rabat sous le thème « Des Millions d'Espèces - Une planète - Un Avenir commun ».

17 juin 2010, **Célébration de la Journée Mondiale de la Désertification**

Le Haut Commissariat aux Eaux et Forêts et à la Lutte Contre la Désertification a organisé, le 17 juin 2010 à Oujda une rencontre sous le thème "Gérer durablement les espaces sylvo-pastoraux de l'Oriental, c'est contribuer à la conservation de la biodiversité". Cette rencontre a pour but de faire le point sur les réalisations en matière de lutte contre la désertification dans la région pour dynamiser l'action à l'avenir au niveau national et régional.



Mozambique

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mz

Main activities

Workshop on Biodiversity Conservation: A challenge towards sustainable development in Mozambique, held on June 3, 2010 at the Museum of Natural History. (Report PT).

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------|--|
| 2 - 3 June 2010 Maputo | Workshop on Biodiversity Conservation: A challenge towards sustainable development in Mozambique. |



Myanmar

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mm

Main activities

The Government of the Union of Myanmar celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22 May.

The National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) marked the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity during first week of April in Nay Pyi Taw. The national plan to celebrate the IYB includes:

1. Speech to be made by the Chairman of NCEA and Ministry of Forestry
2. Video Show
3. Paper reading sessions
4. Exhibition (National Parks, Protected Areas)

Goal at national level

"Food security and economic development of Myanmar by enhancing agriculture biodiversity through plant genetic resources conservation and their sustainable utilization"

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--------------------------|--|
| 22 May 2010 Naypyidaw | Celebration of The International Year of Biodiversity |



Namibia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=na

Official Partners

BRinK - Biological Research in Kuzikus www.brink-namibia.com/biodiversity

Kuzikus www.kuzikus-namibia.de

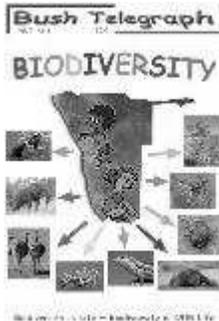
Main activities

Namibia officially launched the celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 by announcing its national program of events, activities and others celebrations. [National biodiversity activities plan for 2010 \(PDF\)](#).



22 May 2010 - **International Day for Biodiversity**

Over 100 participants were involved in diverse excursions at Brandberg on 8 May. Groups were divided into one of six groups, depending on their area of interest. In the evening, all groups met to discuss their findings. There was consensus among all groups that maintaining a vast array of ecosystems and species is crucial to maintaining and supporting mankind. The lessons learned from these excursions were later passed on at a joint Ministry and University Symposium held on 21 May. [Read more.](#)



NaDEET

Recent issue of the Bush Telegraph magazine focuses on biodiversity and its importance in the environment. *It's Time to Identify*: another identification booklet aimed at children and adults about animals and plants in the Namid Desert.

[Read more.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 30 - 31 July 2010 Swakopmund | <u>Coastal Biodiversity Weekend</u> |
| 1 - 30 September 2010 Karas | 19th International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment |



Nauru

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=nr

Main activities

Nauru is one of the members of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

SPREP is a regional organisation established by the governments and administrations of the Pacific region to look after its environment.

[Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity](#)

[2010 International Year of Biodiversity: a Strategic Framework for the Pacific](#)



Nepal

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=np

Official Partners

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development www.icimod.org

Team for Nature and Wildlife www.tnwnepal.org/rhino.htm

Main activities

A high level action committee under the auspices of the National Biodiversity Coordination Committee of Nepal has been formed to celebrate this year as the International Year of Biodiversity. Several programmes will be organised during the year 2010, some of them include an international conference on biodiversity and climate change in the Himalayas, a national conference on traditional medicine and medical practitioners, awareness campaigns involving school children, friends of zoo, eco-clubs, guest speeches in the college and universities, capacity building on biodiversity documentation, national biodiversity fare, establishment of a gene bank, etc. Over 50 different stakeholders including those working in biodiversity and climate change, civil society, local community groups, academia, government and non-government organisations and private sectors are involved in organising International Year of Biodiversity activities.

ICIMOD celebrates the International Day for Biological Diversity 22 May 2010

ICIMOD's Celebrations Reports:

January-May

June

August



Photo: ICIMOD. Expert monitoring the herbal garden

Calendar of events

Dates and Venue

Event

22 May 2010

Kathmandu

Internal Day of Biodiversity Celebrations in Nepal

21 September 2010

Katmandu

Rhino Cup Football Match 2010



Netherlands

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=nl

National website

<http://en.biodiversiteit.nl/start>

Official Partners

Aviornis International Netherlands www.aviornis.nl

Corpus Acrobatics www.corpus-acrobatics.nl

European Association of Zoos and Aquaria www.eaza.net

Green Fudge/Environmental blog www.greenfudge.org

Happy Stones www.stapelmuur.webklik.nl

Wetlands International www.wetlands.org

Main activities

The National Committee is planning events for the year.



366 gestes pour la biodiversité

(Belgique - in French and Dutch only)

Vous aimez observer les plantes dans la rue et vous promener dans la nature (en restant sur les sentiers bien sûr!) ? Vous mangez de préférence des fruits et légumes de saison? En hiver, vous nourrissez les oiseaux tous les jours? Après les fêtes, vous recyclez votre sapin de Noël et les bouchons de liège des bouteilles?

Sans le savoir, vous faites déjà beaucoup pour la biodiversité. Des gestes quotidiens souvent très simples comme ceux-là suffisent à protéger les richesses de la nature.

Et des gestes, il y en a beaucoup... au moins un par jour!

On January 28, 2010, The Netherlands celebrates the launch of the International Year of Biodiversity. The Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality and the Minister of Education, Culture and Science will attend the festivities. It will be a high-level event which also celebrates the launch of the Dutch National Center of Biodiversity: NCB Naturalis. This state of the art institute will assemble, make accessible and exhibit the largest part of the Dutch natural history collections of plants and animals. The establishment of the National Center of Biodiversity is one of the ways in which the Dutch Government contributes to the national as well as international conservation of biodiversity. It will provide significant support for public information and scientific research and education on the subject of biodiversity.



Organized by the NCB Naturalis and the Dutch National Committee IYB2010.
 Contact: [Harald Wouters](#), NCB Naturalis and the [Dutch National Committee IYB2010](#).



BIODIVERSITEIT (*Dutch only*)

Wat is eigenlijk biodiversiteit? Geschikt voor alle leerlingen op school vanaf ongeveer groep 5! Werkboek te downloaden! [Klik hier voor een kijkje in het boek !](#)

Voor dit gratis werkboek over de biodiversiteit zijn ook alle antwoorden beschikbaar. Het enige dat u hoeft te doen, is een mailtje sturen naar info@slimme-uilen.nl vanaf uw eigen e-mailadres. U krijgt dan het uitgebreide antwoordenboekje opgestuurd.



State of the World's Waterbirds 2010

This booklet aims to summarise what is known about the status of waterbird populations in different parts of the world. It shows how numbers and population trends compare from region to region, and how they changed between the 1970s and the 2000s. [Website](#)



Biodiversity loss and the global water crisis - A fact book on the links between biodiversity and water security

Globally we are facing a water crisis. This booklet aims to highlight the links between this water crisis and biodiversity loss. Both are the result of the same root causes and both problems reinforce each other. The booklet draws on the knowledge and understanding developed by Wetlands International and its partners over many years and is supplemented with key information from other, peer reviewed studies. [Website](#)

Calendar of events

Dates and Venue

Event

1 January - 31 December 2010
Leiden

Battle for biodiversity

1 January - 31 December 2010
Leiden

Biodiversity tell tales

1 January - 31 December 2010
Leiden

Biodiversity tours

1 January - 31 December 2010
Leiden

Biodiversity quiz

22 - 23 September 2010
Leiden

Living with Biodiversity: People, Knowledge, Politics



New Zealand

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=nz

National Committee

Conservation House - Whare Kaupapa Atawhai
18 - 32 Manners Street
Wellington 6011
Email: enquiries@doc.govt.nz

National website

www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/events-and-awards/international-year-of-biodiversity

Official Partners

Department of Conservation - New Zealand www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/events-and-awards/international-year-of-biodiversity

Landcare Research New Zealand Ltd (Manaaki Whenua) www.landcareresearch.co.nz

Wellington Zoo www.wellingtonzoo.com

Main activities

[New Zealand's Website for the International Year of Biodiversity](#)

Students from the Maori immersion class at Te Kura A Rito O Newton (Newton School) in Central Auckland have won major awards as part of a nationwide photographic competition held to celebrate the 2010 United Nations International Year of Biodiversity.

[Website – Photographs – New Zealand National Commission \(UNESCO\) facebook Fan Page](#)

[Activity update - Department of Conservation](#)

The Department of Conservation is leading the New Zealand government in the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity.

Official launch

The Department announced its involvement with the International Year of Biodiversity with a media release on Friday 29 January. The media release ([Appendix A](#)) promoted the appointment of a critically endangered native parrot, a kakapo, as Spokesbird for Conservation. The Spokesbird for Conservation is a multi-level campaign involving social media, traditional media and event production to highlight New Zealand's biodiversity.

The announcement received media coverage in New Zealand, Australia, the US, the UK, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Romania, Russia, Poland and India.

Social media activities include Twitter entries, Facebook page entries, Facebook fanpage, Youtube videos, and dialogue with online communities of interest.

Sirocco - world's first Spokesbird for Conservation

[Watch on Youtube](#)

Websites

The Department's involvement in the International Year of Biodiversity and information about New Zealand's biodiversity has been published to [the Department's website](#) .



The [multi-New Zealand agency website](#) has been updated to provide a link to the Department's website for International Year of Biodiversity information.

Events and community engagement activities

The Department is liaising with other government agencies including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Ministry for the Environment, the Ministry of Fisheries and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and will be planning activities in association with local government, organisations such as Landcare Research and Non-Government Organisations.

In April the Department is hosting an international workshop focussing on collaboration of regions with islands around the issue of invasive species management and biodiversity protection.

Our ongoing community engagement work includes aligning our national events programme, such as World Wetlands Day, Seaweed Week and Arbor Day, with International Year of Biodiversity. A full list of national events is provided ([Appendix B](#)).

