

## **South African National Biodiversity Institute**

South Africa's celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

28 January 2010 – South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) launched the Biodiversity Advisor – and online biodiversity info and planning tool to kick off the Institute's IYB celebrations

1 Feb 2010 – the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs formally launched IYB in Pretoria.

2 Feb 2010 – the Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs celebrated World Wetlands Day at SANBI, and acknowledged the importance of Wetlands and the biodiversity they support in Pretoria

2-5 March 2010 – SANBI and the Department of Environmental Affairs will host a Biodiversity Planning Forum

25 March 2010 – SANBI will acknowledge IYB at the handover of data event for the South African Biodiversity Information Facility

25-28 March – SANBI will celebrate IYB at a Biodiversity EXPO in Kirstenbosch, Cape Town

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