

- Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the U.S. - <http://venezuela-us.org> -

## Venezuela Celebrates International Day for Biological Diversity

Published on 22/05/2012 @ 7:58 pm In the section [ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT,News](#) | [No Comments](#)



[1] Today, May 22, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela celebrated the International Day of Biological Diversity by kicking off its third annual National Congress on Biological Diversity to coordinate environmental conservation efforts.

The United Nations recognized the need to protect the world's diversity of animal and plant species in 1992, when member states adopted the Convention on Biodiversity. It established the Day of Biological Diversity a year later, and in 2010 celebrated the International Year of Biological Diversity.

Venezuela's Congress on Biological Diversity is taking place at the Universidad Nacional Experimental de los Llanos Occidentales Ezequiel Zamora in the city of San Carlos in the western state of Cojedes. The congress runs until May 26.

Scientists, professors, teachers and others will discuss the conservation of flora, fauna, and their habitats, as part of Venezuela's decade-long National Strategy to Protect Biological Diversity (2010-2020).

The congress is organized around seven issues including the conservation of endangered species, the sustainable use of biological diversity, the control and management of genetically modified organisms, the prevention of illicit species trafficking, conservation education, environmental legislation, and international policy.

Additionally, workshops and discussions will take in which participants can share experiences.

Jesus Manzanillo, a conference organizer and director of the Environment Ministry's Office on Biological Diversity, said: "it's a group where students, professors, scientists, collectives and other actors can report on the results of their research, and give a paper including their conclusions."

These activities seek to enrich Venezuela's position at the next United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (also called Rio+20), to be held in June 20-21 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. For this reason, conference participants will also discuss myths surrounding the "green economy" and ways to avoid the commercialization of nature.

Venezuela is among the top 10 countries with the most biological diversity on the planet.

**YVKE Mundial / Press Office – Venezuelan Embassy to the U.S. / May 22, 2012**

---

Article printed from Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the U.S.: <http://venezuela-us.org>

URL to article: <http://venezuela-us.org/2012/05/22/venezuela-celebrates-international-day-for-venezuela-us.org/2012/05/22/venezuela-celebrates-international-day-for-biological-diversity/print/>

## **biological-diversity/**

URLs in this post:

[1] Image: **[http://venezuela-us.org/es/wp-content/uploads//2012/05/Tortuga\\_.jpg](http://venezuela-us.org/es/wp-content/uploads//2012/05/Tortuga_.jpg)**

Copyright © 2010 Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the U.S.. All rights reserved.