



**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**



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Dear Dr. Nouak,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity allow me to express my sincere gratitude for all the planning that has been put in place in Austria to help commemorate the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB).

I read with great interest the list of activities and I would like to personally congratulate Austria for the national biodiversity campaign "Vielfaltleben" ("Living Diversity") in partnership with WWF, BirdLife and Naturschutzbund. The excellent work all of you have accomplished during this International Year brings us one step closer to achieving the goals of the Convention.

As you are aware, the Secretariat is in the process of establishing an IYB museum which will contain all the outreach materials which are being done throughout the world to help raise awareness on the Year and the importance of Biodiversity. We would be honored to include an example of your work in the IYB museum. The content of the IYB Museum will be displayed at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya, Japan, as well as at the sixty-sixth session of the UNGA in New York in September 2011 when the IYB report will be considered. The IYB collection will then be permanently on display at the CBD Secretariat in Montreal, for the use and reference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

In closing, we are pleased to inform you that details of your activities have been posted on the IYB site and can be found at <http://www.cbd.int/2010/countries/> We will also be pleased to include your IYB celebrations in our monthly IYB report for the month of July. It is our hope that your activities will encourage other governments and organizations from around the world to promote awareness about the diversity of life that sustains us all.

Wishing you continued success in all your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

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