

Go4BioDiv 2010 partners

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The **Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)** is based in Montreal, Canada. In 1996 it was established to support the threefold goals of the Convention: the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources. Institutionally, the Secretariat is linked to the United Nations Environment Programme. <http://www.cbd.int/secretariat/>

The **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** is the world's oldest and largest global environmental network comprised of government and NGO member organizations. Among its many tasks, it works as the official technical advisory body to the World Heritage Committee on natural heritage. Through its worldwide network of specialists it reports on the state of conservation in World Heritage sites and evaluates nominations submitted by state parties. <http://www.iucn.org/>

Established in 1992, the **World Heritage Centre (WHC)** is the focal point and coordinator within the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** for all matters related to World Heritage. Ensuring the day-to-day management of the Convention, the Centre organizes the annual sessions of the World Heritage Committee and its Bureau, provides advice to States Parties in the preparation of site nominations and organizes international assistance via the World Heritage Fund upon request. <http://whc.unesco.org/en/about/>

The **University of Tsukuba** is one of the oldest universities in Japan. It is ranked one of the top Asian universities. The World Heritage Studies Program was established in 2006 and aims at opening the way for its students on the international level to contribute to the protection and the safeguarding of the heritage under diverse and complicated circumstances of natural, cultural, social, political as well as economical challenges. <http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/english/>

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