Conservancies and area offices around New Zealand are linking regional activities and events to the International Year of Biodiversity. [A full list of regional events can be located on our website](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|--|
| 26 February - 22 May 2010 Ashburton | <u>Ō Tū Wharekai photo competition</u> |
| 17 - 18 April 2010 Auckland | <u>BioBlitz 2010 : Finding Nature in the City / Organized by New Zealand Landcare Research Trust, in collaboration with Museum of Auckland, Department of Conservation, and Auckland City and Regional Councils</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Wellington | Celebrations for International Day for Biological Diversity |
| 22 May - 26 November 2010 Wellington | <u>IYB Photo Competition</u> |
| 22 May - 13 September 2010 Canterbury | <u>MyBiodiversity Film competition</u> |
| 28 July 2010 Auckland | <u>Biodiversity lecture: endangered native fish</u> |
| 25 August 2010 Auckland | <u>Biodiversity lecture: urban forest plan</u> |
| 15 October 2010 Canterbury | <u>Biodiversity Express</u> |



Nicaragua

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ni



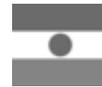
Main activities

Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources - MARENA :

[Awareness campaign in Nicaragua – Leaflet \(Spanish\)](#)
[National Reforestation Crusade - "The living forest" - National Plan and Progress Report 2010 \(Spanish\)](#)

22 May 2010 - International Day for Biodiversity

At the **Parque Nacional Volcan Masaya**, there was a day long celebration. Individuals from a variety of backgrounds, ranging from students to biologists to environmental enthusiasts arrived at the park early in the morning. All participants were divided into groups in accordance with their interests. The participants went on different excursions depending on the focus of their group, bird, mammal, vegetation or reptiles. At the end of the day the groups met to discuss their experiences. As the grand finale, Nicaragua's Katia Cardinal and her daughter Alfonsina put on an environmentally themed concert for all the participants. [Read more.](#)



Niger

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ne

Main activities

[Programme of activities for the International Year of Biodiversity 2010.](#)

[Programme of activities for the International Day for Biodiversity 2010.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 22 May 2010 Molli Haoussa | Open days on the « W » park |



Nigeria

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ng

Main activities

University of Agriculture Abeokuta (UNAAB), excerpts from UNAAB Bulletin May 24, 2010
UNAAB Is Committed To BioDiversity Sustainability — VC

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun has described the newly established Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR) in the University as a confirmation of the University's commitment to the sustainability of biodiversity. [Read more](#)

[Activities organized by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture \(IITA\) and its partners to mark the International Year of Biodiversity.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------|--|
| 22 May 2010 Ibadan | The Biodiversity Battle of the Brains, Quiz contest |

Niue

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=nu

Main activities

Niue is member of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme ([SPREP](#)).

SPREP is a regional organisation established by the governments and administrations of the Pacific region to look after its environment.

[Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity](#)

[2010 International Year of Biodiversity: a Strategic Framework for the Pacific](#)



Norway

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=no

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Official Partners

Globalis (Norwegian UN Association) www.globalis.no/Tema/Miljoe-og-klima/Naturmangfold

Kristiansand Dyrepark www.dyreparken.no

Ministry of Foreign Affairs: International Development Programme – Norway
www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/ud/selected-topics/development_cooperation.html?id=1159

Norwegian UN-Association www.fn.no/naturmangfold

Main activities



Norwegian website of the International Year of Biodiversity

Det gjelder livet!

I Naturmangfoldåret oppfordres alle til å samarbeide og gjennomføre gode tiltak for naturen. Økt bevissthet om naturmangfold kan gi økt forståelse for hva som trengs for å nå nasjonale og internasjonale mål. Markeringsåret gir oss mulighet til å løfte begrepet "naturmangfold" høyere opp på den politiske dagsorden.

Crown prince Haakon is the main ambassador for the International Year of Biodiversity



FN-Magasinet (in Norwegian)

Biodiversity is the main topic in the latest UN Magazine 2/2010.

The sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity addressed the issues and visions for post-2010 activities.

Calendar of events

Dates and Venue

1 - 5 February 2010
Trondheim

20 May 2010
Oslo

12 October - 23
November 2010
Oslo

Event

Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity

Organized by:
Ministry of Environment of Norway

Biodiversity Day

UN-Relay: Biodiversity



Oman

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=om

Main activities



May 22 2010: Celebrations of the International Day of Biodiversity

On the occasion of International Day for Biodiversity, Alia Saif Al-Naamany, the founder of the Economic Intelligence and Commercial Development Company (EICD), invited 60 primary children from MIS to plant 70 different trees and the main tree royal palm.

They have also registered their team (The Green GCC) and their event on the The Green Wave website. [The Green GCC](#)

Calendar of events

Dates and Venue

22 May 2010

Masqat

2 August 2010

Salalah

Event

Celebration of the International Day of Biodiversity

Seminar on the Importance and Preservation of Biodiversity



Pakistan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=pk

Official Partners

New World Hope Organization www.newworldhope.org

Wilderness Pakistan Trust www.wildernesspakistan.org

Main activities

Whom to be blamed?

Sent by: Centre for Biodiversity & Conservation, Shah Abdul Latif University



Inauguration of “Centre for Biodiversity & Conservation”

The Centre was inaugurated on 2nd February, 2010 by Dr Javid R. Laghari, Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad by cutting the ribbon and declared Shah Latif University Botanical Garden and Herbarium as CBC.



Batool Welfare Trust has been launched a comprehensive campaign to mark "2010 International Year of Biodiversity" In this campaign hundreds of people from all walks of life participated warmly and enthusiastically. The main purpose of this campaign to equip and aware the masses about the importance of Biological Biodiversity.

[See some of the photos of this event - Read the report.](#)



International Day for Biodiversity - Pakistan

Lincoln Corner Karachi celebrated International Day of Biodiversity through a speaker programme "Biodiversity is our life" by Pak-US Alumna & environmentalist Ms. Rahat Najam. Total 30 children of LCK-Kids Summer Club participated in this programme.

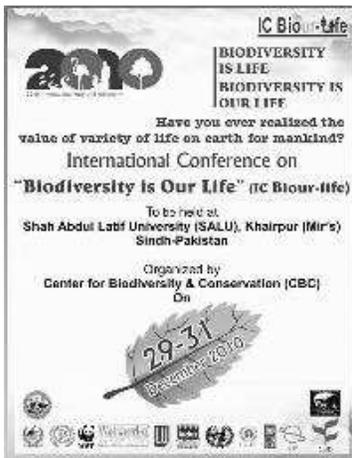


Lincoln Corner Karachi

On June 8, 2010 Lincoln Corner Karachi, in connection with World Ocean Day 2010, hosted a video screening of "Georgia Aquarium : keepers of the deep" for 17 members of LCK-Kids Club.

Flower Festival 2010

To celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity, Nature Club of Pakistan organized a flower festival-2010 to introduce the beauty of botanical life among youngsters. Students were asked to draw, sketch, photograph and write about botanical life.



Have you ever realized the value of variety of life on earth for mankind?

International Symposium on "Biodiversity is Our Life"

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 8 - 9 March 2010 Karachi | <u>National Workshop on Blue Flag Beach Conservation Project in South Asia (Karachi)</u> |
| 18 May 2010 Nawanshah | Plant Conservation Day |
| 22 May 2010 Islamabad | International Day for Biodiversity in Pakistan |

Palau

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=pw



Main activities

The Republic of Palau will publish a special edition of the 2010 Telephone Directory for the International Year of Biodiversity. The front cover artwork for 2010 will celebrate the biodiversity of Palau.



Panama

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=pa

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 22 May 2010 Chaussée Apartado | <u>International Biodiversity Day Fair</u> |
| 15 July 2010 Panama City | <u>Presentación de la campaña "Úsalas para todo... hasta salvar el planeta"</u> |



Papua New Guinea

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=pg

Main activities



Seacology has constructed a permanent footbridge for use by the local clans of the Baiyer, Jimi and Lai Valleys, of Papua New Guinea, in support of the 10,329-acre montane forest Kengai Kitenqa Park conservation area

Seacology field representative Sam Moko reports that the footbridge has been completed. Enthusiastic community members all helped to construct the bridge in December 2009 while Sam was at the site after bringing in many of the materials from the welder by truck. The official opening will likely be held in April 2010."

Seacology is an international nonprofit, nongovernmental organization whose sole purpose is to preserve the environments and biodiversity of islands globally. Seacology has created an innovative model of island conservation and community development that has proven to successfully protect threatened island ecosystems, engage local stakeholders in modern conservation trends, promote international cooperation and dialogue, and ensure long-term benefits to rural island communities and the increasingly precious environments that surround them. To-date, Seacology has funded 195 projects on islands around the globe, preserving 1,812,720 acres of coral reef and marine ecosystems and 161,477 acres of terrestrial habitat. There remains much more work to be done, and Seacology intends to continue our legacy of success through additional innovative, grassroots programs aimed at preserving the world's most endangered ecosystems throughout 2010.



Paraguay

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=py

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 28 - 30 July 2010 Asunción | <u>1st Congress on Environment and Sustainable Development of Paraguay</u> |



Peru

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=pe

Official Partners

Colegio de Biólogos del Perú Consejo Regional VIII – Arequipa www.cbpcrviii.org

Main activities

Peru Megadiverse Country

Our country has a priceless natural heritage, with a huge diversity of landscapes and ecosystems, species and genetic resources, which can be used to ensure food security, health and other needs of our population.

Pictures

See more pictures from the Ministry of Environment of Peru on Flickr



The Forum “Using agricultural biodiversity to overcome poverty and improve livelihoods”, co-organized by the Instituto Nacional de Innovación Agraria (INIA), the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of the Environment and Bioersity International, was held on in Lima on 14 and 15 April, at the Centro Convention Center of the Colegio Médico del Perú. [Click here to review the press releases of this event \(EN-ES\).](#)



International Biodiversity Project in Peru is underway! 15,000 students have joined it and on June 28th will be released the 1,000 best proposals on Biodiversity relevance. After, the 30 best projects will be shown at the Huachipa Zoo. [Click here to see some of the pictures of this project.](#)

[Parque De Las Leyendas celebrates the International Year of Biodiversity \(in Spanish\).](#)

Celebration, World Environment Day - Peru

[Watch on Youtube](#)

InfoAndina

Generando conocimiento y difundiendo información para el desarrollo sostenible de montañas en América Latina InfoAndina es un programa del Consorcio para el Desarrollo Sostenible de la Ecorregión Andina (CONDESAN).



Minicientíficos

Proyecto Internacional sobre Diversidad Biológica.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 1 January - 31 December 2010 Lima | Programa de actividades por el Año Internacional de la Diversidad Biológica |
| 1 March - 30 November 2010 Lima | Proyecto Internacional Diversidad Biológica |
| 3 June 2010 Lima | <u>Muchas especies un planeta un futuro</u> |
| 28 June - 30 September 2010 Lima | Proyecto Internacional Diversidad Biologica - Minicientíficos |
| 3 September 2010 Cusco | <u>Retratos</u> |
| 10 November 2010 Lima | <u>Día Mundial de la Ciencia para la Paz y el Desarrollo</u> |
| 10 November 2010 San Isidro | Conferencia Reproduccion en Cautiverio de las Especies de Fauna Silvestre |
| 15 - 19 November 2010 Lima | CIENTEC 2010 |
| 16 November 2010 San Isidro | Conferencia: Biodiversidad en el Peru |
| 30 November - 4 December 2010 Cusco | <u>Andean Forum of Adventure Tourism, Trekking and Mountain High</u> |



Philippines

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ph



Official Partners

ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity www.aseanbiodiversity.org

Main activities

Website of the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#).

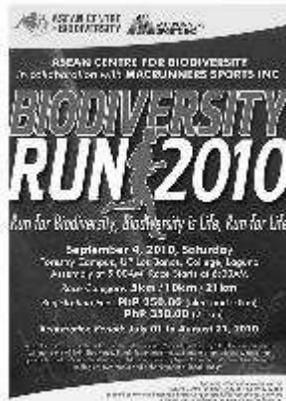
On 19 February 2010, the President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo of the Philippines declared 2010 to be the National Year of Biodiversity (NYB) in the Philippines as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity... [read more](#).

