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Public Symposium: “Thriving with Nature on Islands: Leveraging Their Multifaceted and Interconnected Characteristics”

DATE + TIME: Thursday, 22 May 2014, 2:00–5:00 PM

VENUE: Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall, UNU Headquarters, Tokyo

ORGANIZER: Ministry of the Environment of Japan, UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), and the Global Environmental Outreach Centre (GEOC), in cooperation with the Japan Committee for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity and the Commemorative Foundation for the International Garden and Greenery Exposition

LANGUAGE: Japanese (English interpretation will not be provided)

You are cordially invited to attend “Thriving with Nature on Islands: Leveraging Their Multifaceted and Interconnected Characteristics” a public symposium in commemoration of the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22 March 2014.

Since the proclamation of 22 May as the International Day for Biological Diversity by the United Nations, many commemorative ceremonies are held all over the world on this day to increase awareness and understanding of biodiversity issues. As part of their ongoing initiatives to support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, and the Global Environmental Outreach Center will host this year’s symposium, which will focus on the theme of “Island Biodiversity.”

Japan consists of many islands, large and small. Through presentations and discussions, this symposium will serve as an opportunity to raise public awareness of island biodiversity and the important roles people, culture, and nature play on islands. The symposium will include a keynote lecture, case reports, and a panel discussion on how to thrive with nature, leveraging multifaceted and interconnected characteristics of islands.

Please note that this symposium will be conducted in Japanese; English interpretation will not be provided.

For more information and an event programme, please see the event page on the UNU-IAS website:
<http://ias.unu.edu/jp/events/upcoming/biodiversity-sympo.html>

To register for the event, please send an email to geoc@unu.edu with your contact information (name, organization and telephone number).