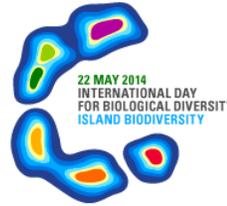


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Angola: Ministry Defines Marine Conservation Areas

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Luanda — The Ministry of Environment is identifying and creating marine conservation areas on the Angolan coast and locating the critical and sensitive points, Angop learned Wednesday in Luanda.

The information is contained in a press release on the occasion of May 22, International Day for Biological Diversity.

In the note, the secretary of State for Biodiversity and New Conservation Areas, Paula Francisco, states that the technical and scientific stock-taking the country has been carrying out over the years will enable the creation of 14 new areas, representing a significant increase of about 20 percent of the national coverage.

According to the note, this increment will respond to the stipulations of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity ratified by Angola in 1992.

In the note, Paula Francisco underlines the rehabilitation of the national parks, training of supervisors, regulation of the Environment Framework Law, drafting of the National Strategy on Biodiversity, the National Action Plan and the National Programme for Biodiversity Management as important actions in favour of the preservation of a sustainable environment.

This year, the date will be celebrated with the theme "The Islands Biodiversity" as places that host various discrete ecosystems, originating in forests and mountains into the humid zones that provide food, fresh water and other important raw materials for the maintenance of human life.

Instituted under the UN Convention for Biological Diversity in 1992, during the Rio Conference, the celebration of the date is intended to draw the local and international attention to the matters of biodiversity and thus elevate knowledge and create synergies that ensure the protection and preservation of the resources around the world, the source says.