Global News Network to feature the International Year of Biodiversity on cable TV

Broadcast over Destiny Cable Channel 21 in Metro Manila every Friday, 9:00 p.m., and on multiple cable TV channels nationwide, the talk show, "Think Global, Act Local", is hosted by veteran commentator Harry Tambuatco and senior journalist Gil Santos. GNN is also broadcast Asia-wide from China to Indonesia on FREE-TV. "Think Global, Act Local" will feature biodiversity issues and concerns every last Friday of the month.

ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity - Work Plan for the International Year of Biodiversity

Asean biodiversity awards open for nomination



Biodiversity Run 2010

The Philippine Government, in support to the IYB celebration, has proclaimed 2010 through Proclamation No. 2003 as the National Year of Biodiversity where everyone is enjoined to initiate activities to support the celebration.

In support of the celebration, ACB is organizing the Biodiversity Run 2010 with the theme "**Run for Biodiversity, Biodiversity is Life, Run for Life**". The race is scheduled on 4 September 2010, 6:00 a.m. at the Forestry Campus, UP Los Banos, College, Laguna.



ACB Poster

Hello! I'm Tuan. Did you know that biodiversity is life? My teacher said that biodiversity comes from the words "biological" and "diversity." My classmates and I learned that biodiversity is the variety of life around us – from the smallest ant to the largest whale, from the shallowest swamp to the deepest ocean.



Journalists tour newest ASEAN Heritage Park

As part of the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity, journalists in the Philippines held an expedition to Mt. Kitanglad Range Natural Park in Mindanao Island, the newest ASEAN Heritage Park.

2010 - International Year of Biodiversity by Maresa G. Engo. Published in Sun.Star Weekend April 18 to 24, 2010.

22 May 2010 – The Philippines celebrated the International Day for Biodiversity

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 12 - 18 February 2010 Iligan | <u>Kinaiyahan: Photo Exhibition on Biodiversity</u> |
| 5 March 2010 Manila | <u>ASEAN Launch of International Year of Biodiversity</u> <i>Organized by:</i> ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity |
| 6 - 12 April 2010 Quezon | <u>"Zooming in on Biodiversity": A Photo Exhibit on the Value of Biodiversity.</u> |
| 20 - 22 April 2010 Pasig | <u>"Zooming in on Biodiversity": A Photo Exhibit on the Value of Biodiversity</u> |
| 17 - 21 May 2010 Bacolod | IDB 2010 Photography Contest |
| 19 - 25 May 2010 Pasay | <u>"Zooming in on Biodiversity": A Photo Exhibit on the Value of Biodiversity</u> |
| 22 May 2010 Bacolod | IBD 2010 Canvas Painting Contest |
| 4 September 2010 Laguna | <u>Biodiversity Run 2010</u> |



Poland

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www.mos.gov.pl/kategoria/3196_2010_international_year_of_biodiversity

Official Partners

Museum in Gliwice www.muzeum.gliwice.pl

Ptaki Polskie (Polish Birds) www.jestemnaptak.pl

Stowarzyszenie Przyrodnicze "CIS" www.badaniaprzyrody.pl

Main activities

Międzynarodowy Rok Różnorodności Biologicznej

Rok 2010 proklamowany został przez Zgromadzenie Ogólne Narodów Zjednoczonych Międzynarodowym Rokiem Różnorodności Biologicznej. Jego główne cele to:

- Podniesienie świadomości znaczenia różnorodności biologicznej dla dobrostanu ludzi na Planecie
- Powstrzymanie aktualnej tendencji zmniejszania się liczby gatunków na Ziemi
- Propagowanie pozytywnych przykładów ratowania ginących gatunków

Koordynatorem działań w ramach Roku został sekretariat Konwencji na temat Różnorodności Biologicznej, zaś UNESCO powierzono rolę głównego międzynarodowego partnera we wdrażaniu przyjętej strategii działań. 35. Sesja Konferencji Generalnej w październiku 2009 r. jednogłośnie potwierdziła zaangażowanie UNESCO w działania związane z Międzynarodowym Rokiem Różnorodności Biologicznej, które będą miały przede wszystkim charakter edukacyjny.

The **Polish Ministry of the Environment** celebrates the International Year of Biodiversity: www.mos.gov.pl/bioroznorodnosc

The **Museum and Institute of Zoology** of the Polish Academy of Sciences
The Exhibition offers an insight into the fascinating world of predators, showing the mechanisms underpinning predation, and reminding us that the earliest humans were first and foremost predators, just as we are today.

The **Polish National Commission for UNESCO** celebrates biodiversity.



Kalendarz obchodów Międzynarodowego Roku Różnorodności Biologicznej

22 May 2010 - International Day for Biodiversity

„RAWAR” in Jagniątków hosted an eco-picnic in occasion of the International Day for Biodiversity 2010.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|---|
| 31 January - 2 February 2010 Warsaw | <u>Wetlands Alive</u> |
| 1 May - 24 September 2010 Śląskie Voivodeship | <u>School Competition, "Celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity" / Organized by Upper Silesian Nature Heritage Centre, Poland</u> |
| 17 May 2010 Warszawa | <u>Mówić o różnorodności biologicznej nie tylko w roku 2010</u> |
| starting 7 June 2010 Warszawa | <u>foto - graficzny Zielnik według Jarosława Iwaszkiewicz</u> |
| 1 - 31 August 2010 Gliwice | <u>Herbarium Project (Polish: Projekt Zielnik)</u> |



Portugal

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=pt

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National websites

www.portugalbiodiversidade.org

www.2010aib.org

Official Partners

Associação Transumância e Natureza www.atnatureza.org

Centro de Investigação de Montanha (Mountain Research Centre) www.cimo.esa.ipb.pt

Defense of Paul da Tornada Association – PATO associacao-pato.weebly.com

Gobius Communication and Science www.gobiusworld.com

Institute for Nature Conservation and Biodiversity portal.icnb.pt/ICNPortal/VEN2007

Moura Encantada www.mouraencantada.pt

SCIAENA www.sciaena.org

Sociedade Portuguesa para o Estudo das Aves (Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds)
www.spea.pt

United Photo Press www.unitedphotopress.com

Vila Franca de Xira City Hall www.cm-vfxira.pt

Main activities

TAP airlines in-flight magazine (April edition) is about biodiversity!

Flash Mob for the Biodiversity

By The Escola Superior de Tecnologia da Saúde de Coimbra – Portugal
[Watch it on Youtube](#)

Alerta e Deslumbramento: Biodiversidade no Museu / Awareness and Dazzle: Biodiversity at the Museum

Exposição a partir de 3 de Maio, no Museu D. Diogo de Sousa / Exhibition from May the 3th, at D. Diogo de Sousa Museum. [Leaflet \(pdf\)](#).



International Art Contest

The theme is the International Year of Biodiversity. Children and youth (up to 18 years) may only use drinkable or biological dyes and inks for their artworks. The 1st prizes of the two categories, children up to 12 and children up to 18, will be published in National Geographic Magazine, among others. More details on the [website](#) or in [PDF](#).

The results of the Contest under the support of UNESCO National Committee - the International Art Contest 'When the World becomes a Canvas'.



Calendar of events

Dates and Venue

22 May 2010
Braganca

Event

Uma Montanha de Biodiversidade / Organized by CIMO e CCVB



Qatar

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=qa



Main activities



10/10/10: Preserving our ecosystem through BIODIVERSITY

In support to the call of the UN Secretary Ban Ki-Moon to preserve our Ecosystem through "Biodiversity," Arch.Adonis C. Canonicato in cooperation with the United Architects of the Philippines, Qatar Chapter will launch the programs which bring awareness to our fellowmen in all races.

Through the artistry of well-known fashion designer Jhoe Lina and various Filipino Visual Artists in Qatar, this call will yield support and understanding the preservation of nature and species, both small and large. The concept is to showcase the creativity interpretation on a fashion which will remind us that these natural resources are essential to our existence and that being the highest form of living creature we have the responsibility to take care of our environment and maintain the balance of human cycle.

[Click here to download the photos of this event](#)

Please see these articles, relating to the event:

[Fashion Show, Article 1](#)

[Fashion Show, Article 2](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|----------------------------|---|
| 13 - 15 March 2010 Doha | 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (COP 15 CITES) <i>Organized by:</i> Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora |
| 10 October 2010 Doha | 10/10/10: Preserving our ecosystem through BIODIVERSITY |



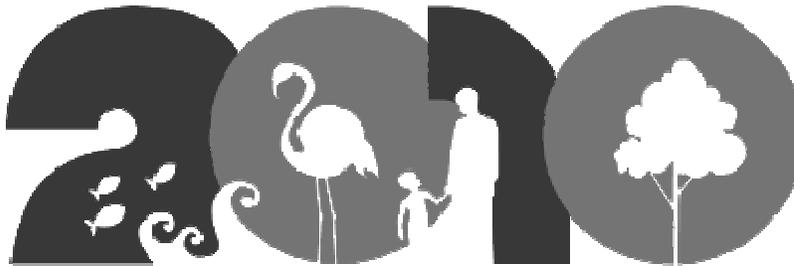
Republic of Korea

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=kr

National website

www.biodiversity2010.net

Main activities



2010년 세계 생물다양성의 해

2010 International Year of Biodiversity events in Korea

22 May 2010, **International Day for Biodiversity**

명동에서 펼친 생물다양성의 날 기념 퍼포먼스 (English version)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 31 March - 15 April 2010 Jinhae | UNESCO Biodiversity Photo Exhibition Tour |
| 2 April - 31 October 2010 Incheon | National Institute of Biological Resources presents IYB Special Exhibition |
| 20 May 2010 Incheon | 4th NIBR International Symposium in Commemoration of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity |
| 7 - 11 June 2010 Busan | <u>3rd intergovernmental and multistakeholder meeting on Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</u> |
| 19 - 20 August 2010 Seoul | Biodiversity Conference |
| 15 - 16 September 2010 Seoul | International Conference on Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Ethics |
| 9 - 16 October 2010 Hwaseong | 17th Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Governing Board Meeting |



Republic of Moldova

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=md



Main activities

[Activity Plan of the Republic of Moldova for celebrating the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity](#)

[Website of the Ministry of Environment](#)

Romania

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ro



Official Partners

Carpathian Danubian Centre for Geoecology www.ccdg.ro

Earthvoice Romania www.romanianecologicalsociety.ro

Main activities



The Biodiversity Picnic in Sibiu

Due to the weather conditions this event was organized in the amphitheater of the Faculty and it was attended by over 80 students belonging to our Faculty but also from the Faculty of Engineering and Nature Protection, professors and local mass-media. They learnt about the International Year of Biodiversity and the International Day of Biodiversity – the messages from the SCBD and the UN Assembly, Wild Nature in Romania – Center Region and Aquila pomarina. All people enjoyed there local water and traditional snakes and during discussions they learned about the essential rules they should apply for eco-tourism. [Click here to download the report of this activity.](#)



“Nature through the Lens: Biodiversity of Apuseni Mountains”

Photo Exhibition, 5th November -5th December 2010, Oradea, Romania - [More](#)

IYB conference on mountain hay meadows

The themes of the conference included: Creation of the agricultural landscapes of Gyimes and Csik; Hay meadows and their biodiversity; Hay meadow management in practice; Hill farming in a protected landscape, the Convention on Biological Diversity, Local attitudes to meadows: results from social surveys; Putting a value on traditional farming; Local perspective on sustainable rural development; Quality milk production; Adding value to meadow products through food and tourism.



