



The 2013 international Biodiversity Day

'Water and Biodiversity'

**Arba Minch University in collaboration
With Institute of Biodiversity celebrates
International Biodiversity Day by the
theme**

“ Water and Biodiversity ”



May 22 / 2013



Water is an essential and integral part of life. No living being on planet Earth can survive without it. It is a prerequisite for human health and well-being as well as for the preservation of the environment.

The theme Water and Biodiversity was chosen to coincide with the United Nations designation of 2013 as the Water and Biodiversity is the theme for International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) in 2013.



In the commemorated day of celebration Arba Minch University celebrates the day in different occasions.

During the ceremony AMU higher officials and academic staff, guests from Ethiopian Institute of Biodiversity conservation, different stakeholders from Arba Minch town were participated.



Dr. Tesema Tanto

Coordinator of Biodiversity Research Unit
gave the welcome Speech to the
symposium participants on the occasion of
Biodiversity and Nature Conservation
Symposium and International Biodiversity
Day





In the opening ceremony, **Dr. Feleke Woldyes**, Arba Minch University President kindly welcomed the participants from different stakeholders and huge mass of special guests from Ethiopian Institute of Biodiversity conservation (IBC). And also in his opening speech he declared the yearly theme of celebrating the biodiversity and Nature Conservation.



In the occasion, nine different Scientific Research, which is addressing the 2013 theme of the year “ **Biodiversity and water** ” are presented by different scholar experts from various public Universities, Research institutions and by the academic staff member of Arba Minch University.



Experts from University of Gonder, Arba Minch University, Jimma university, Haromaya University, Bahir Dar University, Institutes of Biodiversity Conservation (IBC) and Minister of Water Energy and colleagues from Ministry of water Resources have presented their scientific papers.



Among the papers,

- **Assessment of ramification of effluent discharge from Coffee refineries on river water quality in south western Ethiopia**
- **Lake Chamo and it's biodiversity at cross roads: implications of letting business as usual and the way forward**



- **Eco hydrology as a tool for sustainability of water ecosystem, biodiversity and socio-economic development in Ethiopia**
- **Threats, Economic value and Management interventions for restoration of Lake Chitu and other scientific papers are included.**



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**Participants from Institute of
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AMU staff members**





Participants from Institute of Biodiversity Conservation





Prof. F. Bozzi
IUNBC

Mary Birtukanesh
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Dr. Gemedo Dale
Director General, IBC

Dr. Fekadu Wolde
President, IBC



Participants from Institute of Biodiversity Conservation and Public universities





Participants from Institute of Biodiversity Conservation and other public universities





Participants from Institute of Biodiversity Conservation and higher institutes





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**Dr. Fantahun
Woldesenbet
During the opening
ceremony, Moderating
the program**





Dr. Gemedo Dale
Institute of Biodiversity
Conservation (IBC)
Highlights International
Biodiversity Day



Dr. Gemedo Dale, Director General of Institute of Biodiversity Conservation During the opening ceremony, releasing message during International Biodiversity Day



Music Band from Gamo Gofa Zone presented Cultural MUSIC SHOW



Music Band from Gamo Gofa Zone presented their Cultural SHOW



During poster presentation and Tea break



During Tea break – COFFEE ceremony





During Tea break





During COFFEE ceremony





during Tea break





During Oral Presentation session



During Oral Presentation session



Chairman and Secretary During the 1st

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Discussion on the Presented Papers



During the Discussion session



During the Discussion session



During the discussion session





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During the Discussion session





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Beside to scientific presentation, during the Tea break time Poster presentation was also conducted.



During the Poster Presentation



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Meanwhile, Arba Minch University has signed memorandum of Understanding with Ethiopian institutes of Biodiversity Conservation (IBC).



In the signing ceremony, Dr. Feleke Woldeyes AMU's President and Dr. Gemedo Dale, Director General of Institute of Biodiversity Conservation (IBC) signed the memorandum. According to the agreement both two parties will work together in the Biodiversity & Nature Conservation Research besides the academic matters.



During the memorandum of understanding signing ceremony



During the signing of Memorandum of Understanding





**During the Memorandum of Understanding
signing ceremony**





During the Exchange of Documents after the signing of Memorandum of Understanding



After the signing of Memorandum of Understanding



After signing the Memorandum of Understanding



Group Photo



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