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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22, as the International Day for Biological Diversity, to increase understanding and awareness on biodiversity issues. Biodiversity is the source of the essential goods and ecological services that constitute the source of all life. The theme for the International Day on Biological Diversity (IDB) in 2009 is “**Invasive Alien Species**” - one of the greatest threats to biodiversity, and to the ecological and economic well-being of society and the planet.

In India, the main celebration of the **International Day for Biological Diversity 2009** is being held at National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi on 22nd May 2009. During this occasion, a short film on Invasive Alien Species of India is going to be released; the major highlight of the film is on impacts of alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats and native species. A souvenir on Invasive Alien Species is also being released on this occasion. An UNDP Project on “**Support Institutional and Policy Frame works for Natural Resource Management**” will be launched.

National Biodiversity Authority encourages all organizations that deal in some way with the issue to organize activities and events to celebrate the IBD and to take advantage of it to raise public awareness and showcase their work to prevent and manage invasive alien species. Also, the National Biodiversity Authority has sponsored IBD 2009 celebrations in different states through State Biodiversity Boards, Government Departments, academic institutions and other stakeholders.