

The International Day for Biological Diversity 2005 in Bangladesh

A) Biodiversity Research Group of Bangladesh (BRGB)

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The International Day for Biological Diversity 22 May 2005

Theme of the Day: **Biodiversity: Life Insurance for Our Changing World**

In observance of the World Biodiversity Day a seminar will be held on 22 May, 2005 at the Auditorium of the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences (IFESCU), Chittagong University, Bangladesh. **Professor A. J. M. Nuruddin Chowdhury**, the honourable Vice-Chancellor and **Professor Dr. Mohammad Shamsuddin**, the honourable Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University is expected to attend the opening ceremony as Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively.

You are cordially invited to attend the seminar.

Key Note Papers:

M. Zafor – Marine Resources with Special Reference to Bangladesh.

M. K. Hossain – Plant Diversity and the Strategy of Conservation in Bangladesh.

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B) The Department of Botany, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh and The Nature Club of Rajshahi, 'Arannyak'

State of Biodiversity in rural Bangladesh and what we can do

The Department of Botany, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh and The Nature Club of Rajshahi, 'Arannyak' jointly organized a seminar and Discussion on the 'State of Biodiversity in Rural Bangladesh and what we can do' in the Department auditorium. Main speakers were Prof M.I.Zuberi, Prof M.N.Amin, Prof.G.Kabir, Dr Nurul Islam and others.

The role of biodiversity as insurance in our changing environment and economy and what we can do were discussed and concrete action were proposed. Local initiatives can be taken by the students and others present were elaborated and committees were proposed to take up action immediately. The University flora and fauna were planned to be documented and the threatened species were to be identified and conserved with local initiatives.

Reports will be prepared and presented on the same day next year. Support was requested to be sought by all those present, a long term participatory biodiversity conservation has been planned with local NGOs and Village communities. All students and teachers present promised to extend conservation activities in their respective villages. Also a report will be presented on the Day in 2006.