



## World Environment Day ( 05. 06. 2016 )



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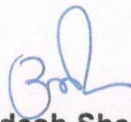
The World Environment Day was established by United Nations General Assembly in 1972, to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. It is celebrated every year on 5<sup>th</sup> June to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth. This year World Environment Day theme is **“Go Wild For Life and Against Wildlife Crime”**. The theme focusses on illegal trade in wildlife, which erodes precious biodiversity and threatens the survival of elephants, rhinos and tigers as well as many other species and encourage to take actions to help all those species under threat and safeguard them for future generations.

The variety of animals, plants, their habitats and their genes, on which so much of human life depends, is one of the world's most pressing crises. Thousands of wildlife species are threatened by illegal and unsustainable wildlife trade. Tigers, elephants, rhinos, medicinal plants, timber, marine species, birds and reptiles are threatened by illegal exploitation and trafficking. Illegal trade in wildlife products is eroding Earth's precious biodiversity. It is estimated that the current species extinction rate is between 1,000 and 10,000 times higher than it would naturally be. The main drivers of this loss are converting natural areas to urban development, introducing invasive alien species, polluting or over-exploiting resources including water and soils and harvesting wild plants and animals at unsustainable levels.

DFC project is in the crucial execution stage where large scale construction activity is being undertaken. Protecting environment is a legal obligation and sign of responsible business. DFCC is strictly following World Bank as well as JICA “Safeguard Policy on Environment & Social” in the EDFC and WDFC to support the Government's initiatives toward Sustainable Development. Environment protection approach of DFCCIL is reflected from DFC alignment where land acquisition, forest land diversion and impact to environment is minimum.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, let us pledge to understand the damage this wildlife trading is doing to our environment, economies, communities, security and we must change our habits and behavior so that demand for wildlife products falls.

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