

## **TUVALUPROGRAM- INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY, 2010 (22<sup>nd</sup> May-5<sup>th</sup> of June, 2010)**

22<sup>nd</sup> of May- Official Opening Ceremony. A dinner will be hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and live radio transmissions on the theme and purpose of the IYB 2010.

23<sup>rd</sup> of May- Church Youth Program. skits, gospel songs and drama depicting the importance of Biodiversity based on Christian principles and Creation.

24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> of May- Biodiversity Music Festival. Local music composers' creativities are exposed and public judging on the best song for the IYB 2010 ceremony and in particular the importance of Tuvalu Biodiversity

24<sup>th</sup> of May- Terrestrial & Marine Awareness Programmes targeting the youths. Launching of Tuvalu Species Book and their importances. This is a synergy between Department of Environment (NBSAP Projects), NGOs (Tuvalu Association of NGOs & Alofa Tuvalu) and Pacific regional organizations (South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, University of the South Pacific, Secretariat of Pacific Community).

25<sup>th</sup> of May- Women, Eco-Tourism and Biodiversity. Talks and awareness programmes will be delivered by the Human Rights Advocator and Tourism officer.

26<sup>th</sup> of May- Non-governmental organization Initiatives. Green Up Campaign where youths are to plant indigenous coastal resilience plants.

27<sup>th</sup> of May- Replanting Initiatives by the Agriculture Department. Education Systems and Information systems (Library and Education Department). Biodiversity Youth Quiz.

28<sup>th</sup> of May-Biodiversity Mufti Day. Educational programmes conducted in Primary schools and students are asked to wear a costume depicting one indigenous species. Primary school Green Up Campaign.

29<sup>th</sup> of May- Final Judging of Biodiversity Music Festival.

30<sup>th</sup> of May- Church Service commemorating the IYB and World Environment Day.

31<sup>st</sup> of May-5<sup>th</sup> of June- Biodiversity Queen Beauty Pageant. This is a week event with each day carrying and portraying a particular theme which adds up to the theme Biodiversity is Life. The contestants for the pageant are to educate themselves on the public on the various themes.

- Choose and learn a Tuvaluan species.
- Advocating Waste Care Program
- Enhance the links between biodiversity and culture
- Know your biodiversity issues
- Showcasing your traditional wear
- Be the Biodiversity Queen

5<sup>th</sup> of May- Biodiversity Dinner Ball. It is the closing event of the IYB 2010 and also the awarding event where Tuvalu will name her Biodiversity icons the Queen, the song composer and the planter.