

CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

May 22, 2013

Venue: WWF-India Auditorium, WWF-India, 172 B, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi- 110003
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1000-1100 hrs	Session I: Inaugural
1000-1010 hrs	Welcome and Introductory Remarks: Representative of WWF – India
1010-1025 hrs	Setting the stage and theme of the Day: <i>Mr. Hem Pande, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests</i>
1025-1035 hrs	Release of Poster on the theme of the Day and Release of Books, CDs etc. By: <i>Dr. V. Rajagopalan, Secretary (E&F), Ministry of Environment and Forests</i>
1035-1050 hrs	Inaugural Address: <i>Dr. V. Rajagopalan, Secretary (E&F), Ministry of Environment and Forests</i>
1050-1100 hrs	Vote of thanks: Representative of Wetlands International – South Asia
1100-1130 hrs	TEA
1130-1140 hrs	National Consultation on Water and Biodiversity: Purpose and Objectives: <i>Dr.A.K.Kundra, President, Wetlands International – South Asia, Former Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests</i>
1140-1230 hrs	Session II: Ecosystem services, biodiversity and water management – policy synergies and challenges <i>Chair: Prof. Kirit Parekh, IRADe (Introduction to Session – 5 mins)</i> Water and Biodiversity in India's International commitments Dr.J.R.Bhatt, Advisor, Ministry of Environment and Forests (10 mins) Intervention by participants on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The feasibility of considering biodiversity and ecosystem services as 'natural infrastructure' for addressing water scarcity• Building biodiversity and ecosystem services commitments in water management planning and decision making• Challenges in developing a unified approach to water and biodiversity within sectoral policies and work programmes of national and state governments

1230 - 1330 hrs.

Session III: Integrating biodiversity and ecosystem services in water management – lessons from the field

Chair: Prof. E.J. James, National Wetland Regulatory Authority (Introduction to Session – 5 mins)

Case study presentation on Chilika Lake

Mr. Ajit Patnaik (10 mins)

Intervention by participants on the following topics:

- Balancing water use for human and ecological purposes in river basins and coastal zones
- Addressing conservation-development trade-offs and engaging stakeholders in managing water for ecosystems and development
- Building capacity for recognizing and assessing ecosystem service values for water management
- Creating cross-sectoral institutional arrangements for integrated decision making

1330 – 1430 hrs.

Lunch

1430 – 1530 hrs.

Session IV: Water and Biodiversity – towards a joint work programme

Chair: Prof. Ramasamy Iyer, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi (Introduction to Session – 5 mins)

Intervention by participants on the following topics:

- Building interdisciplinary science and knowledge base on water, ecosystem services and biodiversity inter-linkages
- Stakeholder led management of water for ecosystems and development
- Addressing capacity building needs of biodiversity managers and water managers

1530 – 1600 hrs.

Valedictory

Chair: Mr. Hem Pande, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests

Consultation workshop conclusions

Dr. Ritesh Kumar, Wetlands International- South Asia

Closing remarks by Chair

Vote of Thanks

Representative, WWF-India