



Biodiversity

UN Entities

- Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD): <http://www.cbd.int/>

UN Conferences & Observances

- 22 May - International Day for Biological Diversity: <https://www.un.org/en/events/biodiversityday/>; <http://www.cbd.int/idb/>
- Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction: <https://www.un.org/bbnj/>
- United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, 2011-2020: <http://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/>
- 2010 - International Year of Biological Diversity: <http://www.cbd.int/2010/welcome/>
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity (22 September 2010): <http://www.un.org/en/ga/65/meetings/biodiversity.shtml>
- COP 14 - Fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 10 - 22 November 2018: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/COP-14>

UN Treaties

- Convention on Biological Diversity: <http://www.cbd.int/convention/convention.shtml>
- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/>
- The Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/NKL_text.shtml

Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- Halt environmentally harmful practices, promote sustainable production patterns, Secretary-General says in International Day for Biological Diversity Message (SG/SM/19588-ENV/DEV/1954-OBV/1882, 21 May 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/sgsm19588.doc.htm>
- Deputy Secretary-General stresses need to change consumption, production patterns while tackling biodiversity loss, climate change, at Environment Assembly (DSG/SM/1259-ENV/DEV/1929-UNEP/342, 14 March 2019): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2019/dsgsm1259.doc.htm>
- Intensify efforts to curb biodiversity loss, build on successes, Secretary-General urges in Message for International Day for Biological Diversity (SG/SM/19046-ENV/DEV/1854-OBV/1791, 21 May 2018): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sgsm19046.doc.htm>
- Responsible use of natural resources essential to sustainable development, Secretary-General Stresses in Message on Day for Biological Diversity (SG/SM/17751-ENV/DEV/1670-OBV/1611, 12 May 2016): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/sgsm17751.doc.htm>

- Marking International Day, Secretary-General urges global action to reduce biodiversity loss (SG/SM/16773-ENV/DEV/1521-OBV/1467, 21 May 2015): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sqsm16773.doc.htm>
- 'Bring the voice of biodiversity into the Post-2015 Agenda', Secretary-General Urges in Video Message to Treaty Parties (SG/SM/16256-ENV/DEV/1465, 15 October 2014): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2014/sqsm16256.doc.htm>
- Adopt, adapt, scale up best practices to protect ecosystems amid 'unprecedented' loss of island biodiversity, Secretary-General urges in Observance Message (SG/SM/15863-ENV/DEV/1431-OBV/1332, 21 May 2014): <http://www.un.org/press/en/2014/sqsm15863.doc.htm>
- Integrating nature-based solutions into urban planning can help lead to better water future, Secretary-General says in message for Day of Biodiversity (SG/SM/15032-ENV/DEV/1360-OBV/1220, 17 May 2013): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sqsm15032.doc.htm>
- All society stands to lose from biodiversity 'mass extinction', warns Secretary-General in message for launch of United Nations Decade (SG/SM/14027-ENV/DEV/1254-OBV/1068, 16 December 2011): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/sqsm14027.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in message on International Year of Biodiversity, calls for greater momentum to ensure life's complexity is preserved (SG/SM/13326-ENV/DEV/1176-OBV/955, 20 December 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sqsm13326.doc.htm>
- 'We are wasting our natural capital', Secretary-General says, calling for 'new vision' from Japan Summit to forge strategy to halt biodiversity loss by 2020 (SG/SM/13205-ENV/DEV/1165, 27 October 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sqsm13205.doc.htm>
- Ecosystem Services Our Natural Capital; Allowing Their Decline Is 'Like Throwing Money Out the Window', Secretary-General Tells High-level Biodiversity Event (SG/SM/13127-GA/10994-ENV/DEV/1160, 22 September 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sqsm13127.doc.htm>
- Deputy Secretary-General tells panel on gender and biodiversity of need to invest in preserving 'natural capital' (DSG/SM/516-ENV/DEV/1148-WOM/1806, 2 July 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/dsgsm516.doc.htm>
- With Biodiversity 'in Peril', secretary-general appeals: 'help us sound the alarm', get involved, show leadership, help clean up, in World Day Message (SG/SM/12921-ENV/DEV/1144-OBV/884, 28 May 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sqsm12921.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General says world must recognize 'Biodiversity is life — our life', act to preserve it before it is too late, in International Day message (SG/SM/12889-ENV/DEV/1136-OBV/879, 14 May 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sqsm12889.doc.htm>
- With biodiversity loss accelerating, 'We are bankrupting our natural economy', says Secretary-General in remarks at event to launch International Year (SG/SM/12739-ENV/DEV/1108-OBV/851, 12 February 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sqsm12739.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in message marking International Year of Biodiversity, calls for new vision to ensure natural-resource sustainability, long-term viability (SG/SM/12695-ENV/DEV/1105-OBV/848, 11 January 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sqsm12695.doc.htm>

Further information

- Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land - Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/biodiversity/>
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg15>
- Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life below Water -Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/oceans/>
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg14>
- United Nations Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform - Biodiversity and ecosystems: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/biodiversityandecosystems>

- Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm>
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - Biodiversity: <http://www.fao.org/biodiversity/en/>
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Biodiversity and ecosystem management: <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sustainable-development/environment-and-natural-capital/biodiversity-and-ecosystems-management.html>
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – Ecosystems: <https://www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/ecosystems>
 - World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) – Biodiversity & Ecosystems: <http://www.unep-wcmc.org/>
- Global Environment Facility - Biodiversity: <http://www.thegef.org/gef/biodiversity>

Selected Publications available online

- Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: Summary for Policymakers (IPBES, May 2019): <https://un4.me/30SmpEj>
- CBD Publications and Newsletters: <http://www.cbd.int/information/library.shtml>
- Global Biodiversity Outlooks (CBD): <http://www.cbd.int/gbo/default.shtml>
- UNEP Publications: <https://www.unenvironment.org/resources>
- Protected Planet Report 2016 (UNEP): <https://www.protectedplanet.net/c/protected-planet-report-2016>
- Dead planet, living planet: Biodiversity and ecosystem restoration for sustainable development (UNEP, 2010): <http://www.grida.no/publications/215>