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Selected Activities carried out during

The Year of Biological Diversity 2010

- **January 2010 - Publication of Israel's National Biodiversity Plan:**
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/world/il/il-nbsap-01-p1-en.pdf>
- **January 26th 2010 - the Knesset (Israel's parliament) held an event on the handling of hazardous substances (toxins and pesticides) that harm biodiversity, in the presence of the Speaker of the Knesset and the Minister of Environmental Protection, MK Gilad Erdan.**
- **February 2010 - Seminar held on the topic of natural temporary ponds. The conference was organized by the Society for the Preservation of Nature with the assistance of the Ministry of Environmental Protection.**
- **March 2010 - Science day organized by the National Parks Authority with the assistance of the University of Haifa.**
- **May 2010 - Foundation ceremony for Museum incorporating Tel Aviv University's zoological collection.**
- **May 2010 - Media tour in the Holon sands (an area rich in biodiversity), in the presence of the Minister of Environmental Protection where the National Biodiversity Plan was presented. The tour was held in preparation for the Jerusalem Conference.**
- **May 2010 - the "Jerusalem for the Environment" Conference held, organized by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection. The National Biodiversity Plan was presented to the public in the presence of the Minister of Environmental Protection.**
- **June 2010 - Symposium at the University of Haifa on the topic of economic and social issues of biodiversity conservation policy. The seminar was**

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Organized by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental School of Management, Haifa University.

- *June 2010 - Annual conference of the Israeli Society for Ecology and Environmental Sciences held at Ben Gurion University. A number of sessions were devoted to biodiversity.*
- *August 2010 - Annual International Conference of the ILTER organization [International Long Term Ecological Research] in Sde Boker Campus, of Ben-Gurion University, with sessions devoted to ecosystem facilities.*
- *October 2010 - Launch of a new curriculum on biodiversity for schools in Israel's Northern District.*
- *October 2010 - Joint Israeli - French conference on the topic of biodiversity, organized by Tel Aviv University together with the French Embassy and the Ministry of Environmental Protection*
- *October 2010 - Publication of "Invasive Plants of Israel by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and the Israel Nature and Parks Authority.*
- *November 2010 -International conference on "Drylands, Deserts and Desertification", organized by UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ben Gurion University.*
- *December 2010 -Workshop on urban biodiversity - the Gazelles Park, organized by the Society for the Protection of Nature, the Municipality of Jerusalem and the Ministry of Environmental Protection.*
- *December 2010 - Seminar on the approaches and methods of nature conservation by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority.*
- *December 2010 - Seminar on Birdwatching, organized by the Center for Birdwatching and the Society for the Protection of Nature.*
- *December 2010- publication on the effects of highway lighting on biodiversity by the Society of the Protection of Nature in Israel.*