



International Day for Biological Diversity (May 22, 2012)



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Tomorrow is "International Day for Biological Diversity," which commemorates the adoption of the Convention on Biological Diversity on May 22, 1992.

This year, the Convention will celebrate its 20th anniversary on the occasion of the [UN Conference on Sustainable Development "Rio + 20" \(June 20 to 22\)](#).

The Convention on Biological Diversity now brings together 193 States. It has 3

key objectives:

- ▶ the conservation of biological diversity;
- ▶ the sustainable use of its components;
- ▶ access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of their utilization.



France has ratified the major international conventions on biodiversity. It is unfailingly committed to international cooperation on biodiversity:

- ▶ France hosted, from May 14 to 18, 2012, in La Rochelle, the 5th Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA);
- ▶ it will participate in the 11th meeting of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands which will take place from July 6 to 13, 2012, in Bucharest (Romania);
- ▶ it will attend the next World Conservation Congress organized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) which will take place in Jeju (Republic of Korea) from September 6 to 15, 2012;
- ▶ lastly, it is actively preparing for the major events of the 11th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the 6th Conference of the Parties to its Protocol known as the "Cartagena Protocol" on Biosafety; both events will take place in India in October 2012.

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