

Events in Dar es Salaam

Name of event: Prize giving day and Launch of exhibition: *Biodiversity is our Life, Use it well/Bioanuai ni maisha yetu, Tuilinde,*

Date: 22 May 2010

Place: Dar es Salaam

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Brief Description: The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) partnered with World Agroforestry centre (ICRAF), National Museum of Tanzania, Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania (WCST) and Tanzania Biodiversity Information Facility (TanBIF) to organize an art competition 'Biodiversity is our life, use it well,' to mark the International Year of Biodiversity. The climax was the prize giving ceremony and exhibition launch held on May 22, the International Day of Biodiversity. The guest of honour at the event which brought together over 300 children from 30 primary schools in Dar es Salaam and their teachers was the Minister in the office of the vice president in charge of environment, Dr Batilda Burian.

The permanent exhibition will be at the National Museum and House of Culture, Dar es Salaam. Also from May 17 - 21, the team visited seven schools in Dar es Salaam and held interactive sessions with the students on biodiversity, its importance and why it should be conserved. Trees donated by the World Agroforestry Centre were distributed and planted in the schools.

Name of event: **The Biodiversity Battle of the Brains, Quiz contest**

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Place: Ibadan, Nigeria

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Brief description: IITA's Genetic Resources Center (GRC) organized a Biodiversity Week at IITA's headquarters in Ibadan, Nigeria with surrounding schools. The students visited the IITA forest, the genebank, tissue culture lab, and screen houses. Five participating schools from the secondary level also took part in a quiz contest tagged: "The Biodiversity Battle of the Brains," and a tree planting exercise to mark the climax of the celebration.

Partners:

International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) www.iita.org

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is an international non-profit R4D organization [since 1967](#), governed by a Board of Trustees, and supported primarily by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Our award winning [research-for-development](#) (R4D) is based on focused, authoritative thinking anchored on the development needs of sub-Saharan Africa. We work with partners in Africa and beyond to reduce producer and consumer risks, enhance crop quality and productivity, and generate wealth from agriculture.

World Agroforestry centre (ICRAF), <http://www.worldagroforestrycentre.org>

The World Agroforestry Centre is an international research organization supported by the [Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research](#) (CGIAR). It works in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The Centre's ultimate purpose is to improve

human welfare by reducing poverty, increasing cash income, improving food and nutritional security, and enhancing ecosystem resilience in the tropics, through improved agroforestry systems.

National Museum and House of Culture, <http://www.houseofculture.or.tz>

The National Museum and House of Culture formerly known as the National Museum Dar es Salaam is the largest museum in the country with collections and exhibitions covering the fields of Archaeology, Biology, Ethnography, History and Arts. Since November 2003 the museum name was changed to National Museum and House of Culture. This change was in line with the launching of the House of Culture project. This project is intended to transform the museum and making it livelier through expansion of its infrastructure thus giving space for an art gallery, a theatre for performances, children library, music recording studio, information center, storage and offices and a restaurant serving traditional meals.

Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania (WCST)

The Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania (WCST) is an independent, membership and non-profit making organization founded in 1988 in Tanzania. Its main objective is to assist the government in conserving flora, fauna and the environment within Tanzania.

Since its founding, WCST has been involved in a wide array of conservation activities at the local and national levels. These include environmental education and recreational activities such as bird walks; forest conservation in places such as the Eastern Arc and coastal forests; conservation policy including a prominent role in advocating for the original international ban on ivory trade in 1989; and conservation of important bird habitats in Tanzania

Tanzania Biodiversity Information Facility (TanBIF) (www.tanbif.or.tz)

Established in 2007, the Tanzania Biodiversity Information Facility (TanBIF) is a network of national biodiversity information units coordinated by a Secretariat located at the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH).

The overall goal of TanBIF is to provide and take advantage of free and universal access to data and information about Tanzania's biodiversity via the internet. TanBIF is part of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, thereby ensuring full interoperability with similar networks at the national, regional, and global levels, as well as benefitting as member from common agreements, capacity building activities, training programmes, tools, infrastructure, standards, and collaborative opportunities, among others.