



*Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.*  
(From the Preamble of UNESCO's Constitutive Act)

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### International Day for Biological Diversity - 22 May

#### ITALIAN UNESCO DECLARATION FOR BIODIVERSITY AND CULTURE

For the International Year of Biodiversity the Italian Commission for UNESCO launches an initiative to stress the crucial role played by schools, universities, cultural and training actors in the protection of biodiversity and sustainable development.

“*For a Biodiversity Culture*” is the title of the **Declaration** promoted by the Italian Commission for UNESCO, in collaboration with the major partners of the UN-DESD (Decade on Education for Sustainable Development) campaign: FAO - Education for Rural People Partnership, Federation of Italian Parks (Federparchi), National Institute for Environmental Research and Protection (ISPRA), WWF, Legambiente and Italian Geographical Society.

The Declaration invites to strengthen educational and cultural processes in order to spread knowledge, awareness, sensitivity and operational capacity about the conservation of natural resources and their correct and equitable use.

Marcia Theophilo, famous for her poems on Amazonian forest and candidate for the Nobel Prize, serves as a *testimonial* for the UNESCO Italian Declaration for Biodiversity and Culture.

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