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Eco-systems such as the Great Barrier Reef are important to nations' economies

The [United Nations](http://www.un.org/en/) (UN) has named 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity as part of its efforts to raise awareness of the continuing loss of the world's species.

Officially launching today (11th January), the programme of events will see nations from across the globe staging exhibitions, workshops, fashion shows and expeditions to highlight the importance of conserving [biodiversity](http://www.cbd.int/2010/biodiversity/) for the sake of both the environment and humanity.

Experts involved with the campaign are aiming to highlight that biodiversity is essential in providing a large number of goods and services which help sustain human life, including our food supply, energy, shelter,

pest control and medicines.

Some [eco-systems](http://library.thinkquest.org/11353/ecosystems.htm) and species also play a vital role in nations' economies. For example, the Great Barrier Reef generates billions of dollars for Australia annually through tourism and commercial fishing, while nature-based tourism in Africa generates the same revenue as farming, forestry and fisheries combined.

"In this International Year, we must counter the perception that people are disconnected from our natural [environment](http://www.sidewaysnews.com/environment-nature/environment) . We must increase understanding of the implications of losing biodiversity. In 2010, I call on every country and each citizen of our planet to engage in a global alliance to protect life on Earth," commented Ban Ki-moon, the UN secretary general.

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