

Uttar Pradesh State Biodiversity Board
Announces a Conference on
International Day for Biological Diversity, 22nd May 2011 on the theme
"Forest Biodiversity"

About the Conference: The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2011 to be the **International Year of Forests** to raise awareness on conservation, sustainable management and development of all types of forests. The theme for the International day's for Biological Diversity (IBD) in 2011 is **"Forest Biodiversity"**. The logo for the International year for Forests, 2011



depicts some of the multiple values of forest and the need for a 360 degree perspective: forests provide shelter to people and habitat to biodiversity; are a source of food, medicine and clean water; and play a vital role in maintaining a stable global climate and environment. All of these elements taken together reinforce the message that forests are vital to the survival and well being of people everywhere, all 7 billion of us on this planet Earth.

The U.P. State Biodiversity Board is all set to celebrate a National Conference on "Forest Biodiversity" on **22nd May, 2011** at Lucknow. The exact venue of the Conference will be intimated shortly. The aim of the Conference is to provide an effective platform for all those who are concerned or dealing with conservation of biodiversity since it underpins the health and vitality of forests and also serves the basis for a wide range of ecosystem services necessary for people's livelihoods and well-beings.

Background:

Forests represent some of the most diverse ecosystems on Earth. With growing awareness of the role of forests in the global carbon cycle, interests in the World's forests have grown to unprecedented heights. But forests are more than just carbon. Forests provide employment and livelihood for a large proportion of the World's population, acting as a safety net in times of need. The World's total forest area is just over 4 billion hectares, which corresponds to an average of 0.6 ha per capita. India has 69.09 million ha of forests as per the FSI report of 2009. Forests are disappearing partly because they are undervalued, and our market economy fails to recognize ecosystem services provided by intact forests. To stop losing the earth planet's living treasure, we must understand and appreciate its importance for

human well being and development. There is an urgent need to restore the degraded forests in order to save forest biodiversity.

The CBD's expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity started in 2002, is a global action plan to safeguard biodiversity in forests. Celebration on this theme provides unique opportunity to raise public awareness on the importance of biodiversity to sustainable development.

The central theme of the conference is “**Forest Biodiversity**”. This conference presents and excellent opportunity for the forest community and stake holders to discuss advances on various aspects related to forestry.

Call for papers:

Papers are invited on different aspect of forest biodiversity covering:

Forest ecosystems and biodiversity management	Forests related policies and instruments	International initiatives in forestry	Economic contribution of forestry to sustainable development
Forest and Land use policy	Forest in urban landscapes	Role of forests in climate change and global carbon cycle,	India and REDD (<i>Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation</i>)
Non timber forest products- Marketing issues	Forest genetic and biotechnology	Ecosystem goods and services	Forest resource accounting
Social, Cultural and Spiritual values of forests	Forest and Wildlife	Tree improvement	Forest based livelihoods
International initiatives in forestry	Forest certification	Information technology- A tool in forest management	Geomatics applications and opportunities
Agroforestry	Forests and traditional knowledge	Forests Products in industry	Any other relevant topic

Papers are invited in electronic format, typed in MS Word, using 12 point font and no less than 2.5 cm (1-inch) margins, 1.5 spacing , with colour photographs (jpg. format) along with brief bio-data of the authors **before 2nd May 2011** through E-mail/CD.. All papers must contain the following information:

- Author(s) and affiliations
- Key contact and correspondence email address
- Theme: one among the above

The E-mail ID for all correspondence related to the Conference will be: upstatebiodiversityboard@gmail.com. The selected and relevant articles will be published in a Souvenir to be released at the time of inauguration of the conference.

Registration:

The registration is free for all the invited participants or for those articles that will be accepted for publication.

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