



Celebration of World Environment Day

4 June 2021 | Launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

13:30-16:00 (Thailand Time GMT+7), an online event via Zoom

Background

The UN World Environment Day promotes worldwide awareness and action for the environment. This year, the online celebration is organized on Friday 4 June.

For too long, we have been exploiting our planet's ecosystems beyond the ecological carrying capacity. This has caused serious imbalances in ecosystem services and the human life support system. This trend needs to be redressed, for the sake of human survivability. Ecosystem restoration, in other words 'turning from exploiting nature to healing it', is absolutely essential. World Environment Day 21 will kick off the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, a global mission to revive billions of hectares of ecosystems, from forests to farmlands, from the top of mountains to the depth of the sea.

World Environment Day offers a global platform for inspiring positive change. It pushes for individuals to actively improve their consumption behavior; for businesses to develop greener models; for governments to invest in repairing the environment; and for youth to build a greener future, for people to reinvigorate a coalition between humanity and nature.

Programme Moderated by Benno Boer UNESCO

- 13:15-13:30 Joining Zoom
- 13:30-13:35 **Remarks by Eden Y. Woon**
President of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)
- 13:35-13:40 **Remarks by Shigeru Aoyagi**
Asia-Pacific Regional Director, UNESCO
- 13:40-13:45 **Remarks by Dechen Tsering**
Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, UNEP
- 13:45-13:50 **Remarks by Takayuki Hagiwara**
Regional Programme Leader, FAO-RAP
- 13:50-13:55 **Remarks by H.E. Pirkka Tapiola**
Ambassador of the European Union to the Kingdom of Thailand
- 13:55-14:00 **Remarks by Dindo Campilan**
Asia Regional Director and Oceania Hub Director, IUCN
- 14:00-14:05 **Remarks by Rawin Raviwongse**
President of National Science Museum Thailand (NSM)
- 14:05-14:10 **Message from H.E. Varawut Silpa-archa**
Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand

Panel Session

- 14:10-14:15 **Charlie Winston's "Summertime here all year"**
(illustrated by UNESCO)
- 14:15-14:35 **Friedhelm Krupp** Senckenberg Research Institute, Germany
Restoring coastal and marine habitats following the largest oil spill in history
- 14:35-14:50 **Siriporn Sriaram** Acting Head of Office, IUCN Thailand Programme
Mangrove Restoration: Thailand Case Studies
- 14:50-15:05 **Ben Hargraves** Business Development, The Ocean Cleanup
Cleaning up plastic pollution in rivers and oceans worldwide
- 15:05-15:20 **James Scott** Executive Director, TerraCycle Thailand
Cleaning up canals in Bangkok
- 15:20-15:35 **Gayatri Raghwa** Executive Director, Wildecologue
Role of Science Education towards Ecosystem Restoration
- 15:35-15:50 Summary and announcing 2021 activities by **Siriporn Sriaram**
- 15:50-15:55 Poem by **'Damage Control & Swordfish'**
- 15:55-16:00 Closing

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 Charlie Winston Singer-Songwriter
 Andrew Amatavivadhana Damage Control
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