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INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Marine Biodiversity

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY CELEBRATION IN TURKEY

22 May International Day for Biological Diversity celebrated in Turkey under the auspices of the Minister of Forestry and Water Affairs, Prof. Dr. Veysel EROĞLU.

National Symposium on Biological Diversity organized between 22-23 May 2012 in Ankara by General Directorate of Nature Protection and National Parks. Approximately 700 people participated in the symposium from universities, NGO's and governmental institutions.

The Symposium launched by opening speeches of the deputy president of Gazi University, Prof. Dr. Hayri DUMAN; General Director of Nature Protection and National Parks Ahmet ÖZYANIK and Minister of Forestry and Water Affairs, Prof. Dr. Veysel EROĞLU.

Prof. EROĞLU, underlined the importance of biological diversity and requirement for collaboration of the Ministry between universities and other relevant institutions in identification and conservation of biological diversity in his opening speech. He declared the willingness of the Ministry to fully support the scientific studies on biodiversity.

The Symposium organized as parallel sessions on terrestrial ecosystems and wetlands including marine ecosystems and poster session. Total 66 papers and 63 posters presented by academicians. As a side event, Regional Directorates of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs presented biological diversity of their region, various local natural products derived from biological resources and promotion materials prepared to raise public awareness about biological diversity.

Undersecretary of Forestry and Water Affairs, Prof. Dr. Lütfi AKCA chaired the closing session. Chairs of the symposium sessions reported the papers presented in the symposium and they evaluated the general situation of the country with regard to identification, conservation and sustainable use of elements of biological diversity.

The Symposium provided the sharing of scientific knowledge and experiences about biodiversity between the managers and the explorers of the nature.