Kenya’s wealth of biodiversity, so vital to human wellbeing and planetary health, has yet to be fully inventoried. The conservation of Kenya’s biodiversity calls for a full inventory of species and a national plan that takes into account likely changes in land use and climate. The International Year for Biodiversity is an opportune time to take stock of Kenya’s biodiversity and the conservation challenges ahead.

We are pleased to announce that the Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources, Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife, Kenya Wildlife Service, African Conservation Centre, National Museums of Kenya, Department of Remote Sensing and Resource Surveys, Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development and Kenya Forest Service among other agencies will host a conference titled Kenya’s International Conference on Biodiversity, Land Use and Climate Change. The conference will be held at **Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi from the 15 to 17 September 2010**, and will bring together conservation scientists, planners, graduate students, managers and policy makers to coordinate species inventories and map Kenya’s biodiversity. Participants will consider how to collate, integrate, analyze and share information using the best available mapping, data storage and analytical tools. The concluding session will discuss a national framework for conserving Kenya’s biodiversity, taking into account land use, livelihoods and climate change, drawing on international and regional experience from neighboring East African states.

The conference will include the following sessions:

- **Biodiversity assessment**
- **Ecosystem services**
- **Poster sessions**
- **Land-use and Climate change**
- **Land-use and livelihoods**
- **Biodiversity informatics**
- **Policy implications**

We invite broad public participation from East African countries. Registration forms and payment details are available at [www.kenyabiodiversityandclimatechange.org](http://www.kenyabiodiversityandclimatechange.org). Participants wishing to present poster sessions should register on the website or contact us by August 27th 2010.

The registration fee is Ksh 4,000/- for individuals and Ksh 10,000/- for corporations. Confirmation of registration will be issued on receipt of payment. For enquiries contact us on: **info@kenyabiodiversityandclimatechange.org** or telephone: **020 - 2512439 or 0724 441 677**.