

A Selection of Biodiversity Links

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UN

- The United Nations Environmental Programme IYB website gives background information, success stories and news <http://www.unep.org/iyb/>
- The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment of the UN reports on the consequences of ecosystem changes on our lives www.millenniumassessment.org
- The TEEB report analyses the economic impact of biodiversity www.teebweb.org

IUCN

- The International Union of Conservation of Nature website with the Red Species List, Species of the Day and Protected Area of the week <http://www.iucn.org/what/tpas/biodiversity/>
- The Countdown 2010 is the IUCN initiative to work towards the 2010 target: the halt of the loss of biodiversity www.countdown2010.net/
- The IUCN Commission for Education and Communication website with information on biodiversity and environmental projects <http://iucn.org/about/union/commissions/cec/>

UNESCO

- The biodiversity website of the UNESCO including events, exhibitions, and a newsletter http://portal.unesco.org/science/en/ev.php-URL_ID=7998&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

CBD International

- The Convention on Biological Diversity has a IYB website with the communication kit, logo, and background information <http://www.cbd.int/2010/welcome/>
- The Global Biodiversity Outlook of the CBD analyses the status and trends of biodiversity <http://gbo3.cbd.int/>

EU

- The EU launched a biodiversity campaign called " We are all in this together": <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/biodiversity/campaign/>
- The Commission and the European Environment Agency launched the Biodiversity Information System for Europe "BISE": <http://biodiversity.europa.eu/>
- The EU conducted a study about the attitude of Europeans towards biodiversity, http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/flash/fl_219_en.pdf .
- The EU communication strategy around biodiversity is presented in the biodiversity scoping study
- http://ec.europa.eu/environment/pubs/pdf/biodiversity/biodiversity_scoping_study.pdf
- The EU Biodiversity action plan against the loss of biodiversity http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/info/pubs/docs/brochures/bio_brochure_en.pdf

IPBES

- Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem services <http://www.ipbes.net/> works towards the transfer of scientific knowledge into actual politics.

WBCSD

- The World Business Council for Sustainable Development www.wbcsd.org presents a report about the links between business and development.

ECSITE

- The annual ECSITE conference 2010 had a workshop about biodiversity and a conference session on biodiversity. The presentations will be soon available online. <http://www.ecsite.eu/>

EDIT

- The BYSE calendar schedules public biodiversity events www.countdown2010.net/byse.
- For public biodiversity events within EDIT, please see the report “The celebration of the IYB within EDIT” <http://www.e-taxonomy.eu/node/795>
- EDIT success stories presenting best practices in communicating taxonomy/biodiversity are in the EDIT newsletter from No 18 onwards: <http://www.e-taxonomy.eu/newsletter>
- EDIT taxonomist portraits are on the DEST webpage: <http://www.taxonomytraining.eu/>
- Upcoming workshop “Debriefing the IYB” January 2011 in Paris

ALTERNet

- European network of excellence (<http://www.alter-net.info/>) including news and views <http://newsandviews.ceh.ac.uk/> and the International Press Centre for Biodiversity www.biodiversityresearch.net/

DIVERSITAS

- Integrating biodiversity science in human well being
- <http://www.diversitas-international.org/>

International Institute for Species exploration

- Supports taxonomic research <http://species.asu.edu/>, biodiversity film “Planet Bob” <http://www.planetbob.asu.edu/>

BioNET International

- The website of the global network for taxonomy with taxonomy success stories <http://www.bionet-intl.org/>

ViFaBio:

- The Virtual library of biology lists biodiversity links and articles <http://www.vifabio.de/iyb2010/>

Global Business and Biodiversity

- <http://www.businessofbiodiversity.co.uk/> First Global Business of Biodiversity Symposium

Some National IYB Websites with calendars, projects, partnerships

Austria: www.vielfaltleben.at/

Belgium: www.biodiv2010.be

France: www.biodiversite2010.fr/

Germany: <http://kalender.biologischevielfalt.de>, www.hier-waechst-vielfalt.de/

Luxemburg: www.biodiv.lu

Netherlands: <http://2010.biodiversiteit.nl/>

Poland: www.mos.gov.pl/kategoria/3196_2010_international_year_of_biodiversity

Portugal: <http://portal.icnb.pt/>

Slovakia: www.ekostopa.sk/

Slovenia: www.biotskaraznovrstnost.si/

Spain: www.2010biodiversidad.es/

Sweden: www.naturensar.se/

Switzerland: www.biodiversitaet2010.ch/

UK: www.biodiversityvislife.net/