

**The Federation of Nature Conservation  
NGO's GREEN BALKANS celebrates the  
International Year of Biodiversity**



Not only for the environmental community but for a much larger circle of people all over the world 2010 has passed under the motto of the international year of biodiversity, announced as such by the United Nations General Assembly.

This effect was reached thanks to the efforts of the governments and hundreds of non-governmental organizations, which worked to attract the attention of the citizens to the loss and protection of biodiversity.

The motto of the year of biodiversity was: “Biological diversity is life, biological diversity is our life”. This sentence inspired and mobilized the team of Green Balkans to implement more than 30 information campaigns and events dedicated to the International Year of Biodiversity.

These are some of them:



**GREEN BALKANS PROGRAM FOR CELEBRATION OF 2010 –  
YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY**

**31 January**

[Information campaign about the genetically modified organisms](#)

**2 February**

[Celebration of the Day of Wetlands](#)

**March**

[Placing information signs in the Zagorka park – Stara Zagora](#)

**22 April**

[Celebration of the International Earth Day – exhibition of children’s drawings together with “St. Kliment Ohridski” School](#)

[Placing of a biodiversity sign in the Ayazmo park in Stara Zagora](#)

**27 April**

Opening of the newly-built cage for breeding of Lesser Kestrels in the Wildlife Rescue Center of Green Balkans

### **23 April – 7 May 2010**

[International working holiday](#) – together with the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) – measures will be taken for the conservation of pastures and meadows which are key habitats for the Imperial Eagles in their search for food

### **23 April**

[Festival of the white stork in Belozem \(European Stork Village for 2005\) and opening of the white stork park.](#)

### **April**

Developing and launching of 3 new Green Balkans web-pages – i.e. the ones for Pomorie lake, Birds of Prey, NATURA 2005 and 5 new web-pages for projects for conservation of biodiversity.

Web-page for Pomorie lake: <http://www.greenbalkans.org/pomorielake>

Web-page for the European ecological network NATURA 2000:

<http://www.greenbalkans.org/natura2000>

Web-page for Green Balkans' activities on "Birds of Prey Conservation":

<http://www.greenbalkans.org/birdsofprey>

Web-page of the project „Conservation activities for target species of the EU Birds Directive: Lesser Kestrel, Black Vulture and Imperial Eagle in their main habitats in Bulgaria”: <http://www.greenbalkans.org/birdsofprey/opus/>

Web-page of the project „Recovery of the Populations of large European Vultures in Bulgaria”: <http://www.greenbalkans.org/birdsofprey/life/>

Web-page of the project „Pomorie Lake – Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable management”: <http://www.greenbalkans.org/pomorielake/gef/index.html>

Web-page of the project „Urgent Measures for Restoration and Conservation of Species and Habitats of European Significance within Pomorie Lake Complex of Protected Natural Areas”:

<http://www.greenbalkans.org/pomorielake/opus/index.html>

Web-page of the project "Germany's experience in implementing EU legislation: Natura 2000 - management and financing":

[http://greenbalkans.org/natura2000/german\\_project/](http://greenbalkans.org/natura2000/german_project/)

### **17 - 24 April**

[Expedition in Turkey](#) - Searching for Lesser Kestrel colonies and studying of their habitats

### **28 April - 5 May**

[Expedition for monitoring of the biodiversity along the Danube river](#)

### **22 May - [International day of Biodiversity](#)**

### **3 June**

[Ecological conference in honour of James Bouchier](#) initiated by the Irish Embassy. Awarding the winners in the journalistic competition in memory of James Bouchier.

**10 June**

[Opening of the Visitors Center of Pomorie lake](#)

**3-10 September**

Annual conservation working holiday with BTCV at Pomorie lake

**21 September** - [Celebrating Bats' night in Stara Zagora](#)

**29 September** - Celebrating Bats' night in Plovdiv

**15 October**

[Festival of vultures in Sliven and celebration of the International Day of Conservation of Vultures](#)

**31 October**

[Celebration of the Day of the Black Sea. Promotion of the album of Lubomir Andreev "The Colours of the Black Sea" dedicated to the International Year of Biodiversity.](#)