



## Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on **April 22**.

- Worldwide events are held to demonstrate **support for environmental protection**. The theme of Earth Day 2019 is **“Protect Our Species”**.
- It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the **Earth Day Network** and celebrated in more than 193 countries each year.
- The idea of commemorating such a day was propounded by **Gaylord Nelson, an American environmentalist and politician**.
- **According to the United Nations, International Earth Day is celebrated to remind each of us that the Earth and its ecosystems provide us with life and sustenance.**
- The Earth Day also recognizes a collective responsibility, as called for in the **1992 Rio Declaration (Earth Summit)**, to promote harmony with nature and the Earth to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity.
- This day provides an opportunity to raise public awareness around the world to the challenges regarding the well-being of the planet and all the life it supports.

### Earth Day Network

- Earth Day Network is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide.
- EDN main office is located in Washington DC, USA.
- Recently the **Earth Hour 2019** was observed on March 30 from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm local time with the theme **#Connect2Earth**.

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