

Tajikistan joins the celebration of International Biodiversity Day. In particular, on May 22, 2005 National Biodiversity and Biosafety Center of the Republic of Tajikistan is holding the Action in Botanical Garden of Dushanbe for schools, NGOs, Institutions of Higher Education. Within the framework of this activity there will be made excursion in the Botanical Garden of Dushanbe and will be hold competitions.

During excursion employees of the Center and Institute of Botanic of Academy of Science of Tajikistan will tell about flora of Tajikistan, about Convention on Biodiversity, its goals and objectives, what is done within the framework of this Convention in Tajikistan. These activities are directed at participation of scientists, students, pupils and population of Dushanbe as a whole.

Also, for celebration of International Biodiversity Day National Biodiversity and Biosafety Center has published visual materials on biodiversity, that will be distributed during excursion on May 22, 2005: posters, desk calendars.

The most active ecological non-governmental organizations will hold meetings.

For wider public awareness there have been prepared articles for newspapers and press-releases for coverage in local radio. On Sunday on local television there will program "Subkh" will be the episode with congratulations of the Chairman of State Committee on Environment Protection and Forestry of the Republic of Tajikistan Mr. Abduvakhid Karimov and National Focal Point on Biodiversity Mr. Neimatullo Safarov, and also speech on biodiversity conservation and its significance for human life.

On behalf of the State Committee for Environment Protection and Forestry of the Republic of Tajikistan, National Biodiversity and Biosafety Center of the Republic of Tajikistan, and civil population let us congratulate the whole staff of CBD Secretariat and all those who are concerned in biodiversity conservation with coming International Biodiversity Day, and wish you creative success and luck.