22 May 2010 - International Day for Biodiversity

In celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity EarthVoice Romania focused on awakening curiosity and interest in young children on the importance of biodiversity. Various activities aimed at encouraging recycling and forest and land conservation were put on at the Botanical Gardens. It was the hope of organizers that these children would learn to love and protect the biodiversity found in their region and in turn pass this message on to their family and neighbours. [Read more.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 22 May - 30 November 2010 Oradea | Nature through the lens: Biodiversity of Apuseni Mountains // Photo Contest |
| 7 - 9 June 2010 Lunca de Jos Village | <u>Mountain Hay Meadows Conference / Organized by Pogány-havas (Pagan Snow Cap) Association</u> |



Russian Federation

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ru

National website

www.un.org/ru/events/biodiversity2010

Official Partners

Biodiversity Conservation Center (Центр охраны дикой природы) www.biodiversity.ru

FlorAnimal www.floranimal.ru

Golden Turtle www.animalphoto.ru

Russian Union of Nature Photographers www.naturephotographer.ru

St.Petersburg International Forestry Forum www.spiff.ru

Main activities

Russian Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. Golden Turtle – unique for Russia the cultural ecology-educational project showing by means of art of a photo beauty and, unfortunately, fragility of the world surrounding us and its inhabitants.

Russian Union of Nature Photographers is the first organisation in Russia engaged in helping photographers and organising various public actions devoted to nature photography.

Land is Breath: respecting nature in Altai

What on Youtube

10 October 2009 - 28 February 2010, the Biodiversity Conservation Center carried out the competition of children's drawings "*You need too see to know and be in love to protect*" in memory of animal painter V. Smirin. Over 600 children's paintings of Russian pinnipeds were received.

24 February 2010, Moscow, the Biodiversity Conservation Center carried out the conference "TEEB project. Prospects of participation for Russia and other NIS countries", which was devoted to IYB. Over 50 experts on ecosystem services from Russia and other NIS countries were gathered to discuss ways to involve these countries into international activities concerning economic assessment of ecosystem services.

11 March, Russian Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition will be the big Opening Final Exhibition of the 2009 contest, with media presence. The exhibition will be in Moscow until 28 March, expecting 150 000 visitors. The exhibition will then go on tour in different parts of Russia. See last year's opening ceremony.

11-13 March, the Russian Union of Nature Photographers offered Russia's first Festival of Nature Photography. More activities are being planned as the year unfolds.



22-25 April 2010, Biodiversity Conservation Center's annual All-Russian public campaign "*March for Parks*" was devoted this year to the International Year of Biodiversity and conducted under the slogan "*Biodiversity is the basis of Life on Earth*".

15 May 2010, Moscow, the Biodiversity Conservation Center carried out the open-air "*Green Concert*" devoted to acute ecological problems of Russia. Youth music groups participated in the concert, work-shops and info-tables were conducted.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|--|
| 10 October 2009 - 28 August 2010 Moscow | You need too see to know and be in love to protect |
| 24 February 2010 Moscow | TEEB project. Prospects of participation for Russia and other NIS countries |
| 22 - 25 April 2010 Moscow | March for Parks |
| 15 May 2010 Moscow | Green Concert |
| 19 - 21 October 2010 St Petersburg | <u>St. Petersburg International Forestry Forum</u> |

Rwanda

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=rw



Main activities

UNEP will organize the Tunza African Youth Conference (AYEN) for 2010 in Rwanda as part of the broad range of activities to mark the celebration of World Environment Day. This year's conference is slated for June 2-4 under the theme "African Youth Standing up for Biodiversity" to concretely link the International Year of Biodiversity with the WED celebrations. The conference is organized with the view to build the capacity of the African youth in matters of environmental conservation focusing on issues related to threats to biodiversity (including climate change) and responses. This conference is entrenched in the overall International Year of Biodiversity agenda of creating awareness for conservation action at regional level; regaining momentum on conservation action and ensuring that long term actions related to conservation are clearly articulated, financed and implemented with full participation of all major stakeholders. [Click here to see the photos of this event - Picasa.](#)

Memo from Satinder Bindra regarding the use of the World Environment Day (WED) 2010 logo. [Document PDF.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 15 - 17 February 2010 Gisenyi | <u>Workshop on Climate Change and the Mountain Gorilla</u> |



Saint Kitts and Nevis

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=kn



Main activities

April 2010, Saint Kitts and Nevis joined the Seventeenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean

Discussions on sustainable ecosystems management and the conservation of biodiversity, themes that continue to be of priority to the international community as a whole, in particular during 2010, International Year of Biodiversity. [Report of the Secretariat](#)

Saint Lucia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=lc



Main activities

11 June 2010, Saint Lucia released postage stamps in commemoration of the International Year of Biodiversity, a collaborative venture of the Saint Lucia Postal Services and the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Fisheries and Forestry. [Read more](#)



Website of the [Ministry Of Physical Development Environment and Housing](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------|---|
| 6 May 2010 Castries | Celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity / Organized by PCI-Media Impact and Biodiversity Unit, St. Lucian Government |

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=vc



Main activities

IBY Celebrations in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

To celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had the honor to organize many activities relating to biodiversity, throughout the year.

[Please click here to read the full report.](#)



Samoa

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ws



Main activities

Plans and activities undertaken by Samoa in its commemoration of the International Year of Biodiversity

Efforts were channelled into the coordination of an official launching and public awareness raising program, spearheaded by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, on 17 May 2010. The event invited stakeholders from all sectors and saw fruitful contributions from intergovernmental organisations and local non government organisations, including schools and village communities.

[Program for the Official Launching of the International Year of Biodiversity Celebrations and Public Awareness program - 17 May 2010](#)

[Opening Statement made by the Minister of Natural Resources; and Environment, Hon Faumuina Tiatia Liuga](#)

[Collection of visual images taken during the Launching](#)

[Website of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------|---|
| 17 May 2010 Apia | International Year of Biodiversity's Theme : Value the Biodiversity of Samoa - It's Our Life |

Sao Tome and Principe

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=st



Main activities



[São Tomé and Príncipe has issued a stamp to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity](#)



Saudi Arabia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sa

Main activities

Activities successfully completed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to commemorate the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB).

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia celebrates the International Year of Biodiversity



On the occasion of the IYB, a training course for Marine protected area rangers and managers was organized which included a visit to partners in Egypt

In April 2010, a training course for school teachers was organized at Dammam, Saudi Arabia to discuss Environment Education and Biodiversity

Study Visit PA staff



A series of brochures were published in Arabic for the general public. This one is entitled - "Biodiversity - an essential for continuity for life on earth"



Brochure entitled "Biodiversity in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - reality and challenges"



Brochure for the workshop on "Women and the Environment"



Flyer for the Workshop on Environment Education for Teachers and Educational Supervisors in the Eastern Province



Flyer for the Workshop on Combating Invasive Plant Species



Senegal

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sn

Main activities

Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature, Water Reservoirs and Artificial Lakes

The Guissé Brothers

World-renown artists, the Guissé Brothers, join the celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity. The festival will take place 4-6 June 2010 in the Hann park and various locations around Dakar, Senegal. [Read more \(PDF in French\)](#) and the [Flyer \(French\)](#).

This year, the Guissé Brothers are also planning to compose a Hymn to Biodiversity!



Serbia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=cs

Official Partners

Centar za promociju nauke i umetnosti (Center for Art and Science promotion)
www.festivalnauke.org

Main activities

Programme of activities regarding biodiversity protection at national and international level in 2010 – United Nations International Year of Biodiversity

Website of the Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning



Seychelles

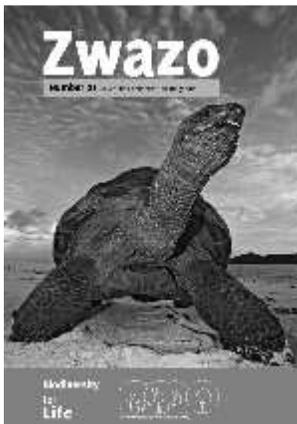
www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sc



Main activities

22 May 2010 - International Day for Biological Diversity:
Official launching of 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity.

[Official launching programme](#)
[National Activities in May](#)



Zwazo - Nature Seychelles

BirdLife in Seychelles, bi-annual conservation magazine



Sierra Leone

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sl

Main activities

In Sierra Leone the PRCM focal point and government together with Conservation Society of Sierra Leone are mobilising youth for the celebration of International Biodiversity Day 2010, also on Saturday 22nd May. Next to a march through Freetown and a forum on the significance on biodiversity, a field trip to Lumbley beach will be held, where participants will clean up the polluted beach.

Source: [Wetlands International](#)



Singapore

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sg

Official Partners

The Matrix, S141 matrixbiodiversity.weebly.com

Underwater World Singapore www.underwaterworld.com.sg/conservation.htm

World Cities Summit www.worldcities.com.sg

Main activities

Greetings from Underwater World Singapore (UWS)!

Situated on Sentosa Island of Singapore, UWS is an oceanarium showcasing some 2500 marine life from 250 species from around the regions. Since our opening in 1991, we have received close to 30 million visitors. Over the years, UWS has sought to raise public awareness on marine conservation issues via our educational exhibits, enriching educational programs and various ongoing conservation projects with other partners and institutions. We consider it an important responsibility of ours, as an oceanarium, to inspire our visitors to do their part to conserve the fragile marine environment. Our very own conservation slogan: Blue Mission - Inspire, Educate, Conserve, represents aptly this vision and the work that we strive to do.

As you can imagine, we are thrilled that the International Year of Biodiversity – 2010 is just round the corner. In support of the International Year of Biodiversity, we're lining up a series of exhibits and educational programmes that would educate our guests, schools and the public about the wonders of marine life and the urgency for biodiversity conservation. In fact, our International Year of Biodiversity event calendar starts from November 2009 – part of the Countdown to usher in 2010.

Below is a sampling of the International Year of Biodiversity calendar:

19 Nov 09 – Award Presentation Ceremony for Young Marine Biologist Award for the 2009 Competition titled "Journalists for the Environment – Extinction is Forever".

24 Nov 09 – Launch of the Shark Conservation Workshop and Feed the Shark Programme at UWS Shark Nursery which houses 5 species of baby sharks – showcasing UWS' successful shark breeding programmes.

Guest of Honour (Tentative): Professor Leo Tan, Educational Advisory Panel, UWS & Director (Special Projects), National University of Singapore.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 28 June - 1 July 2010 Singapore | <u>World Cities Summit 2010 : Liveable & Sustainable Cities for the Future</u> |
| 14 - 26 August 2010 Singapore | <u>Youth Olympic Games</u> |



Slovakia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sk

Official Partners

National Forest Centre www.lesnickedni.sk

Main activities



Posolstvá

Ľudia sú súčasťou veľkej rozmanitosti prírody a majú silu ju buď chrániť, alebo ničiť.

Biodiverzita, rozmanitosť života na Zemi, je nevyhnutná na udržanie sietí a systémov života, ktoré nám poskytujú všetko spojené so zdravím, blahobytom, potravou, palivami a životne dôležitými službami, od ktorých náš život závisí.

Ľudská činnosť spôsobuje, že rozmanitosť života na Zemi sa stráca veľmi rýchlym tempom. Straty sú nevratné, všetkých nás ochudobňujú a poškodzujú život podporujúce systémy, na ktoré sa spoliehame každý deň. Ale môžeme im zabrániť.

