



Bahrain to mark International Biodiversity Day

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Manama, May21 (BNA)Bahrain will tomorrow mark the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD), which falls on May22. The event will be put under the theme "Island Biodiversity", which was chosen to coincide with the designation by the United Nations General Assembly of 2014 as the International Year of Small Island Developing States.

His Majesty's Personal Representative and Supreme Council for the Environment Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al-Khalifa underscored the rich biodiversity characterizing Bahrain which offers breeding ground for up to 1300 living species, including birds and other animals, in addition to plants.

In a statement on the eve of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD), he said that Bahrain has set up so far six natural reserves. "The United Nations declared the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues and conserve wildlife species for future generations", he said. He urged all establishments and people to coordinate with the Supreme Council for the Environment (SCE) to conserve the wildlife and natural habitat.

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