

## BioNET and the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity

### Activities and Outputs

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BioNET – the global network for taxonomy – has played an active role in the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) celebrations. Some of the activities and outputs the network organized and/or produced are listed below – and links are provided to digital promotional material on taxonomy, biodiversity and BioNET. We invite and encourage the use of this material for education and outreach, particularly during the forthcoming **UN-Decade of Biodiversity 2011-2020**, declared by the UN General Assembly as recommended by the Parties to the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) at their conference in October 2010.

#### January 2010



The BioNET Secretariat co-organized a one day "**Taxonomy**" session during the [UNESCO Science Policy Conference](#) together with the chair of CETAF and the GTI Coordination Mechanism. It was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, 25-29 January, 2010, where over 250 participants celebrated the International Year of Biodiversity. Professor Randy Thaman (University of South Pacific and BioNET-PACINET) was among the excellent speakers and panellists who contributed. The BioNET Secretariat participated in the UNESCO Conference recommendations drafting group and summarised the results of the taxonomy session for the conference Statement and Recommendations. In October 2010, Parties to the CBD agreed in decision X/39 to welcome and include in the decision the recommendations from the UNESCO Conference on scaling up and sustaining taxonomy.

#### February 2010



BioNET-INTERNATIONAL and BioNET-PACINET were made [official IYB partners](#) to the CBD in the International Year of Biodiversity. This involved the compilation of a list of the network's planned activities and its submission to the CBD secretariat for publication on their website ([see here](#)).

#### April 2010



Invited by UNEP to support their IYB celebrations, the BioNET Secretariat, BioNET-PACINET and further contributors from the taxonomy community developed a presentation introducing taxonomy to lay audiences - "**Taxonomy - Understanding the world around you**". The show was featured as the Theme of the Week 29th March - 6th April on the [UNEP IYB website](#) where it is available as a PDF file. Alternatively, it can be [viewed directly](#) at the BioNET website or [downloaded](#) as PowerPoint file from the [BioNET Outreach](#) section .



The newly-formed ATUTAX (Association Tunisienne de Taxonomie) celebrated the International Year of Biodiversity by organizing a **Conference under the theme 'Taxonomy and Biodiversity'** on April 23rd, 2010 at the Cité des Sciences de Tunis.

#### May 2010



Following an idea of BioNET-PACINET, the BioNET Secretariat launched a call for contributions for the **"Taxonomy in Action" Campaign** on 22 May International Day of Biodiversity, inviting the wider BioNET community to contribute material showcasing the practice, benefits and uses of taxonomy. From the contributions the BioNET Secretariat developed a PowerPoint presentation (available from the [BioNET Outreach](#) webpage) including a subset of case studies, and an [online version](#) for easy viewing with the complete set of case studies. The Campaign was launched at the tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, October 2010, in Japan; it is still ongoing and contributions are very welcome (click [here](#) for a template and examples - 1.4Mb).



The BioNET Secretariat together with BioNET-EAFRINET hosted a **Side Event on Prioritizing Taxonomy for Development and the CBD** at 14th meeting of the scientific advisory body of the Convention on Biological Diversity in May (SBSTTA). The event highlighted applications of taxonomy to development and showcased work from Africa and Asia on promoting development-relevant taxonomic work and outputs. Some recent BioNET work was presented.



#### October 2010



From the **posters developed for its 'BioNET in Motion' campaign**, BioNET-PACINET produced a **CD-ROM** and showcased it at the **Pacific Voyage Booth at CBD COP 10, in Nagoya, Japan, October 2010.**



The BioNET Secretariat produced the promotional **CD-ROM "Who am I"** for COP10 in Nagoya, October 2010, with the "Taxonomy – Understanding the world around you" presentation in eight languages and the "Taxonomy in Action" Campaign. A special "BioNET" packaging of the CD was developed providing information on taxonomy and the BioNET network (see [BioNET Outreach](#) webpage).



AT COP10, the BioNET Secretariat **shared a booth with the Biodiversity Center, Ministry of the Environment, Japan** and presented the 'Taxonomy in Action' exposés and the 'Taxonomy - Understanding the world around us' presentation at an interactive computer kiosk. Further, five sets of **postcards with motives from the "Taxonomy in Action" Campaign** were produced and disseminated at COP10 and other events.

#### January 2011



The Secretariat participated in the EDIT IYB debriefing meeting in Paris to share experiences and learning, and to discuss how to move biodiversity forward post the International Year of Biodiversity.

**Further events and products from the LOOPs with unknown dates:**

Together with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), BioNET-PACINET developed the **poster 'Conserve by planting and using local diversity for health and wealth'** for IYB.

Together with the South Pacific Regional Herbarium (USP), BioNET-PACINET developed several posters for the **'Biodiversity in Motion' Campaign** (Fiji Blossom bat, Pacific sheath tail bat, *Platymantis vitianus*, *Ogmodon vitanus*, *Platymantis vitiensis*, *Brachylopus bulabula*, *Raiateana knowlesi*, *Xixuthrus heros*, Trochomorphidae & Bulimulidae, Cone shells of Fiji, *Schismatogobius vitiensis*) and the **One Million Tree Campaign** (Fiji Petrel, Silktail, Long legged warbler, *Acropyle sahniana*, *Degeneria vitiensis*).

Prof. Randy Thaman from the University of the South Pacific (USP) and BioNET-PACINET coordinating committee member organized **two Bioblitz events**, one of the Navakavu marine environment and one of Makuluva Island.

BioNET-PACINET, USP and UNESCO organized an UN International Year of Biodiversity Postgraduate Symposium on Biodiversity.

BioNET-PACINET and the Alliance Française organized a public presentation of the "Taxonomy – Understanding the world around you" presentation.

For the International School Suva, SeagrassWatch, BioNET-PACINET delivered a presentation on the "Year of Biodiversity and Seagrass Diversity".

BioNET-PACINET partnered with USP and UNESCO to organize a **Bioblitz of the Lau-cala Campus**.

Dr Alison Haynes (South Pacific Regional Herbarium, Institute of Applied Sciences, USP) and BioNET-PACINET partnered to publish a **book on "Snails of the Fiji's Rivers and Streams"**.

Together with Wetlands International, South Pacific Regional Herbarium, Institute of Applied Sciences and USP, BioNET-PACINET developed a **poster on "Freshwater Biodiversity of Sovi Basin and Wabu Forest Reserve"**