

Summary of key activities China organized to celebrate
the International Year of Biodiversity 2010

1. China established a high-level National Committee for the International Year of Biodiversity of 2010, headed by Vice Premier Li Keqiang and composed of members from 25 departments. This committee has issued a programme of action for celebrating IYB.
2. China launched its updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (2011-2030) on 17 September 2010, following approval by the State Council. This updated NBSAP contains goals for three phases (for the period 2011-2030), 8 strategic tasks, 10 priority areas of action, 30 priority actions and 39 priority projects.
3. Reintroduction of endangered aquatic species was undertaken in 106 sites of 22 provinces from April to September 2010.
4. Elimination of alien species was undertaken in provinces such as Guizhou, Hunan, Liaoning, Sichuan and Anhui during June-August 2010.
5. An international forum on biodiversity strategies was held in Chengdu, Sichuan Province from 25 to 26 August 2010.
6. Third China-EU Strategic Dialogue on Biodiversity was held from 6 to 7 September at the margin of 2010 Shanghai Expo. The dialogue discussed issues such as biodiversity and climate change, economics of biodiversity and ecosystem services, ABS and post-2010 biodiversity targets and actions.
7. An International Workshop on Agricultural Biodiversity was held from 9 to 10 September 2011 (co-organized by Ministry of Agriculture, UNDP, GTZ). Participants exchanged experiences and lessons in the development of agricultural biodiversity policies and ABS-related issues.
8. Forum on Tiger Protection was held in Jilin from 29 to 30 August (organized by State Forestry Administration and WCS).
9. International forum on marine biodiversity was held from 17 to 20 October in Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province. The forum discussed about key issues related to establishment of marine protected areas and conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity.
10. International workshop on inland biodiversity was held from 14 to 15 August in Fujin, Heilongjiang Province. The workshop discussed about key issues related to wetland conservation.
11. A statue in memory of IYB was set up in Beijing Zoo on 22 May 2010.
12. Vice Premier Li Keqiang visited an international environmental exhibition on 5 June, whose theme is "biodiversity, one planet and common future".
13. A training workshop on biodiversity was provided on 19 April to journalists and representatives of NGOs.
14. Yunnan Province launched a programme for biodiversity protection on 26 May focusing on northwest and southwest Yunnan. A biodiversity foundation with contributions of 38 million yuan RMB from the industries so far has been established to implement this programme.