

National Celebrations

Nature Conservation Agency of Latvia within the framework of International Year of Biodiversity from March 2010 till September 2010 organized campaign “Moments of biodiversity”. The aim of campaign was to pay attention to local nature values in order to understand the idea and importance of nature conservation. Campaign was divided into 3 sections – each emphasizing different seasons – winter/spring, summer and autumn. During each section Latvian citizens through informative activities was invited to write articles, poems etc. about their local nature values – plant and animal species, habitats and make photos of them. Winners got valuable presents from Ministry of Environment of Latvia, Latvian Fund of Nature and Latvian Nature Museum and free guided tours in different protected areas.

During the May nature Conservation Agency’s structural units organized many different activities, which was devoted to the International Year of Biodiversity.

Dates and Venue	Event
22 May 2010 Vidzeme <i>Confirmed</i>	Gauja National Park Guided Tours and Nature Education Events Tours was organized around most popular Gauja National park tourism objects. In the surroundings of Gūtmaņa cave was set up different workshops, which invited everyone to participate in educational activities about nature.
22 May 2010 Jurmala <i>Confirmed</i>	Kemeru National Park Guided Cycling Tour and Evening Events During the 20 km long cycling tour “Acknowledge the biodiversity of Kemeru National Park” representatives of National Park introduced participants with different ecosystems – forest, lake, bog, dunes and sea. Also several bird species was observed during the tour. From 24 th till 28 th of May near the Kaņieris lake was organized special evening events with bird listening, supervised by the ornithologists.
22 May 2010 Rezekne <i>Confirmed</i>	Rāzna National Park Guided Tours “Unique possibility” and exhibition “Moment in protected area” During the one of guided tours, which was lead by Rāzna National Park specialist R.Kalvis there was a possibility to acquaint local protected area - Mākoņkalns and it’s nature values. Other tours, which were lead by Rāzna National Park specialists, took place in Andrupene bog trail and Kaunata lake. In the end of year 2010 Rāzna National Park employees created an exhibition of most beautiful photos, which was made in protected areas. Now this exhibition is traveling around different places of Latvia.
22 May 2010 Dundaga Parish <i>Confirmed</i>	Slītere National Park Guided Tours Guided tour in Slītere Blue Hills. During the tour was observed local flora and fauna, either several protected plant species. Other guided tour was devoted to bird watching and was lead by experienced zoologist of Slītere National Park Vilnis Skuja and ornithologist and ranger Helmutis Hofmanis.
22 May 2010 Laudona	Teici Nature Reserve Guided Tours “Nature in twilight” Tours was lead by the expert of Teici Nature Reserve Andris Avotiņš. During these tours in twilight many bugs, butterflies and bats was observed and local people got acquainted with different animal species.
22 May 2010 Salacgrīva <i>Confirmed</i>	North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve Guided Tours Tours was lead by ranger of North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve. During the tours special attention was addressed to waters and sandstone outcrops in the banks of Gauja and Vizla rivers.

Pictures



Campaign photo



Cycling Tour in Kemer National park



Guided Tour in Razna National Park



Guided Tour in Ziemeļvidzeme Biosphere Reserve