Rok 2010 je Medzinárodným rokom biodiverzity. Porozmýšľajte nad úspechmi, ktoré sme dosiahli, aby sme ochránili biodiverzitu a zamerajte sa na naliehavosť výziev, ktoré pred nami v budúcnosti stoja. Nastal čas na činy.



Biodiverzita je život Biodiverzita je náš život

Spojené národy vyhlásili rok 2010 za Medzinárodný rok biodiverzity. Tento rok je oslavou života na Zemi a významu biologickej rôznorodosti pre naše životy. Svet je vyzvaný, aby podnikol také kroky v roku 2010, ktoré zachovávajú rozmanitosť života na Zemi – biodiverzitu.

[view](#) - [print](#)

[Events organized on the occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity and International Day for Biodiversity 2010 \(pdf document\).](#)

[More events for the International Day for Biodiversity.](#)



The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic prepared the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity logo in Slovak language and translation of the official messages, as well as a poster, which is being distributed to schools and various institutions:
<http://www.soprs.sk/index.php?page=aktuality>

The State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic is a professional organization of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic with a sphere of activities in the whole area of Slovakia. It ensures nature and landscape protection in the following spheres: territorial protection, species protection (fauna and flora), minerals and fossils, forests, environmental education and monitoring.

Its main objectives are:

- to provide an expert work on the level of the state authority in accordance with the national legislation in the field of nature and landscape protection
- to provide the general and specialized territorial and habitat protection, fauna and flora species protection, minerals and fossils conservation
- to carry out and coordinate research and monitoring programmes on the state of habitat and species diversity and stability of ecosystems and creation of databases
- to elaborate the legal regulations, proposals of conceptual and strategic documents, expert opinions and methodology

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 20 January 2010 Bratislava | <u>Press Conference & 'European Capital Of Biodiversity' Competition Launch</u> |
| 22 April - 1 May 2010 Zvolen | <u>Forestry Days</u> |



Slovenia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=si

National website

www.biotskaraznovrstnost.si

Main activities

Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor - Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning

The Ministry will promote the International Year of Biodiversity on its websites, in publications and other printed materials. The Ministry has kindly provided a translation of the Logo in Slovenian language.

Almost 300 events are taking place in Slovenia this year to raise awareness getting the public involved in biodiversity conservation:

The 4th Bohinj International Wild Flower Festival

The Festival is one of the premier environmental events in Slovenia. It provides a wide range of events that highlight the outstandingly biodiversity of the area and its links to the arts, science and domestic life. The theme of the 2010 Festival Conference will be "Culture, Nature and Biodiversity as the Foundation for Rural Development".

International Day of Biodiversity – May 22

The opening ceremony of the International wildflower festival took place in Bohinj, accompanied by the opening of the exhibition Biotska raznovrstnost je življenje. Naše življenje.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 3 - 5 February 2010 Gorenjska | <u>Workshop on future management of the threatened Eurasian lynx</u> |
| 5 February - 12 November 2010 Goričko | <u>Večerni pogovori o naravi v mednarodnem letu biotske raznovrstnosti</u> |
| 15 April 2010 Postojna | <u>Biodiversity of Caves and Interpretation</u> |
| 15 - 17 June 2010 Ljubljana | <u>6th Symposium and Workshop on the Conservation of Saproxyllic Beetles</u> |
| 29 August - 3 September 2010 Postojna | 20th International Conference on Subterranean Biology |
| 12 November 2010 Krizevci | <u>VGASNIMO POSVEJTE V OBČINI GORNJI PETROVCI</u> |



Solomon Islands

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sb



Main activities

The Government of the Solomon Islands has prepared the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------|---|
| 21 May 2010 Honiara | Celebrations for the International Day of Biodiversity |

Somalia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=so



Main activities

June, 2010. Somalia celebrated the World Environment Day in the framework of the International Year of Biodiversity. Article



South Africa

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=za

Main activities



In occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity, the South African Post Office is drawing attention to biodiversity by issuing a set of four stamps and a commemorative cover reflecting our country's remarkable "living wealth".

International Year of Biodiversity Celebration Status Report

As part of celebrating 2010 as The International Year of Biodiversity, Johannesburg City Parks Environment Conservation Department through The Environmental Education Unit and partners such as Rand Water, Johannesburg Zoo, City of Johannesburg, Department of Forestry and Fisheries, Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Delta EE Centre have identified annual programmes and projects which will be implemented as part of addressing biodiversity issues within the city of Johannesburg. [Click here to review the full Status Report.](#)

South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)

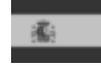
South Africa's celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity – [1st quarter.](#)

The South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB) is compiling a calendar for 2010 and is preparing publications and products.

22 May 2010 - [Celebrations of the International Day for Biodiversity.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 - 2 December 2009 Pretoria | <u>Biodiversity Launch Event by the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa, SANBI, the Lewis Foundation and UNDP</u> |



Spain

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=es

National website

www.2010biodiversidad.es

Official Partners

El Guadarramista-digital newspaper www.elguadarramista.com

Asociación Vecinal para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Garruchal www.adesga.org

Ayuntamiento de Hoyo de Manzanares – Spain www.vivehoyo.com

Biodiversity Foundation www.fundacion-biodiversidad.es

Cultural Society Maestro de Pozancos maestrodepozancos.castillalamancha.es

Ecologists in Action www.ecologistasenaccion.org/spip.php?article16257

El Colletero www.elcolletero.org

Federación de Asociaciones Conocer y Proteger la Naturaleza/Knowing and Protecting Nature Federation of Associations www.fcpn.es

iBotanika www.ibotanika.com

Sociedad De Ciencias Aranzadi www.aranzadi-zientziak.org

The Animal Biodiversity Resource Centre www.ub.edu/crba

Main activities

La biodiversitat
és vida



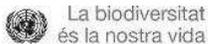
IYB Material translated in Catalan

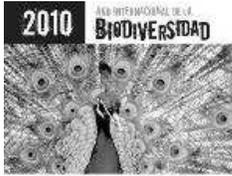
The Sustainability Department of the UNESCO Center of Catalonia has translated some IYB material in Catalan.

[Please click here to view the IYB Poster in Catalan.](#)

[Please click here to view the IYB Brochure in Catalan.](#)

[Please click here to view the IYB official video message in Catalan](#)





Awareness campaign for the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity in Zaragoza developed by El Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas – Spain.

More information in Spanish can be found by visiting the following site:
<http://www.2010biodiversidad.es>.



Exposición virtual - 2010 Biodiversidad (PDF 48mb).

Informative Exhibition, 16 panels which combine text and images covering the biodiversity from an educational point of view. Available only in Spanish. *Exposición de carácter divulgativo constituida por 16 paneles, incluido el cartel de la exposición, que combinan texto e imágenes, y recorre el concepto de biodiversidad desde un punto de vista didáctico.* More information in Spanish can be found by visiting the following site:
<http://www.2010biodiversidad.es>.

Resolution adopted by Secretaría General Rivas-Vaciamadrid after the plenary session on 27 may 2010 to contribute to the International Year of Biodiversity (ES).

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|---|
| 29 October 2009 - 31 May 2010 Barcelona | <u>Explorers : adventure and biodiversity</u> |
| 25 - 27 January 2010 Madrid | <u>Delivering Biodiversity Targets : 2010 and Beyond / Protected Areas and Ecological Networks in Europe</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Council of Europe |
| 2 - 4 March 2010 Galicia Island | <u>Perspectivas desde Galicia en el Año Internacional de la Divesidad Biológica</u> |
| 24 - 25 March 2010 Barcelona | <u>VIII Congreso Internacional de Barcelona sobre la Dieta Mediterránea / Presentation by Dr. B. Burlingame entitled : Biodiversity and Sustainable Diets</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Food and Agriculture Organization |
| 20 May 2010 Malaga | <u>“Post 2010 Strategies: the route from Cibeles to Nagoya”</u> |
| 20 May 2010 Madrid | <u>Charlas: Cambio climático y Biodiversidad</u> |
| 5 - 10 October 2010 Madrid | <u>Semana de Biodiversidad de Hoyo de Manzanares</u> |



Sri Lanka

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=lk



Main activities

The Biodiversity Secretariat organized an International Year of Biodiversity commemoration ceremony/media event on 18 February 2010 at the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources. The 2010-IYB Banner was unveiled by the Hon. Minister and an 2010-IYB information kit was issued to the gathered audience and media. The Biodiversity Secretariat also introduced a new seal to mark the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, which is to be issued to all relevant divisions in the Ministry for use on official envelopes and letters.

Effort to pass the message about the International Year of Biodiversity - How one individual can make a difference!



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 26 January 2010 Colombo | International Customs Day |
| 11 - 12 March 2010 Colombo | <u>National Workshop on Blue Flag Beach Conservation Project in South Asia (Colombo)</u> |
| 21 - 28 October 2010 Colombo | Mihimadala Exhibition 2010 |



Suriname

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sr

Main activities

8 June, to celebrate the International Day on Biodiversity a Seminar on Biodiversity was organized. Hereby various experts gave presentations, within their scope of work, about the status, trends and threats on biodiversity. This seminar also contributes to information to formulate the 4th National Report on Biodiversity.

Activities which have been held in Suriname concerning the International Year on Biodiversity.
[Part 1](#) - [Part 2](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 25 April 2010 Paramaribo | Launch of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity |
| 8 June 2010 Paramaribo | Biodiversity Seminar |



Swaziland

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sz

Main activities

The Swaziland Minister of Environment has attended the Meeting of Ministers responsible for Environment and Natural Resources Management from SADC Member States met on 16th July 2010 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Ministers noted that 2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity and encouraged Member States to observe and celebrate it. Ministers planted trees at Chogam Park in Victoria Falls in recognition of the International Year of Biodiversity. Ministers encouraged tree planting in all Member States as one of the measures for combating deforestation and land degradation. [Article](#)



Sweden

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=se

National website

www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/12842

Official Partners

Nature's Year / Naturens år www.naturensar.se

Main activities

Press release, 7 June 2010 - [Andreas Carlgren](#) in national initiative for biodiversity: 290 municipalities receive postcards highlighting endangered species. ([Read as pdf](#))



National postcard campaign

June 2010 - The [Environmental Protection Agency](#) and the [Ministry of Environment](#) did a national postcard campaign directed to all municipalities in Sweden to encourage them to work with the biodiversity theme. Each of the 290 cards had a different Red-Listed subject.



International Day of Biodiversity 2010 – in Sweden

Bevara och skydda Vargen !



