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UNU to Host “Living with Bountiful Sea” Symposium

- EVENT:** Public Symposium on the International Day for Biological Diversity “Living with Bountiful Sea”
- DATE:** 22 May 2012 (Tuesday), 1:00–5:00 PM; Registration from 12:30 PM
- VENUE:** Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall, United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo
- ORGANIZERS:** UNU Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP), Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ)
- CO-ORGANIZERS:** Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), Japan Committee for UNDB, Global Environmental Outreach Centre (GEOC)
- SUPPORTER:** Japan Fisheries Agency

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- On the occasion of the United Nations International Day for Biological Diversity (22 May), many commemorative ceremonies are held throughout the world to increase awareness and understanding of biodiversity issues.
 - UNU-ISP and MOEJ are pleased to announce the organization of the Symposium on the International Day for Biological Diversity, as part of their initiatives to support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The theme for this year’s symposium is “Marine Biodiversity”.
 - Japan has enjoyed and developed with significant blessings of the surrounding sea. This symposium will seek to raise awareness of biodiversity among the public and consider about people, ocean and sustainable use of oceanic resources. The symposium will feature two keynote lectures and a panel discussion on “Living with Bountiful Sea”, including 10-minute presentations by the panelists.
 - For more information and a programme, see:
<http://isp.unu.edu/events/2012/symposium-on-biodiversity.html>.

Please note that this symposium will be conducted in Japanese; no English interpretation will be provided.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. To reserve a space, please contact Yuka Kaneko or Aya Yokoi, UNU-ISP (e-mail: geoc@unu.edu).