



Living in Harmony with Nature: 2020 biodiversity super year

The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) has at the core of its operation, the promotion of sustainable development. Undoubtedly, biological diversity is not just about plants, animals, micro-organisms and their eco systems, but also about people and our need for food security, medicines, fresh air, water, shelter, and a clean and healthy environment in which to live.

2011 -2020 was declared UN decade of Biodiversity with the development of a Strategic Plan for the period, along with 20, Aichi Biodiversity targets. Parties were required to take action at the national level through the development and implementation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP). Guyana developed its NBSAP for the period 2012-2020. Moreover, our 9 strategic objectives were aligned with those of the UNCDB strategic plan and addresses 13 of the 20 Aichi targets.

2020 marks the end of the UN decade on biodiversity. Hence, it's called the biodiversity super year, a period to reflect and celebrate on our many accomplishments in biodiversity management and conservation. However, it's also a time to learn lessons of the past, address new and emerging challenges and forge a better path for living in harmony with nature. As such, the post 2020 biodiversity framework is currently being developed.

The Convention recognises the importance of all voices in the conversation for global biodiversity conservation efforts, youth being a critical group. Consequently, the Agency encourages the young, enthusiastic, brilliant, visionaries of Guyana to submit application and have their voice at the 2020 Global Youth Biodiversity Summit in Japan, later this year.

See attached flyer for more details!

Continue to follow us throughout the year, as we share Guyana's accomplishments and events to celebrate, as well as, plan for the way forward.

Remember though it only takes one person to make a difference and contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment. Yes! One person can make a difference, your simple action can inspire hundreds more, to safe guard nature and all of us who depend on it.

You can share your ideas and questions by sending letters to: “Our Earth, Our Environment”, C/O Communications Department, Environmental Protection Agency, Ganges Street, Sophia, GEORGETOWN, or email us at: eit.epaguyana@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.