

To mark the International Day of Biological Diversity, ICIMOD is organizing a series of activities at national, regional, and international level. An <u>event page for the day</u> has been created with details of the activities. The planned activities are:

Centre Level Activities

- Director General's message
- Newspaper articles in Bhutan, Myanmar, and Nepal
- Relaunch of the <u>HKH Conservation Portal</u>
- Knowledge Forum by eminent botanist and conservationist Dr Tirtha Bahadur Shrestha
- Photo exhibition on the theme 'Biodiversity and water'
- Tree planting at the ICIMOD Knowledge Park at Godavari
- Clean-up and protection of Godavari water source areas with members of the local community and forest user group

National Level Activities

Activities at ICIMOD Headquarters in Nepal, organized with local partner Small Earth Nepal (SEN):

- Biodiversity knowledge café with 30 students from three public schools from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur districts. After presentations by experts, students will be given an opportunity to discuss key solutions for conserving biodiversity in the world café style.
- Flora and fauna identification and sketching. After learning about the flora and fauna in Godavari from key experts, students will go to the field to identify and sketch different species. The best sketches will be selected on the basis of the accuracy of labelling and the quality and awarded prizes and certificates.

Regional Level Activities

Activities organized by ICIMOD Pakistan Country Office:

- Biodiversity seminar in collaboration with <u>Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)</u>, <u>Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH)</u>, Ministry of Science and Science and Technology, Islamabad
- Poster competition among school students with the theme 'Water and Biodiversity'. The best three posters will be awarded prizes and certificates.
- Photo exhibition on the theme 'Biodiversity and water'

International Level Activities

• Participate in <u>The Green Wave Campaign</u>, an international event promoted by the Convention of Biological Diversity among local schools in Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal, and Pakistan