

GET READY ... !

**Biodiversity is life !
Biodiversity is our life**



Message from the CBD International <http://www.cbd.int/2010/Welcome>

Welcome to the International Year of Biodiversity! You are an integral part of nature; your fate is tightly linked with biodiversity, the huge variety of other animals and plants, the places they live and their surrounding environments, all over the world.

You rely on this diversity of life to provide you with the food, fuel, medicine and other essentials you simply cannot live without. Yet this rich diversity is being lost at a greatly accelerated rate because of human activities. This impoverishes us all and weakens the ability of the living systems, on which we depend, to resist growing threats such as climate change.

The United Nations proclaimed 2010 to be International Year of Biodiversity, and people all over the world are working to safeguard this irreplaceable natural wealth and reduce biodiversity loss. This is vital for current and future human wellbeing. We need to do more. Now is time to act.

The International Year of Biodiversity is a unique opportunity to increase understanding of the vital role that biodiversity plays in sustaining life on Earth.

On the pages of the IYOB website, you can find out much much more about the International Year of Biodiversity.

- The important role biodiversity plays in our lives and what is happening to it.
- What people are doing around the world to combat biodiversity loss
- How people are celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity
- Some of the resources available to you in your celebrations

**Take Action in 2010 and beyond, because ...
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COOPERATION WITH WAZA



World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA)
United for Conservation

An agreement was signed between the Secretariat and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) on 5 October. The objective of the agreement is to provide a framework for cooperation between the two organizations. Potential areas of collaboration, but are not limited to, include: raising public awareness about the importance of biodiversity; coordinated efforts to mark and celebrate the IYB; promoting the role of WAZA members in *ex situ* and *in situ* conservation. The agreement was signed in the margins of the WAZA Congress and 64th Annual WAZA Meeting in Saint Louis, Missouri. A keynote address on the "Conservation and Sustainable use of Biodiversity from Z to A: Zoos & Aquariums & the Convention on Biological Diversity for 2010 & Beyond" was presented at the plenary.

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