

Convention of Biodiversity: A Global Experience

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Abstract

Biological diversity plays very significant role in evolution process as well as for ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic values. As such the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources are of great significance to meet the needs of the growing world population, while at the same time restore and enhance the integrity of biological diversity. While natural events are the main causes for the past extinction of biological resource, the present day loss of biodiversity is directly attributes to various human activities. As a result, the world witnesses the alarming rate of habitat loss and fragmentation, over-exploitation of living resources, pollution and other effects. The paper provides an overview of various initiatives undertaken by the international community, through the United Nation Charters, in particular the Convention of Biological Diversity to abate the rapid degradation of biodiversity resources.