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News: International Day for Biological Diversity

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- International Day for Biological Diversity is celebrated on every 22nd of May.
- The day is celebrated by UN General Assembly since 1993 to commemorate the signing of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- The UNGA also declared the period 2011-2020 as the United Nations (UN) Decade on Biodiversity to promote the implementation of a strategic plan on biodiversity and its overall vision of living in harmony with nature.
- It also declared 2021-2030 as the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.
- Theme for the year 2023 was “From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity” and that of 2024 is “Be Part of the Plan”.
- Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is the implementing agency of International Day for Biological Diversity.

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

- Convention on Biological Diversity is a **binding document formed as a result of Earth Summit, 1992**. It came to effect from 29th December 1993 (at the ratification of 30 states).
- Aim of the convention is the **conservation of biological diversity (or biodiversity); the sustainable use of its components; and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from genetic resources**.
- The secretariat of CBD is situated in **Montreal, Canada**.
- CoP to CBD was done once in every year till 2000 now it's **done once in every 2 years**.
- The **COP** is assisted by the **Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)**, which is made up of **government representatives with expertise in relevant fields**, as well as observers from non-Party governments, the scientific community, and other relevant organizations.
- **SBSTTA is responsible for providing recommendations to the COP** on the technical aspects of the implementation of the Convention.
- **Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO)** is the **flagship publication of the Convention on Biological Diversity**. It is a **periodic report that summarizes the latest data on the status and trends of biodiversity and draws conclusions relevant to the further implementation** of the Convention.

- The Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of the Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) Project funded by EU, has been jointly implemented by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD).
- CBD has adopted Living Planet Index as an indicator of progress towards its 2011-2020 targets to conserve biodiversity. Living Planet Index and Living Planet report is a biennial report published by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).