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National Level:

National governments play a leading role in conservation activities.

Governments can buy new areas (lands) for conservation, where the areas occupied by endangered species

National governments have been established fund to purchase land for conservation.

National governments can provide subsidies and granting of tax deductions to land owners also manage their areas for biological diversity.

Establishment of national parks.

- National legislatures and governing agencies are develop the laws to limit the environmental pollution.
- To prevent the exploitation of rare species governments can restrict certain species and through Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).
- Identify endangered species, controlling use of the species, developing research programmes. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF & CC) has notified Marine Biosphere Reserve such as Gulf of Mannar, Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve to conserve biodiversity.

International Efforts:

Conservation On International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

Started: 1973

Head : Switzerland

Function: Ban on the International trade.

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Started: 1948

Head: Switzerland

Function: Influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve nature.

Convention on Biodiversity (CBD)

Started in: Earth Summit in 1992.

Head: Rio de Janeiro

Aim: Conservation, Sustainable use

Equal sharing of genetic resources this convention stimulated many countries to develop National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans.

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources

Started in: 2001

Head: Rome

Aim: To create a legal binding frame work for the protection and Sustainable use of all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

International Agreements for Conserving Marine Biodiversity

EEZ – Fishing is allowed only in the **EEZ** With following restrictions:

Fishing Techniques such as dynamiting and poisoning are out lawed.

Blue whales have not been hunted commercially since 1964.

United Nations Conservation on the law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

Adopted in 1995

EEZ areas closed to all types of fishing are Bermuda, Belize, Great Barrier Marine park in Australia.

Aim: Preservation and protection of marine environment.

Conservation of marine living resources.

Limited mineral extraction from the sea.

International Whaling Commission (IWC) has established whale sanctuary in different oceans of the world.

- There are two important Sanctuaries for whale,
- 1. The Indian Ocean Sanctuary
- 2. Southern Ocean Sanctuary.

The Convention on Conservation Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)

of Antarctic

- Aim: 1. To regulate human activities. So as to restrict changes in the Antarctic ecosystem.
- 2. To undertake research and studies of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and marine ecosystem.
- 3. To prepare data base on the status and changes in population of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.
- 4. To identify conservation needs and analyse the effectiveness of conservation measures.

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar convention)

Since 1971 provides frame work for International collaboration on wetlands conservation which includes mangroves and coral reefs.

19 wetlands in India in Tamil Nadu 1 (Pointcalimer)