Save and protect the Wolf campaign
[Watch on Dailymotion](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 22 May 2010 Helsingborg | <u>Söderåsen National Park Celebrates the International Day of Biodiversity 2010</u> |
| 9 - 13 August 2010 Sundsvall | Prifor2010 conference |
| 14 - 15 October 2010 Stockholm | <u>EU Green Capital conference</u> |
| 16 - 17 November 2010 Malmö | <u>GRIPA Conference 2010</u> |



Switzerland

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ch

National website

www.biodiversite2010.ch

Official Partners

Agrilogie www.agrilogie.ch

Commission on Education and Communication www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/cec

dev.tv www.dev.tv

Givaudan www.givaudan.com

Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment www.gmba.unibas.ch

International Union for Conservation of Nature www.iucn.org

Mike Horn Pangaea Project www.mikehorn.com

Naturgruppe Salix www.naturgruppe-salix.ch/english

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands www.ramsar.org

The Union for Ethical BioTrade www.ethicalbiotrade.org

World Association of Zoos and Aquariums www.waza.org/home/index.php?main=home

World Wide Fund for Nature www.panda.org/about_our_earth/biodiversity

Main activities

The Forum Biodiversity of the Swiss Academy of Sciences in corporation with the Federal Office of the Environment (FOEN) coordinate all the activities for the International Year of Biodiversity in Switzerland. National website in three official languages:
[German](#) - [French](#) - [Italian](#)

The [Natural History Museum St.Gallen](#) will promote the Year and produce information materials. Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications [Biodiversity News](#) (Deutsch – Français – Italiano)



L'horloge (re)fleurie et roule pour la biodiversité

2010 décrétée Année Internationale de la Biodiversité notre fameuse horloge qui possède une aiguille (des secondes) la plus longue du monde (2,5m) marque le coup en proposant des plantes "régionales et vivaces" nous indique une affiche du SEVE (Service des Espaces Verts et de l'Environnement) qui veille à son bon fonctionnement. Il faudra cependant attendre quelques semaines avant de profiter au maximum de sa beauté fleurale qui fait la fierté des Genevois. Le temps de laisser à la nature suivre les étapes de la floraison.

[Cliquer ici pour voir plus de photos de cet événement](#)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

As part of its Open Day on June 5, WIPO cooperated with the Geneva Office of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to observe World Environment Day. This included a series of events and displays that highlighted numerous environmental issues, including biodiversity. The events coincided with a roundtable discussion at WIPO on the interaction between intellectual property and environmental issues, including the important question of biodiversity.

WIPO is deeply engaged in initiatives that aim at preserving biodiversity and the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore is examining the intellectual property-related aspects of this issue.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 22 April 2010 Geneva | <u>Geneva Trade and Biodiversity Day</u> <i>Organized by:</i> UNEP International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development |
| 28 August 2010 Horw | <u>Krienser Hochmoor „Forenmoos“</u> |
| 22 October 2010 Horw | <u>Natur-Museum Luzern</u> |
| 22 October 2010 Zernez | <u>International Conference of the Network ALPARC: "Wilderness and Biodiversity: Can We Leave The Natural World To Its Own Devices?" / Organized by Swiss National Park and ALPARC (coordinated by the TFFA of the PSAC)</u> |
| 30 Oct - 20 Nov - 4 Dec 2010 Horw | <u>Gebietspflege und Entbuschen</u> |
| 14 November 2010 Horw | <u>Wasservogelexkursion</u> |
| 26 November 2010 Horw | <u>Chlaushöck</u> |



Syrian Arab Republic

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=sy



Main activities

Syria started to focus on the International Year of Biodiversity from the beginning of 2010, and implemented a lot of activities on this issue. All of the Syrian's community participate in these activities (women, NGOs, Local communities, Decision makers, etc.). More details will follow.



Celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity

Activities celebrated on the occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity during the first half of 2010 in Syrian Arab Republic. Report: [English](#) – [Arabic](#), [Photos \(28Mb\)](#).



Official post stamp issued to commemorate the International Year of Biodiversity

Tajikistan

<http://www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tj>



Main activities

On April 17, 2010 UNDP Energy and Environment Programme in close partnership with the State Department of Forestry and Hunting organized tree planting campaign devoted to the International Year of Biodiversity in one of the Gissar Biodiversity Project – preserve “Almosi”. More than 400 different fruit, decorative and forest seedlings have been planted in the area of 1.5 hectare. “The tree planting activity is considered as a good stimulation point for the Forestry agency and local communities located in and around the Protected Areas to stabilize soil and gullies on the slopes of Gissar. This activity was aimed at informing the public about the value of biodiversity conservation and communities’ involvement in the process of sustainable natural resources management.



Thailand

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=th

Official Partners

Science Film Festival www.goethe.de/sciencefilmfestival

Main Activities

The Government of Thailand has announced that 2010 will be Thailand's Year of Biodiversity.

The Thai Cabinet, during its meeting on 22 December 2009, approved the announcement proposed by the National Committee on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and recommended by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. It also endorsed the Action Plan for IYB and instructed all relevant government offices to allocate funds for its organizations to operate in accordance with the action plan. The objective is to urge all groups of people and professions to be aware of biodiversity and cooperate in conserving and using biodiversity in a sustainable way.

[Read the full article](#)

International Trailer of the Science Film Festival 2010

The Science Film Festival is an official partner of the UN International Year of Biodiversity 2010 and takes place from November 16 - 30 in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand.

[Watch it on Youtube](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|--|
| 9 - 10 July 2010 Bangkok and Chonburi province | Celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity in Thailand |
| 16 - 30 November 2010 Bangkok | <u>Science Film Festival</u> |

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=mk



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
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| 22 May 2010 Skopje | <u>"Macedonian Biodiversity Values and Obligations towards EU Accession"</u> |



Timor-Leste

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tl



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---------------------|---|
| 22 May 2010 Dili | Celebration of International Day for Biodiversity in Timor-Leste |

Togo

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tg



Main activities

1 - 30 June 2010: Launching of "Project School –Wood" in the 05 economic regions of Togo to incite the tree-planting by pupils in order to restore degraded ecosystems.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - 30 June 2010 Lome | Project School - Wood |

Tonga

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=to



Main activities

IYB Celebrations in Tonga

During the month of June 2010, there's has been many activities relating to the International Year of Biodiversity. Many activities included visits to primary schools to speak about biodiversity. They have also organized tree-planting ceremonies during the school visits. Also, during "Open Day," many IYB displays were featured in the capital of Nuku'alofa. Finally, during "World Environment Day," they have organized a tree plantation ceremony as well. [Please click here to read the full report.](#)



Trinidad and Tobago

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tt

Official Partners

Buccoo Reef Trust www.buccooreeftrust.org

Environment Tobago www.environmenttobago.net

Save Our Sea Turtles (SOS) Tobago www.sos-tobago.org

Main activities

The Ministry of Planning, Housing & the Environment, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources, the Environmental Management Authority and the Trinidad & Tobago Postal Corporation has produced a series of stamps in commemoration of the International Year of Biodiversity. The stamps highlight Trinidad & Tobago's rich and diverse biodiversity through images of flora, fauna and various ecosystems.



The Primary Schools' "Hands-On" Environmental Competition, organised by the Environmental Management Authority in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, is designed to allow students to be directly involved in environmental projects, learning and discovering for themselves with the teacher acting as a facilitator.

Students are required to identify, design, plan and execute an environmentally focused project. This project should involve positive action on the part of the students that would contribute to solving an existing environmental problem or change negative attitudes and behaviours about the environment, among the school population and the community it serves. More information

Public Awareness Displays to Commemorate the International Year of Biodiversity





The Environmental Policy and Planning Division of the Ministry of Housing and the Environment conducted a series of public education and awareness displays to enhance public awareness on the importance of biodiversity and on the underlying threats to biodiversity, and also to raise awareness about the International Year of Biodiversity.

Rapso Artiste Coaches EMA Eco-Song Contestants

November 12, 2010 - Popular rapso artiste, Wendell Manwarren, is urging contestants in the Third Annual Secondary Schools' Eco-Song Competition hosted by the Environmental Management Authority (EMA) to maintain the "strong cultural traditions" of the country. Manwarren, a founding member of the 3canal rapso group, issued the challenge during a mentoring workshop on November 12 for all finalists in this year's competition which comes to a climax at Queen's Hall, St Ann's on Wednesday November 17, 2010. He urged the 12 finalists representing 10 secondary schools, to "perform with conviction" since they were the ones to ensure that indigenous musical art forms stayed alive and strong. This year, the theme of the competition is: "Biodiversity is life, biodiversity is our life."

Please click here to read the article and to view pictures of the event.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|---|
| 19 May 2010 Port of Spain | Trinidad & Tobago's Commemorative 2010 IYB stamps |
| 29 May - 6 June 2010 El Socorro | Fashion Week Trinidad & Tobago |
| 2 June 2010 Centeno | Agricultural Exhibition: Agro-Biodiversity Conservation for Today and Tomorrow |
| 5 June 2010 Port of Spain | Biodiversity - The Value of Nature and The Green Lifestyle Show |
| 17 July 2010 St. Augustine | <u>'BIODIVERSITY: Our Life, Our Future. Preserve it!' / Youth Environmental Conference</u> |
| Closes at midnight on Friday 27th August 2010 Port-of-Spain | <u>"Biodiversity Through My Eyes" - Environmental Photographic Competition</u> |
| 8 - 30 September 2010 Port-of-Spain | Biodiversity Lecture Series |
| 14 September - 30 November 2010 Port of Spain | Eco-Song Competition |
| 25 September 2010 Mayaro | <u>International Coastal CleanUp</u> |
| 30 September 2010 Port-of-Spain | Amateur Tourism Photo Competition |



Tunisia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tn

Main activities

List of events planned in Tunisia during the International Year of Biodiversity (in French).

Fourth National Report on Biological Diversity and National Biological Diversity Strategy and Action Plan 2010-2020

Key findings of the Fourth National Report on Biological Diversity and objectives of the National Biological Diversity Strategy and Action Plan on for the next ten years (in French).

Celebrations of the International Day for Biodiversity, International Year of Biodiversity and International Year of Youth

22-23 May 2010: Read about the outcomes of the celebrations of the International Day for Biodiversity, International Year of Biodiversity and International Year of the Youth, organized by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Tunisia. (in French).

Message du Secrétaire Exécutif de la CDB pour la Tunisie à l'occasion de la Journée internationale de la biodiversité 2010

Regardez sur Youtube

28-30 May 2010, **Tozeur**

« The role of Farmers and NGOs in the conservation and valorisation of native biodiversity in the central and southern areas of Tunisia ». National conference organised by the National Gene Bank. Read more about the Tozeur workshop (pdf in French).

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|----------------------------|---|
| 22 May 2010 Tunis | Colloque: Jeunesse Active: Garant d'une Biodiversité Durable', Célébrations de l'Année internationale de la Biodiversité et de l'Année internationale de la Jeunesse |
| 23 May 2010 Zaghuan | 'Course aux trésors'. Célébrations de l'Année internationale de la Biodiversité et de l'Année internationale de la Jeunesse |
| 28 - 30 May 2010 Tozeur | <u>Rôle des Agriculteurs et des ONGs dans la conservation et la valorisation de la biodiversité autochtone dans les régions du centre et du sud tunisien</u> |
| 4 June 2010 Tunis | « La biodiversité, c'est la vie – La biodiversité, c'est notre vie » |
| 11 June 2010 Tunis | <u>Rôle des Agriculteurs et des ONGs dans la conservation et la valorisation de la biodiversité autochtone dans la région du nord tunisien</u> |
| 6 - 8 August 2010 Tunis | International Seminar on Biodiversity |
| 29 October 2010 Tunis | La biodiversité marine |



Turkey

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tr

Official Partners

KuzeyDoga Society www.kuzeydoga.org

Main activities

2 February 2010, **World Wetland Day**

KuzeyDoğa Society celebrated World Wetland Day in Kars and Iğdır.

9 May 2010, **World Migratory Bird Day**

KuzeyDoğa Society celebrated World Wetland Day at Lake Kuyucuk.

