



Local Denham man, Andy Mydellton is the founder and leader of the Buckinghamshire wildlife charity, the Foundation for Endangered Species. They operate within the United Nations agency UNESCO with Andy Mydellton being both the Vice-Chairman and the Environmental Concern Advisor to the UK Commissions' UNESCO Schools group.

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International Year of Biodiversity

The United Nations has declared that 2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is one of the largest United Nations organizations and is taking a leading role in promoting this theme and the values of biodiversity. The UNESCO UK Commission is taking a major interest and has asked a number of its members including Andy Mydellton to help respond to the UN's declaration of its themed year. UNESCO is in the process of organizing education packs and activities for schools and others so that individuals and schoolchildren can fully participate in and enjoy the International Year of Biodiversity.

One of the ways that the Foundation for Endangered Species is responding to the International Year of Biodiversity is by organizing photographic exhibitions. The first display for 2010 is at Uxbridge library starting on 27 February and finishing on Thursday, 18 March. John Randall MP for Uxbridge is one of our honoured guests and will be visiting the exhibition on Friday 5th March at 11.00am.

Most categories of animals will be featured in the photographs, with representative animals from every continent. The exhibition will be available to tour the country as did the previous exhibition, named the 'Tiger's Realm' so successfully in 2009. Moreover this exhibition is adaptable enough to fit many different viewing spaces.

John Randall MP for Uxbridge is our honoured guest for this occasion and will be visiting the Uxbridge Library exhibition on Friday 5th March at 11.00am. If you wish to visit the exhibition at this time, you are welcome to do so, without making an appointment.

As well as the Uxbridge Library exhibition, other local events have already been arranged to celebrate the United Nation's themed year. Denham Manor is mounting a second and long term photographic exhibition celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity. This particular display includes photographs from the 'Land of the Tiger' exhibition as its purpose is to tie in with the Chinese 'Year of the Tiger'. Denham Manor will welcome visitors to view this exhibition as well as their unique building. Visits are by appointment only; please contact the Foundation for further details and arrangements.

Saturday 22nd of May is the 'International Year of Biodiversity' day and will be celebrated across the country and the world. The Foundation is prepared to help organizations make this day a memorable one. Possible events include monitoring Wildlife Gardens or wildlife watching in local areas. Contact the Foundation if you would like to talk further about any possible activities.

Monday 28th June is another important day for schools because the UNESCO Schools Group is having their Annual Conference and Open Day at Missenden Abbey. This is a superb opportunity for Buckinghamshire schools to benefit from joining UNESCO. Once again, please contact the Foundation or UNESCO directly for further details, as registration for this event is compulsory.

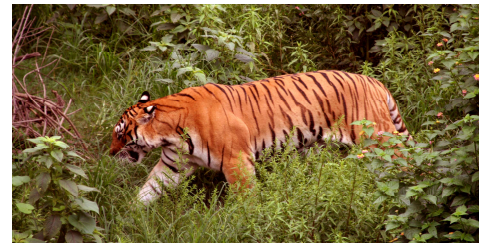
On United Nation's Day, 24th October, the Foundation will also be celebrating the 'International Year of Biodiversity', although a final decision on the details of the day is still to be announced. One of many possibilities is screening a wildlife film. However, much depends on the developments over the next few months as the Foundation is building a partnership with Gafi, another wildlife charity.



AUSTRALIA. The Red Necked Wallaby. This is one of a number of loveable marsupials, many of which are on the IUCN's Red List of Endangered Species.



SOUTH AMERICA. This continent was once part of Africa which meant that African crocodiles evolved into Caiman. This Caiman species range is the Pantanal in Brazil.



ASIA. 2010 is the Chinese 'Year of the Tiger' and is therefore included in the display. The Foundation uses the tiger as an 'umbrella species', so that when the tiger is protected, we also protect its prey species and habitat. By doing this, we conserve all biodiversity. These photos are to supplement the second exhibition at Denham Manor.



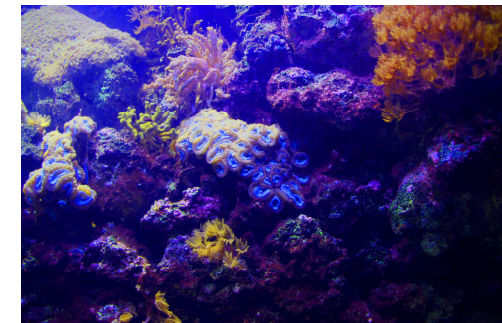
AFRICA. There are only a few types of wild horse left in the world. For some, the most exciting are Zebra. There are a number of species, such as this Burchell's Zebra.



NORTH AMERICA. The Brown Bear is also known as 'the grizzly' and lives in the frozen continental mainland. Its close relative the Polar Bear, lives mainly on the sea-ice north of the landmass, although their ranges can overlap.



EUROPE. The Wisent or European Bison is closely related to the North American Bison (often named the buffalo) and was once dangerously close to extinction. Now it has been reintroduced back into the wild in a number of East European countries.



MARINE. Coral Reefs have as much biodiversity richness as the rainforest does on land. Corals are animals made up of millions of tiny sea creatures known as Polyps.