

ANNOUNCEMENT

The United Nations proclaimed May 22 the **International Day for Biological Diversity** to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

This year's theme, "**Biodiversity and Agriculture**," seeks to highlight the importance of **sustainable agriculture** not only to preserve biodiversity, but also to ensure that we will be able to **feed the world**, maintain agricultural **livelihoods**, and enhance **human well being** into the 21st century and beyond.

The Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau – Department of Environment and Natural Resources together with the Department of Agriculture, HARIBON Foundation, Conservation International, Phils., World Wildlife Fund and other partner institutions, will join in the global celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity. Among the activities lined-up are :

- (1) Forum on "Biodiversity and Agriculture: Safeguarding Biodiversity and Securing Food for the Filipinos" (May 22, 2008 at Aguila Hall, Visitors' Center, Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City);
- (2) One-week Trade Fair and Exhibit (May 19-25) at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center (NAPWC) showcasing biodiversity and organic agricultural products.
- (3) ON-THE-SPOT Art Contest on May 20, 2008 to be held at the Amphitheater, NAPWC.
- (4) Biodiversity and Agriculture Exhibit at SM North EDSA

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