14 May 2010, **World-Famous Ecology Professor Fikret Berkes Gave a Talk in Honor of 2010 International Year of Biodiversity**

Prof. Berkes gave a talk on “The importance of involving local people in natural resource conservation” at Kafkas University as a guest of assistant professor Dr. Mehmet Ali Kırpık of Kafkas University Biology Department.

22 May 2010, Organisations in Turkey celebrated the **International Day for Biodiversity**

5 June 2010, **World Environment Day**

KuzeyDoğa Society celebrated World Environment Day in Sarikamis Forest and Allahuekber Mountains National Park of Kars, Turkey with high school students and the public.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 2 - 2 February 2010 Kars | World Wetland Day |
| 9 May 2010 Kars | World Migratory Bird Day |
| 14 May 2010 Kars | Talk given by World-Famous Ecology Professor Fikret Berkes |
| 31 July - 13 August 2010 Istanbul | <u>Fifth World Youth Congress</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Turkiye 2010 - World Youth Congress |
| 2 - 6 August 2010 Trabzon | <u>Second International Workshop : Invasive Plants in the Mediterranean Type Regions of the World</u> <i>Organized by:</i> European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization European Environment Agency |



Turkmenistan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tm

Main activities

Hazar Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Joint project of the Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan, GEF, and UNDP started the work in October 2006. Project is designed for 4 years and worked till October 2010.

The main goal of the project is protection of Turkmenistan's globally significant biodiversity by strengthening sustainability of the country's National System of Protected Areas.

The main mission of the project is to search for new joint and adaptive approach to preservation and management of natural resources in Hazar state reserve, and to demonstrate and duplicate the best practice in the whole National System of Protected Areas of Turkmenistan (NSPA).

The main components of the project include:

- Strengthening management potential and efficiency of preservation in Hazar reserve.
- Establishing cross-sector capacity for integrated coastal management and creating biodiversity conservation tasks to be introduced to the industrial sectors surrounding Hazar reserve.

- Building mutual understanding between Hazar reserve and local communities for strengthening sustainable use of natural resources.

- Introducing best practices of the project to the NSPA of Turkmenistan.

More information: www.hazarwetlands.com

Tuvalu

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tv



Main activities

Tuvalu will be celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity in a period of two weeks commencing with the celebrations of the International Day for Biodiversity, 22 May 2010, towards 5 June 2010, World Environment Day.

Out of this event, Tuvalu is looking forward to produce Biodiversity icons that are; a song portraying the value of biodiversity to life; a traditional beauty queen advocating on Biodiversity issues and; a passionate planter promoting the importance of indigenous species.

Programme for the two weeks celebration



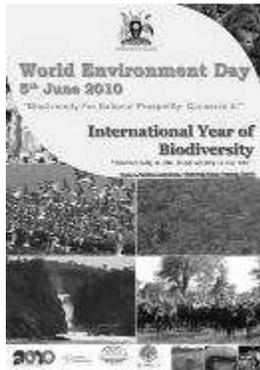
Uganda

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ug

Main activities

[Details on the celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity and World Environment Day in Uganda.](#)

[Website of the National Environment Management Authority \(NEMA\)](#)



World Environment Day – International Year of Biodiversity

This celebration took place on 5th June 2010. The event was presided over by the Minister of State for Environment Hon Jesca Eriyo as the Chief Guest. The Minister of State for Water also attended the event which was organized by NEMA. A wide range of stakeholders participated in the event including local communities, government departments, schools, the private sector and the media. There were exhibitions which specifically focused on the national theme: Biodiversity for National Prosperity. Conserve it.



Ukraine

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ua

Official Partners

Eco-Stream eco-stream.com.ua/en

Kyiv Zoological Park of National Importance www.zoo.kiev.ua

Main activities

The UNEP National Committee for Ukraine in partnership with the Green Ukraine community group organized an environment seminar entitled “Education about Biodiversity and Sustainable Development in Ukraine” in support to the International Year of Biodiversity. [Read more](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 2 June 2010 - 1 January 2011 Kyiv | <u>"We Are Cutting Them From Our Life" - Public Information Campaign Dedicated to the International Year of Biodiversity / Organized by UN Development Programme, Ukraine</u> |
| 6 June 2010 Kiev | The "Clean Country" initiative |
| 15 August 2010 Kyiv | <u>Photo Contest "Nature-protected Ukraine"</u> |
| 1 - 30 September 2010 Volyn | Photo Album "Protected Volyn" |



United Arab Emirates

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ae

Official Partners

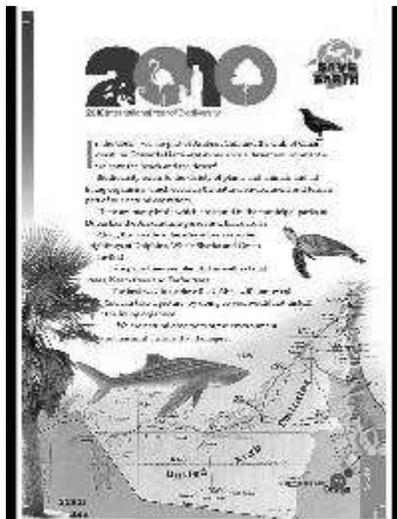
Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund www.mbzspeciesconservation.org

Main Activities

22 May 2010, **International Day for Biodiversity** Celebrations in Ras Al Khaimah. Activities developed by the Environment Protection and Development Authority (EPDA-RAK). [English - Arabic](#)

Celebration of International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) 2010 in United Arab of Emirates – [Action Plan \(English\)](#)

[Sharjah Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in the Arabian Peninsula](#), 3-4 February 2010
The Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in the Arabian Peninsula was held at the American University of Sharjah during 3 and 4 February. The two-day conference was organised by the Environment and Protected Areas Authority (EPAA), Government of Sharjah under the patronage of His Highness Sheik Dr Sultan bin Mohammed al Qassimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah. [Read summary \(pdf\)](#) - [Website](#).



Splash Kids Workbook

This is one of the education materials offered to all schoolchildren whom visit the dolphinarium facility. Dubai Dolphinarium is the first fully air conditioned indoor Dolphinarium in the Middle East. [Click here](#) to find more information about the Dubai Dolphinarium.



The Tree's Genie

Planting trees activities organized by the ENO Program and National Commission for UNESCO at the school ATHAN Basic Education - Ras Al Khaima.

Calendar of events

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| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 3 - 4 February 2010 Sharjah | <u>Biodiversity Conservation in the Arabian Peninsula : Organized by Environment Protected Areas Authority, Government of Sharjah, UAE</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Government of Sharjah, Environment Protected Areas Authority, United Arab Emirates |
| 23 March 2010 Dubai | Presentation a lecture entitled "IUCN Red List for endangered species and an introduction to CITES" |
| 1 May 2010 Dubai | Participation in the Environmental Sustainability Exhibition in cooperation with Zayed University |
| 5 May 2010 Dubai | Participation in the Environmental exhibition in Merdeif Shopping Mall |
| 8 - 9 May 2010 Dubai | Celebration for the World Migratory Bird Day occasion in Participation with Dubai municipality |
| 11 May 2010 Dubai | Presentation a lecture entitled" Biodiversity and ecotourism" |
| 22 May 2010 Dubai | Declaration of the International Year for Biodiversity |
| 23 May 2010 Dubai | Biodiversity and protected areas in UAE |
| 17 June 2010 Dubai | Participation by a lecture entitled "Biodiversity and Desertification combating, A Double Faced Coin" |
| 1 - 30 September 2010 Abu Dhabi | Field trips to the protected areas and National parks |
| 16 September 2010 Dubai | Participation in the Celebration for the World Ozone day |



United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=gb

National Committee

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National Website

www.biodiversityislife.net

Official Partners

2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership www.twentyten.net

A Table From The Sea's Edge www.atablefromtheseasedge.com

ARKive - Image of Life on Earth www.arkive.org

BioNET-INTERNATIONAL www.bionet-intl.org

Biosphere Expeditions www.biosphere-expeditions.org

Complus www.complusalliance.org

Natural History Museum of London www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/biodiversity/international-year-biodiversity/index.html

Nature www.nature.com/nature/supplements/collections/biodiversity

UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre www.unep-wcmc.org

Welsh Historic Gardens Trust www.whgt.org.uk

Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country www.bbcwildlife.org.uk

Main activities

Audio slideshow: Mammal mail

Millions of water voles, whales and wildcats are set to drop through letter boxes across the UK in the coming weeks - as the Royal Mail highlights the struggle for survival facing some of Britain's wild mammals. As part of the 2010 International year of Biodiversity, 10 new First Class stamps show creatures for whom the future is by no means secure - as the Chief Executive of The Mammal Society, Marina Pacheco, explains.

Biodiversity meets the YouTube generation with tve's call for commissions

tve is launching its second major environmental film initiative biomovies for YouTube filmmakers and animators. It's a film competition that offers them a say on the world's



vanishing biodiversity. [Watch on Youtube](#)



Winners of Biodiversity Competition Announced

The winners of the International Year of Biodiversity Competition were announced this week. **Alice Grey** from Port Ellen Primary School on the Isle of Islay in Scotland took the top prize for primary school entries, while **Shannon Church**, Imogen Hale and Katie Lipscombe from St Johns School in Marlborough won the secondary school category.

The competition, organised by UNESCO Associated Schools in the UK to celebrate the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, attracted 114 entries from across the UK.

Launch of International Year of Biodiversity in Scotland

[Watch on Youtube](#) or [see pictures](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|---|---|
| 13 - 14 January 2010 London | <u>Integrating Ecosystem Services Into Biodiversity Management</u> <i>Organized by:</i> The Royal Society |
| 20 January 2010 Aberdeen | <u>Café Scientifique International Year of Biodiversity Special : "Sponges, Washing Powder and Cuddly Dolphins". Speaker: Prof. Marcel Jaspars</u> <i>Organized by:</i> University of Aberdeen |
| 14 February - 3 December 2010 Edinburgh | <u>Biodiversity Art Award</u> |
| 14 - 21 February 2010 Plymouth | <u>DZP Biodiversity Week</u> |
| 25 - 26 February 2010 London | <u>The Foundations of Biodiversity : Saving the World's Non-vertebrates</u> |
| 20 - 21 March 2010 Edinburgh | <u>Biodiversity in Edinburgh</u> |
| 22 - 26 March 2010 Esher | <u>Hinchley Wood School's Biodiversity Week</u> |
| 20 - 22 May 2010 Cardiff | <u>International Year of Biodiversity 2010 in Wales</u> |
| 7 October - 12 December 2010 London | <u>Art for the Amazon: Natural History Museum uses art to tackle eco-crisis</u> |
| 5 November 2010 Inverness | <u>Biodiversity and Climate Change Conference</u> |



United Republic of Tanzania

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=tz



Main activities

Activities organized by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and its partners to mark the International Year of Biodiversity.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
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| 22 May 2010 Dar es Salaam | Prize giving day and Launch of exhibition: Biodiversity is our Life, Use it well / Bioanuai ni maisha yetu, Tuilinde |

United States of America

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=us



Official Partners

Ecostasy www.ecostasy.com

Encyclopedia of Life www.eol.org

GEF Small Grants Programme www.sgp.undp.org

Solpugid Productions www.solpugidproductions.com

The Equator Initiative www.undp.org/equatorinitiative/index.htm

Main activities

In honor of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity (IYB), the United States Forest Service is sponsoring the following programs:

FOCUS (Forests, Ocean, Climate and US) a nationwide partnership with the Wyland Foundation, US Forest Service and NOAA which uses art and science to encourage young people to explore and appreciate the world around them. For 2010, students will celebrate biodiversity in Puerto Rico, Alaska, Virginia, Michigan, Texas and California.
<http://www.wylandfoundation.org>

Robert Bateman Get to Know Your Wild Neighbor program consists of an art contest, classroom programs, outdoor adventures, Natural Treasures Map, Virtual Hikes and many Bio Blitz competitions. This program is in partnership with the US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Wildlife Federation, the Children and Nature Network and California State Parks. <http://www.gettoknow.ca>

Nature Watch provides children and adults the opportunity to safely view and participate in activities to raise awareness of wildlife, fish, plants and ecosystems. To learn more visit:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/outdoors/naturewatch/index.htm>



US Forest Service IYB Contact: Gloria Manning, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, +1-202-205-1523, gmanning@fs.fed.us.

