

## Major World International Days for Environmental Observation and their objectives

Month	Date	Env Observation	
March	3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Wildlife Day African Environment Day/Wangari Maathai Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To recognise the world's wild animals and celebrate their diversity</li> <li>● A special tribute to the continent's first female Nobel Peace Prize winner.</li> <li>● Wangari Maathai her impact – improving women's livelihoods by empowering them to lead the restoration of degraded ecosystems across the world and particularly in Africa</li> </ul>
	21 <sup>st</sup>	International Day of Forests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests</li> </ul>
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	World Water Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To celebrate freshwater and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources</li> </ul>
	28 <sup>th</sup>	World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To raise awareness about the need to take action on climate change</li> </ul>
April	1 <sup>st</sup>	World Bird Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To celebrate the world birds and to raise awareness of birds' conservation</li> </ul>
	17 <sup>th</sup>	International Bat Appreciation Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To conserve the world's bats and their ecosystems to ensure a healthy planet</li> </ul>
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	International Mother Earth Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To recognize the need to promote harmony with nature and the environment</li> </ul>
May	9 <sup>th</sup>	World Migratory Bird Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To bring attention to the need to act for bird conservation, especially migratory birds</li> </ul>
	20 <sup>th</sup>	World Bee Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To increase awareness of bees and other pollinators and their contribution to environmental and social resilience</li> </ul>
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	International Day for Biological Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To celebrate biodiversity as the variety of life on Earth and draw attention to the importance of its protection</li> </ul>
June	5 <sup>th</sup>	World Environment Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To encourage worldwide awareness and action for the protection of the environment</li> </ul>

	22 <sup>nd</sup>	World Rainforests Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To raise awareness of rainforest conservation and the threats facing global rainforests</li> </ul>
July	28 <sup>th</sup>	World Nature Conservation Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To recognise the need for integrating conservation efforts to ensure the environment's continued health</li> </ul>
	31 <sup>st</sup>	World Ranger Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To recognize and pay tribute to park rangers risking their lives to protect the planet's natural treasures</li> </ul>
August	12 <sup>th</sup>	International Youth Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To bring together youth worldwide and celebrate their ideas, initiatives, demands</li> </ul>
September	16 <sup>th</sup>	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To focus the world's attention on the threats to the ozone layer and celebrate the 1987 Montreal Protocol</li> </ul>
October	4 <sup>th</sup>	World Animal Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To celebrate animal life in all its forms and to raise awareness of the need for their protection and</li> </ul>
	5 <sup>th</sup>	World Teacher Appreciation Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To recognize teachers' efforts and contributions to society, education and the community</li> </ul>
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Reptile Awareness Day*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To educate the public about these complex, and often feared, animals and to better understand the threats reptiles face</li> </ul>