

Invitation to contribute to KJ's special issue on Biodiversity, 2010

2010 has been designated "The Year of Biodiversity." A crucial and potentially historic UN-sponsored conference on the preservation of biological diversity on our planet (COP10) will be held in October in Nagoya, Japan. (See URLs below for more details). It is expected to draw 7,000 delegates from 130 nations.

A meeting of this scale builds massive expectations, but as Copenhagen demonstrated, no conference is too big to fail. What can be done to help ensure a successful (binding and verifiable) outcome in Nagoya?

Kyoto Journal is a non-profit, long-established all-volunteer English-language international quarterly based in Kyoto, Japan. We would like to contribute to the process by creating a special themed issue on Biodiversity, to be made available at the conference and to our readers. Together with several "big-picture" essays, we hope to include a wide diversity of relevant personal viewpoints.

We are inviting short, focused contributions to this issue. We seek submissions of original and illuminating ideas, in 500 words or less, responding to one or more of the following three broad questions:

- **1. What is the single best idea (or tangible success story) you know of for the preservation or restoration of biodiversity?**
- **2. What are the most important things that we need to become aware of, or teach, in the next decade to promote biodiversity?**
- **3. Beyond biodiversity, diversity itself (of languages, cultures, etc) is endangered. What does diversity mean to you personally, philosophically, and/or politically? How can it be effectively protected?**

The initial deadline for submissions is April 1, 2010.

Essays that exceed 500 words may be edited for length (in consultation with the author), and/or published in full on our website. Please email to submissions@kyotojournal.org, clearly indicating which question(s) you are answering. Contributors will receive a free copy of this issue.

Please feel free to also share this invitation with other thoughtful, knowledgeable, creative people, or to suggest ideas for graphics.

Sincerely,

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Information from Aichi-Nagoya COP 10 CBD Promotion Committee:

<http://www.cop10.jp/aichi-nagoya/english/cop/convention.html>

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