

## International Day for Biological Diversity [May 22]

The United Nations proclaimed May 22nd of every year to be observed as the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB), with an intention to increase the understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues across the world.

The theme for International Biodiversity Day 2021 is *"We're part of the solution #ForNature"* and was chosen to be a continuation of the momentum generated last year (2020) under the overarching theme, *"Our solutions are in nature."*

### International Biodiversity Day 2021- Key Points



(Source: <https://www.cbd.int/idb/>)

- The theme for 2021 is in continuation with the agenda for 2020, and also in line with the Global Biodiversity Framework. The themes for the two years are given below:
  - **2020** - "Our solutions are in nature"
  - **2021** - "We're part of the solution"
- Biodiversity Day 2021 focuses on the new global biodiversity framework, which will be adopted at the upcoming UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15). The campaign is a call to action for biodiversity
- Post COVID-19 pandemic has shown the world the importance of biodiversity and the dependence of people on a safe and healthy planet
- The IDB campaign 2021 was commemorated virtually on May 21, 2021

#### **What is the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework?**

The fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15, October 2021) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) shall take the final call on the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework which is a stepping stone towards the **2050 Vision of "Living in harmony with nature."**

The revised framework comprises a set of principles to guide its implementation, an organization of work and sets out a comprehensive consultation process, including provisions for global, regional and thematic consultation meetings.

UPSC aspirants can visit the linked article and read about the [United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity \(UNCBD\)](#), a UN treaty that is responsible for the conservation of Biological Diversity around the world.

## International Day for Biological Diversity - A Brief Background

- When first created by the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in late 1993, 29 December was chosen as the day to celebrate the International Biodiversity Day
- In the year 2000, this was revised to May 22, to commemorate the adoption of the text of the Convention

## India and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

India signed the Nagoya Protocol in 2011 and ratified it in October 2012 at the 11th Conference of Parties (COP) to the CBD, held in Hyderabad. The domestic legislation in India for the implementation of the CBD is the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.