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Press Release

The Ministry of the Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development will on Wednesday 23 May 2012 as from 8 a.m at the Residence Jully, Kribi South Region of Cameroon, officially launch activities to mark the International Day for Biological Diversity under the banner “**Marine Biodiversity**” followed by practical activities along the coast of Kribi.

The wealth of biodiversity and eco-system services along Cameroons Marine and Coastal Eco-systems from Idenau to Campo offer tremendous ecological and economic benefits.

Marine habitat and resources are a valuable source of food and various economic activities, while oceans in general absorb 1/3 of the World’s carbon emissions, yet the ocean and coastal terrestrial environment are today threatened by diverse human activities resulting in the depletion of species and population. However with the intervention of governments and communities there is hope for recovery.

Cameroon as a party to the Convention on Biological Diversity, will be joining the rest of the World during this celebration, to raise awareness on the value of marine biological resources and eco-system services to livelihood and development and the need for urgent practical action to reduce the threat from human pressures that fragilize the vitality of these ecosystems, compromising a critical opportunity for the growth of the nation and development that is sustainable.

This event which will be presided over by the Minister of Environment accompanied by the Minister Delegate will bring together senior officials of the Ministry, the Senior Divisional Officer and key sector Ministries from Delegations of the Ocean Division as well as NGOs, private sector and children clubs.