

**G8 Environment Ministers Meeting 2008**  
**Kobe Call for Action for Biodiversity**

We, the Environment Ministers of the G8, based upon our discussions in Kobe on biodiversity,  
24-26 May 2008,

**Emphasizing** that biological diversity constitutes the indispensable foundation of our lives and  
of global economic development,

**Recognizing** the fundamental importance of biodiversity for human livelihoods, the eradication  
of poverty and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

**Deeply concerned** by the continued loss of biological diversity despite the significant actions  
already taken by a wide range of stakeholders, and acknowledging that unprecedented efforts  
will still be needed to achieve by 2010 a significa

**Reiterating** our commitment to increase our efforts to achieve the globally-agreed target to significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010,

**Adopt** the “Kobe Call for Action for Biodiversity” to call upon all countries to work together to promote the following actions:

*Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target and follow up actions*

1. Further encourage implementation of the ten Activities included in the “Potsdam Initiative-Biological Diversity 2010.”
2. Promote international collaboration for sharing technology and knowledge which is essential for developing, improving and implementing the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) in accordance with the particular conditions and capabilities of the parties in order to achieve the 2010 Biodiversity Target.
3. Promote international collaboration for preparation and publication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Biodiversity Outlook.
4. Encourage the provision of science-based information on biodiversity and ecosystem services to the public and to policy-makers, informed by discussions under the auspices of UNEP.
5. Initiate a dialogue process to consider options for following up the 2010 Target, including, for example, the development and adoption of a post-2010 target under the aegis of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

*Sustainable use of biodiversity*

6. Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity taking into account international achievements in this area and considering models of sustainable natural resource management based on the benefits of living in

*Biodiversity and protected areas*