

Special Environment Days

(It will be impossible to observe every date, but choose important dates and what suits your needs)

20 January – Penguin Awareness Day	
26 January – World Environmental Education Day	
26 January – International Day of Clean Energy	https://www.unep.org/international-days
31 January - Zebra Day	
2 February - World Wetlands Day	www.wetlands.org.za
15 February - Hippo Day	
3rd Saturday in February – World Pangolin Day	www.pangolins.org/world-pangolin-day
3rd Sunday in February – World Whale Day	
28 February – Leap Day for Frogs	www.leapdayforfrogs.org.za
3rd week in March - National Water Week	www.gov.za/national-water-week
3 March – World Wildlife Day	www.wildlifeday.org
3 March – World Hearing Day	
4 March – Community Clean-up Day	
2nd Friday in March - Solar Appreciation Day	
8 March – International Women’s Day	www.internationalwomensday.com
12 March – Plant a Flower Day	
14 March – International Day of Action for Rivers	www.internationalrivers.org
14 March – International Spider Day	.
18 March – Global Recycling Day	www.globalrecyclingday.com
20 March – International Day of Happiness	www.dayofhappiness.net
20 March – World Frog Day	
21 March – International Day of Forests and Trees	www.un.org/en/events/forestsday
22 March - World Day for Water	www.unwater.org/worldwaterday
23 March - World Meteorological Day	www.wmo.int/worldmetday/home
30 March - International Day of Zero Waste	https://www.unep.org/international-days

Last Saturday in March – Earth Hour	www.earthhour.org
3 April – World Aquatic Animal Day	
7 April - World Health Day	www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day
13 April – International Plant Appreciation Day	
17 April - International Bat Appreciation Day	
22 April - Earth Day	www.earthday.org
25 April – International Penguin Day	www.sanccob.co.za
25 April – World Malaria Day	www.who.int/ https://endmalaria.org
27 April – International Hyena Day	
1st Week in May – National Bird Week	www.birdlife.org.za
2nd Week in May - International Composting Awareness Week	www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home
2nd Saturday in May - World Migratory Bird Day (1st of 2)	www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/
3 May – International Leopard Day	
3 May – World Sun Day	
15 May – International Day of Families	
3rd Friday in May – Endangered Species Day	www.endangered.org/campaigns/endangered-species-day/
20 May – World Bee Day	www.un.org/en/events/beeday/
21 May – Endangered Species Day	
22 May – International Biodiversity Day	www.un.org/en/events/biodiversityday www.biodiversityday.info
23 May – World Tortoise and Turtle Day	www.worldturtleday.org
26 May – Africa Day	
1 June – World Reef Day	
5 June - World Environment Day	www.un.org/en/events/environmentday
8 June – World Oceans Day	www.worldoceansday.org
1st Week in June – Environment Week	
15 June - Global Wind Day	https://windeurope.org/globalwindday
16 June – World Sea Turtle Day	

17 June - World Desertification Day	www.un.org/en/events/desertificationday
17 June – World Crocodile Day	
21 June – World Giraffe Day	https://giraffeconservation.org/world-giraffe-day/
22 June – World Rainforest Day	
July - Plastic Free July	www.plasticfreejuly.org
11 July - World Population Day	www.un.org/en/events/populationday
13 July – World Shark Awareness Day	
14 July – World Chimpanzee Day	
16 July – World Snake Day	
18 July – Mandela Day	
26 July – World Mangrove Day	
28 July – World Conservation Day	
31 July – World Ranger Day	
9 August – Women’s Day (SA)	
10 August – World Lion Day	https://worldlionday.com
12 August – World Elephant Day	https://worldelephantday.org
19 August - International Orangutan Day	
20 August – World Mosquito Day	www.daysoftheyear.com/days/world-mosquito-day/
26 August – World Wild Dog Day	www.painteddog.org
Last week of August – World Water Week	http://sdg.iisd.org/events/world-water-week-2020/
31 August - African Traditional Medicine (uMuthi) Day	
1 September – 4 October	Season of Creation
1 September – World Day of Prayer for Creation	https://seasonofcreation.org/
First Saturday in September – International Vulture Day	www.vultureday.org www.birdlife.org.za
1st week in September - Arbor Week	www.gov.za/arbor-week
7 September - International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (A/RES/74/212)

16 September - International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	www.un.org/en/events/ozoneday
3rd Week in September – National Clean-up Week	www.cleanup-sa.co.za
20 September – Recycling Day	www.cleanup-sa.co.za
21 September – International Peace Day	www.un.org/en/events/peaceday
21 September – Zero Emissions Day	
22 September – World Rhino Day	www.worldrhinoday.org www.wwf.org.za
22 September - Car Free Day (Zero Emissions Day)	
24 September – Heritage Day	www.gov.za/heritage-day
26 September - World Environmental Health Day	www.ifeh.org/wehd/
27 September - World Tourism Day	www.un.org/en/events/tourismda
Last Saturday in September - World Rivers Day	www.worldriversday.com
29 September - International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
October is Bat Appreciation Month	
2 October - World Day for Farmed Animals	https://www.dayforanimals.com/
4 October – World Animal Day (St Francis Day)	
5 October – World Teacher Day	
5 October – Energy Efficiency Day	
1st Monday in October - World Habitat Day	www.un.org/en/events/habitatday
2nd Saturday in October - African Penguin Awareness Day	www.aquarium.co.za
2nd Saturday in October – World Migratory Bird Day (2 nd of 2)	https://sdg.iisd.org/events/world-migratory-bird-day-2020/ www.worldmigratorybirdday.org
2nd Sunday in October – National Garden Day	https://gardenday.co.za/about/
2nd Wednesday in October - International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction	www.un.org/en/events/disasterreductionday
2nd week in October – “Weedbuster” Week/Invasive Species week	
2nd Week in October – National Marine Week	www.gov.za/national-marine-week
4–10 October - World Space Week	World Space Week (A/RES/54/68)

16 October - World Food Day	www.fao.org/world-food-day
17 October - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
21 October – National Reptile Day	
26 October – Earthworm Day	
26 October – World Sustainability Day	
31 October - World Cities Day	World Cities Day
6 November - Southern African Development Community (SADC) Malaria Day	https://www.gov.za/SADCMalariaDay2020 https://www.nicd.ac.za
6 November – International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in Armed Conflict and War	www.un.org/en/events/environmentconflictday
10 November - World Science Day for Peace and Development	
21 November – World Fisheries Day	www.wwf.org.za www.wiseoceans.com/event/world-fisheries-day
24 November – Buy Nothing Day	www.daysoftheyear.com/days/buy-nothing-day
4th Saturday in November – Big Birding Day	www.birdlife.org.za
30 November – World Children’s Day	
30 November - International Day of Climate Action	https://350.org
1 December - World AIDS Day	www.worldaidsday.org
4 December – Wildlife Conservation Day	www.worldwildlife.org/stories/wildlife-conservation-day
4 December - International Cheetah Day	https://internationalcheetahday.com/
5 December – International Soil Day	www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/en
11 December - International Mountain Day	www.fao.org/forestry/internationalmountainday www.un.org/en/events/mountainday