The National Park Service is working to preserve biodiversity. Find more by visiting <http://www.nature.nps.gov/biodiversity>



Actor Edward Norton
UN Goodwill Ambassador for
Biodiversity

[Message from Edward Norton - United Nations Goodwill Ambassador for Biodiversity.](#)

[North American launch of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, 10 February 2010](#)

2010: The Year for Our Wildlife

[Nearly 18 years ago, the U.S. provided vital leadership in negotiating the Convention on Biological Diversity -- a vital international agreement to protect and preserve the world's rich diversity of life. Now the U.S. and tiny Andorra are the only countries in the world that have failed to ratify this important accord. In 2010 -- the International Year of Biodiversity -- the U.S. has an opportunity to reestablish its role as a global leader in wildlife conservation. But your senators need to hear from you! Take Action.](#)

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|--|---|
| 1 January - 15 October 2010 Fargo | <u>International Year of Biodiversity Competition</u> |
| 10 February 2010 New York | <u>North American Launch of the International Year of Biodiversity</u> <i>Organized by:</i> United Nations Development Programme |
| 22 April 2010 New York | <u>Biodiversity and Spirituality in the High Andes</u> <i>Organized by:</i> United Nations |
| 25 April 2010 New York | <u>Planning for Biodiversity: What Have We Got to Lose?</u> |
| 6 June - 19 November 2010 Washington | <u>The Biodiversity Observing Network (BON) Online Forum</u> |
| July 2010 New York | <u>IYB Celebrations at High-Level Segment of ECOSOC</u> <i>Organized by:</i> Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| 28 July 2010 Bay Lake | <u>Disney's Animal Kingdom to Celebrate the "International Year of Biodiversity"</u> |
| 3 - 4 September 2010 Lynnwood | <u>Microcosm: A Celebration of Biodiversity and Conservation</u> |



Uruguay

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=uy

Main activities

The Ministry of Housing, Land Planning and Environment launched an itinerant exposition with lots of posters about the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity that is showing in different parts of the country together with conferences on Biodiversity topics.

The Chamber of Senators of Uruguay made a Declaration in support to the International Year of Biodiversity (in Spanish).



Biodiversity 2010 - Protected Areas in Uruguay *(in Spanish)*

The Newspaper "El Pais" of Montevideo made a publication about the International Year of Biodiversity as the first of a large series of publications on Protected Areas in Uruguay.



Itinerant exposition with lots of posters about the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity that is showing in different parts of **Uruguay** together with conferences on Biodiversity topics.
(Spanish only)



Montes del Plata releases coatis raised at a native fauna conservation station into their natural habitat

Specimens were released into the wild at Estación Santo Domingo in Paysandú on 30 September. This is the second time this initiative has been carried out. It is part of the forestry company's commitment to maintaining biodiversity.

Press Release – Photos



On September 30th, 20 **coaties** will be released from captivity
Invitation – Official Resolution (Spanish only)
 Photo by: [edcarsi](#)

Bioparque M'BOPICUÁ



"Banki", Pampas Deer an endangered species in Uruguay, was born on November 7th.

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 24 - 28 May 2010 Montevideo | Fourth Assembly of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) <i>Organized by:</i> Global Environment Facility |
| 27 May - 4 June 2010 Montevideo | Exposición "Biodiversidad es Vida - Biodiversidad es nuestra vida" |
| 30 September 2010 Santo Domingo | Suelta de Coatíes |

Uzbekistan

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=uz

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
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| 1 - 22 April 2010 Tashkent | <u>"In Harmony with Nature" Competition</u> |



Vanuatu

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=vu



Main activities

October, 2010. Vanuatu was showcasing several of its successes in nature conservation by featuring as guest speakers at key events during the 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP10) in Nagoya, Japan. [Article](#)

Venezuela

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ve



Official Partners

Radio El Hatillo www.radioelhatillo.com

The Turtle Foundation www.fundacionlatortuga.org

Main activities

For Venezuela, biodiversity is a natural patrimony, key for the development were to obtain goods for subsistence. So, the celebration of 2010 is an opportunity for Venezuela to build alliances and strength to become a better world. For this occasion Venezuela has created inter-ministerial commissions to plan activities to celebrate International Year of Biodiversity with the participation of local communities and respecting traditional knowledge.

International Year of Biodiversity will be launched on December 15, 2009 from the Parish of Catia in Caracas, one of the most popular areas. We will commemorate at the same time, in front of several ministers, the people who died fighting for diversity: *"for the leaves, the trees, the men and the fallen women"* (*"por las hojas, los árboles, los hombres y las mujeres caídas"*). There will be 23 state celebrations at zoos and aquariums around the country. There will be a mural with national and international achievements of the international year, the creation of a logo that complements the image of the official logo, it is two hands a red one, that symbolizes the Bolivian revolution and a green that is emphasizing the environmental struggle with the phrase "Conservation with social commitment is revolution," (*"conservación con compromiso social es revolución"*), which represents the ideology necessary to achieve the "supreme social happiness" second objective of our National Plan. [More information \(in Spanish\)](#).

Press Release

[Fundación La Tortuga launches the program "Adopt a Turtle" PDF-ES](#) - [Activities during April - May-June - July-August - September-October](#).



[The Gerencia de Gestión para el Ambiente de la Alcaldía Metropolitana in Caracas celebrates the International Day for Biological Diversity \(Spanish\)](#)



Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 10 - 11 April 2010 Caracas | <u>Taller de Técnicas Básicas de Observación e Identificación de Aves</u> |
| 10 - 14 May 2010 Caracas | JORNADAS DE INVESTIGACIÓN Y EXTENSIÓN DE LA FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS 2010 / Organizadas por: Facultad de Ciencias V Jornadas de Investigación del Instituto de Zoología y Ecología Tropical, "Humedales de Venezuela: Biodiversidad y Conservación" / Organizadas por: Instituto de Zoología y Ecología Tropical |
| 13 June 2010 Baruta | <u>Observación de Aves</u> |
| 24 June 2010 Santo Domingo | <u>Excursión Valles de Santo Domingo</u> |
| 3 July 2010 Barquisimeto | <u>Aventura con las Aves en Yacambú</u> |
| 7 - 8 August 2010 Tacarigua | <u>Excursión - Observación de Aves</u> |
| 21 August 2010 Caracas | <u>Jordana de Observación de Aves</u> |
| 28 August 2010 Caracas | <u>Jordana de Observación Bosques de la Lagunita</u> |
| 10 - 12 September 2010 Caracas | <u>Excursión para observar aves en Laguna Unare-Píritu, Edo. Anzoátegui</u> |



Vietnam

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=vn

Main activities

Website of the [Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment](#).

22 May 2010 - **International Day for Biodiversity**

Children in the area surrounding Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park were invited to take part in an excursion to the natural habitat of their region. The children were encouraged to discover the local plant and animal species found in their area.

Another event that took place to mark the day was a panel discussion. Biologists and scientists were taken on a guided tour of the Phong Nha caves where the rich biodiversity was highlighted. Panelists from a variety of backgrounds came together to discuss the importance of protecting the area and ways of accomplishing this mandate. [Read more](#).

Calendar of events

| Dates and Venue | Event |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 17 February 2010 Hanoi | <u>Introduce website link about biodiversity conservation and IYB activities in Vietnam</u> |
| 18 - 19 March 2010 Hanoi | Second workshop on biodiversity conservation of Truong Son Cordillera – for IndoChina countries |
| 22 March 2010 Hanoi | Talk show: Biodiversity at schools |
| 22 March 2010 Hanoi | Launching of Greenwave at selected schools |
| 25 March 2010 Hanoi | Publication of a special issue about the International Year of Biodiversity on Environment Magazine |
| 21 May 2010 Hanoi | Workshop on Forestry Biodiversity Conservation |
| 4 June 2010 Quang Binh | National workshop on International Year of Biodiversity 2010 |
| 4 - 5 June 2010 Quang Binh | National Celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity |
| 1 September 2010 Hanoi | Introduce National Program on Tiger Conservation |
| 7 October 2010 Hanoi | Launching of the publication of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 (GBO-3) in Vietnamese |



Yemen

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=ye

Main Activities



UN International Year of Biodiversity Launch

"Preserving the rich biodiversity of Yemen and the Arabian Peninsula, in all of its beauty is a priority for us and should be a priority for all." Abdul Rahman Fadhl Alryani, the Environment Minister of Yemen

Zambia

www.cbd.int/2010/country/?country=zm

Official Partners

The Kafue Trust www.kafue.org

Main activities

Zambia joined the rest of the world in commemorating the International Year of Biodiversity.

3 June 2010, Television Interview: an interview was conducted on one of the private television stations in the evening of 3rd June. It involved a panel from the Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental Council of Zambia (ECZ) and a youth representative to discuss the significance of the World Environment Day in relation to the theme "*Many Species. One Planet. One Future*".

4 June 2010, the Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources, Hon. Catherine Namugala, MP delivered a speech to launch the commemorations of the World Environment Day.

5 June 2010, **World Environment Day**: the commemorations of the World Environment Day were held at Munda Wanga Botanical Gardens in Lusaka, Zambia, a site that has species of both plant and animal life. Speeches by the Deputy Minister of Environment, Hon. Vera T. Chiluba, MP, the Acting Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Anna C. Masinja and the UNDP Resident Coordinator Mr. Macleod Nyirongo at the commemoration venue. All the speeches, among other things, highlighted the importance of biodiversity for both present and future generations.

Drama Performances

Drama performances were made at the venue for raising awareness on biodiversity conservation, with some performances by school children.



Exhibitions

About ten (10) organizations exhibited various materials such as publications and products relating to biodiversity.

March Past

A march past led by the Deputy Minister of Environment, was held from the Lusaka National Museums to the Ministry Headquarters, a distance of about two kilometers to raise awareness on the importance of biodiversity. The activity attracted hundreds of participants from line ministries, statutory bodies, schools, colleges, private sector, youth organisations and Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

Species Identification at Forest Reserve No. 27

A local NGO, the Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia (WECSZ) organised an education trip to Lusaka East Forest Reserve No. 27, the only public protected area with large natural green space in the immediate proximity of Zambia's capital city. The activity involved over 500 people, mainly school going children and their teachers. It focussed on species identification to emphasise the importance of each species on the planet.

Zimbabwe



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