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Biodiversity – the most important basis for human life

Many species and their populations in Switzerland have been under threat for many years now. At the same time the quality of rare habitats, such as moorland and dry grassland, continues to deteriorate. Neither international agreements nor national legislation have been able to stop these losses. An important aim of the Biodiversity Forum is therefore to make a contribution based on scientific principles to the conservation of biological diversity, to shape its utilisation in a sustainable manner and to ensure that the advantages and benefits that result from the utilisation of the genetic resources are fairly shared.

Contribution to science

- To define gaps in knowledge
- To promote research cooperation at national and international levels
- To maintain databases on research projects and events

Contribution to practice and administration

- To encourage dialogue between biodiversity researchers and administrators/practitioners
- To act as mediators in assigning experts to the individual fields
- To provide advisory support for furthering and implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity

Contribution to politics and society

- To process research results and make them public in a comprehensible form
- To highlight the importance, status and development of biodiversity as well as the possibilities for taking action

Raising awareness with regard to biodiversity

To further its aims, the Biodiversity Forum has developed a number of products for various target groups.

Coordination of the activities planned for the International Year of Biodiversity 2010

Together with FOEN the Swiss Biodiversity Forum will provide the Internet portal www.biodiversitaet2010.ch with background information, publications, a comprehensive agenda and a blog, as well as tips on experiencing and promoting biodiversity in everyday life.

«The change in biodiversity in Switzerland since 1900 – has the lowest point been reached?»

In 2003 Europe's Environment Ministers resolved to halt the loss of biodiversity by 2010. Has this goal been realised? The study, published in April 2010, will provide informed answers to this question.

HOTSPOT magazine

HOTSPOT is dedicated to the dialogue between researchers and practitioners. It is published twice a year, with each issue focusing on a particular theme.

Information Service Biodiversity Switzerland (IBS)

Regular updates by email on biodiversity research.

Swiss Forum on Conservation Biology (SWIFCOB)

SWIFCOB brings scientists and experts together from practice, administration and from nature conservation organisations to discuss current issues.

