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International Day for Biological Diversity

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Why in News

The International Day for Biological Diversity is **observed on 22nd May** every year to increase **understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues**.



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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
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Key Points

- The theme for the year 2020 is **“Our solutions are in nature”**.
The theme highlights that Biodiversity remains the answer to a number of sustainable development challenges. From nature-based solutions to climate, to food and water security, and sustainable livelihoods, biodiversity remains the basis for a sustainable future.

- The year 2020 is a reflection, opportunity and solutions for biodiversity issues. The year will witness:
 - The final period for the **2011-2020 Strategic Plan on Biodiversity** and its 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
 - The end of the **2011-2020 United Nations Decade on Biodiversity**, and start of other new pivotal biodiversity related decades for the period 2021-2030: the **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development** and the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration**.
 - The **UN Biodiversity Summit** (15th Conference of the Parties: COP-15) which will highlight the urgency of actions in support of a post-2020 global biodiversity framework that contributes to the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and places the global community on a path towards realizing the **2050 Vision for Biodiversity**.

Sustainable Goal 15 aims to “Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss”.

Note

- 22nd March: **World Water Day**
- 22nd April: **Earth Day**
- 22nd May : **World Biodiversity Day**
- Recently the **Earth Hour** was observed on 28th March, 2020. It encourages people to switch off the lights from 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm as per their local time.