



# International Day of Biodiversity

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The [International Day for Biological Diversity \(IDB\)](#), celebrated on **22nd May 2024**, raises awareness about the importance of biodiversity for sustaining life on Earth.

- **"Be Part of the Plan,"** the **theme** for 2024, highlights the importance of a united effort to combat biodiversity loss and implement the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#).
- **International Day for Biodiversity (IDB):**
  - **In 2000**, the [United Nations General Assembly \(UNGA\)](#) officially proclaimed **22<sup>nd</sup> May** as IDB.
  - **On 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1992**, the initial text of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) was adopted.
    - **UNCBD is a legally binding treaty** to conserve biodiversity.
    - **India is a party to the convention** and enacted the [Biological Diversity Act, 2002](#).
  - **Biodiversity** as a concept, first coined by **Walter G. Rosen in 1985**, encompasses the **diversity of all life forms**, including plants, bacteria, animals, and humans.
  - The UNGA designated the years **2011-2020** as the [United Nations Decade on Biodiversity](#), aiming to advance the implementation of a strategic plan for biodiversity.

**Read more:** [Global Biodiversity Framework Fund](#), [Convention on Biological Diversity](#)

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