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## International Day of Biodiversity 2012

Today, countries around the world will celebrate [International Day for Biological Diversity](#), an annual event aimed at increasing our understanding and awareness of the world's biodiversity. This year's theme focuses on [marine](#) biodiversity, providing an excellent opportunity to raise global awareness of the many issues facing the world's marine ecosystems, and to encourage practical action to protect and conserve them.

We've dived into the [ARKive](#) collection and picked a handful of amazing underwater images to celebrate the world's astonishing diversity of marine life. Find out more about International Day for Biodiversity and see even more of the ARKive team's favourite marine images on our [blog](#).

### Blacktip reef shark



One of the most commonly encountered sharks in tropical Indo-Pacific reefs, the [blacktip reef shark](#) is an extremely powerful swimmer renowned for its tendency to enter incredibly shallow waters.

### Saltwater crocodile



The [saltwater crocodile](#) is the largest reptile in the world, reaching impressive lengths of up to 7 metres.

### Atlantic sailfish



Named after its magnificent sail-like dorsal fin, the [Atlantic sailfish](#) is one of the ocean's most striking inhabitants and one of the fastest recorded fish, capable of attaining speeds of up to 110 kilometres per hour.

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