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## Biodiversity & Conservation:

### National Wildlife Day

Today, September 4th, is National Wildlife Day. The annual observance was established in 2005 to raise public awareness about the importance of protecting wildlife and preserving their natural habitats. It serves as a reminder of the urgent need to address environmental challenges like habitat destruction, pollution, and illegal poaching. The day's theme for 2025 focuses on promoting sustainable coexistence and highlighting the role of humans as stewards of biodiversity.

### Global Conservation Initiatives

**India's Efforts:** India is showcasing its significant commitment to wildlife protection. This includes the successful continuation of major conservation projects like Project Tiger, Project Elephant, and the newly launched Project Lion. The country's use of modern technologies, such as geospatial and AI tools, along with increased community participation, is central to its conservation strategy.

**Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:** International efforts are also a major focus. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, a landmark agreement from 2022, continues to provide renewed impetus for global conservation goals. The framework aims to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 and outlines targets such as restoring 30% of all degraded ecosystems and conserving 30% of land and marine areas.

**Philippines Marine Protected Area:** A significant recent development is the creation of a new, large marine protected area off the coast of Panaon Island in the Philippines. This area is located within the Pacific Coral Triangle, a global biodiversity hotspot, and is a crucial step in safeguarding marine life.

### Conferences and Research

**SEES 2025:** The 3rd International Conference on Sustainable Environmental Engineering and Science (SEES 2025) is currently underway in Kolkata, India. Researchers and professionals are discussing topics such as sustainable engineering for pollution control and the development of alternate energy sources.

**Community-Led Conservation:** News from Arunachal Pradesh highlights the importance of empowering local communities. The Arunachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board is focusing on the "fictionalization" (making functional) of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) to strengthen grassroots-level governance of natural resources and ensure the effective implementation of the Biological Diversity Act.

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- a) Project Tiger
- b) Project Elephant
- c) Project Lion
- d) Project Rhino

**Answer:** c) Project Lion

The information provided lists "Project Tiger, Project Elephant, and the newly launched Project Lion" as India's ongoing conservation efforts.

**3.What is a key target of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by 2030?**

- a) To increase global fish populations by 50%.
- b) To restore 30% of all degraded ecosystems.
- c) To eliminate all illegal poaching activities.
- d) To establish a single global conservation authority.

**Answer:** b) To restore 30% of all degraded ecosystems.

The text highlights that the framework "outlines targets such as restoring 30% of all degraded ecosystems and conserving 30% of land and marine areas."

**4.In which global biodiversity hotspot is the new marine protected area off the coast of Panaon Island located?**

- a) The Great Barrier Reef
- b) The Pacific Coral Triangle
- c) The Galapagos Islands
- d) The Amazon Rainforest

**Answer:** b) The Pacific Coral Triangle

The text specifies that the new protected area "is located within the Pacific Coral Triangle, a global biodiversity hotspot."

**5.The Arunachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board is focusing on making Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) functional to achieve what goal?**

## MCQS

**1.When was National Wildlife Day established and what is its primary purpose?**

- a) 2005; To raise public awareness about protecting wildlife and their habitats.
- b) 2010; To promote sustainable farming practices.
- c) 1995; To celebrate endangered species.
- d) 2020; To fund new conservation projects globally.

**Answer:** a) 2005; To raise public awareness about protecting wildlife and their habitats.  
The text states, "The annual observance was established in 2005 to raise public awareness about the importance of protecting wildlife and preserving their natural habitats."

**2.Which of the following is a new major conservation project recently launched by India?**







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- a) To establish new wildlife sanctuaries.
- b) To strengthen grassroots-level governance of natural resources.
- c) To conduct a census of local animal populations.
- d) To raise funds for international conservation projects.

**Answer:** b) To strengthen grassroots-level governance of natural resources.

The passage states that the board is focusing on "the 'fictionalization' (making functional) of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) to strengthen grassroots-level governance of natural resources."



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