

Environmental days to observe from August-December 2014

August

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, 9 August

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People (9 August) was first proclaimed by the General Assembly in December 1994, to be celebrated every year during the first International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1995 – 2004). <http://www.un.org/en/events/indigenoustday/>

September

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, 16 September

On 19 December 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 16 September the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date, in 1987, on which the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was signed. http://ozone.unep.org/new_site/en/index.php

International Red Panda Day, 20 September 2014

On that day, the Red Panda Network raises awareness on Red Pandas in the general public worldwide. <http://redpandanetwork.org/get-involved/international-red-panda-day/>

World Tourism Day, 27 September

World Tourism Day (WTD) draws special attention to the role of tourism in contributing to one of the building blocks of a more sustainable future for all. <http://wtd.unwto.org/content/about-wtd-2014-wtd2014>

October

Indian Wildlife Week 1-7 October

In **India**, Wildlife **Week** is celebrated 1-7 October every year with the view to conservation of wildlife.

World Animal Day, 04 October

World Animal Day was started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence as a way of highlighting the plight of endangered species. October 4 was chosen as World Animal Day as it is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. <http://www.worldanimalday.org.uk/>

World Food Day, 16 October

Established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in 1979, World Food Day, October 16, was first observed in 1981.

Organizations around the world mobilize advocacy campaigns and events on October 16 to strengthen the political will to end hunger. http://www.worldfooddayusa.org/about_us

November

International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict, 6 November

On 5 November 2001, the UN General Assembly declared 6 November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. <http://www.un.org/en/events/environmentconflictday/>

World Fisheries Day, 21 November

World Fisheries day is celebrated every year on November 21 throughout the world by the fisherfolk communities to highlight the importance of maintaining the world's fisheries. http://www.gdrc.org/doyourbit/21_11-fisheries-day.html

December

International Mountain Day, 11 December

General Assembly designated 11 December as International Mountain Day, and encouraged the international community to organize events at all levels on that day to highlight the importance of sustainable mountain development. <http://www.un.org/en/events/mountainday/>

