

Bio diversity

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Peshawar—Provincial Minister for Forest and Environment Wajid Ali Khan Tuesday said that exploding population across the globe is resulting in huge loss to biological diversity besides putting negative impacts on weather. Addressing a ceremony here at Pakistan Forest Institute Peshawar in connection with World Biological Diversity day, he stressed the need for creating awareness among the masses to save the environment and biological diversity. He said that human advancement in different fields of life is damaging biological diversity, adding that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is rich in natural resources and it is duty of the people to protect their environment for coming generation. He said God has gifted four seasons, glaciers, deserts, forests, sea, rivers to Pakistan and sincere efforts are needed to protect the environment and biological diversity for social, economic development. Secretary Environment Bukhari Shah and Vice Chancellor Peshawar University Kibla Ayaz were also present on the occasion. The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) is observed on May 22 every year across the globe to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. Since 1993, International Day for Biological Diversity has been observed on May 22 to create awareness about conservation of biodiversity, its sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits that come from the utilisation of genetic resources. This year, the conservation community's decision to focus on marine biodiversity as a theme for the day has given me an opportunity to reflect on the inherent, yet often overlooked, bond between mountains and oceans. An anonymous author once said that mountains and oceans together make the Earth.