

## MAIN EVENTS FACILITATED BY THE NIGERIA TROPICAL BIOLOGY ASSOCIATION FROM 2016-2020

### Programmes held from 2015-2017

1. 4<sup>th</sup> Biodiversity Conservation Conference held at the Federal University of Technology, Akure. 2015.
2. 5<sup>th</sup>/Joint Biodiversity Conservation Conference in celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nigeria Tropical Biology Association (NTBA) and Maiden Conference of Nigeria Chapter of Society for Conservation Biology (NSCB).

**Conference Theme:** *MDGs to SDGs: Towards Sustainable Biodiversity Conservation in Nigeria*

**Venue:** Main Auditorium, University of Ilorin

**Date:** 20 – 24 June, 2016



Dr. Joseph Onoja: Keynote Speaker at Joint NTBA/NSCB Biodiversity Conservation Conference



Participants at the Joint Conference 2016

### Programmes and Projects conducted 2018-2020

1. A National Student Essay Competition for final year undergraduate and master's students in Biology-related disciplines. This was conducted in August-October, 2018. The best four competitors were invited and sponsored by NTBA to attend and make oral presentation of their essays during the 6<sup>th</sup> Biodiversity Conservation Conference in Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State.

2. The 6th Biodiversity Conservation Conference was held on 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at the Federal University Dutse, Jigawa State. The Opening Ceremony was attended by high profile community leaders and academics, conservation professionals and students. The conference was a success with a total of 111 registered participants, and many Oral presentations on different aspects of

biodiversity and conservation as affected by the increasing human population. The keynote speaker and the NTBA President also had the pleasure of being interviewed by the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) Crew, and this was reported by the NTA Network. The event was also reported in the April edition of the University Newsletter. Conference proceedings and other materials available online and can be freely downloaded from: <https://ntbaconf2018.wordpress.com/resources/>

One of the major features of the conference was an oral presentation by some selected essay finalists. At the end of their presentations, the following students emerged as winners of the competition:

Mr Nsude Chinedu Candidus from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Bauchi State, Nigeria- 81.3%.

Mr Subuloye Adeyemi Joshua from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria- 80.3%

Miss Ota Ama Chinonso from University of Nigeria, Nsukka- 70.5%

Mr Ahmed Sadiq from Federal University Dutse, Jigawa State, Nigeria- 70.5%

3. A research project on the appraisal of Nigeria's Biodiversity Action Plan, i.e. the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (June-September, 2020). About 15 NTBA members participated in this project. The ensued manuscript with title “Assessing awareness on biodiversity conservation among Nigerians: The Aichi Biodiversity Target 1” was submitted for review to *Biodiversity and Conservation*. This was accepted in and published online April, 2021. The paper can be downloaded from: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10531-021-02175-x>



**Plate 1:** LOC and NTBA Team paid courtesy visit to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Federal University Dutse, Jigawa State



**Plate 2:** Participants at the conference



**Plate 3:** Oral presentation at the conference



**Plate 4:** Cultural dance troupe from Jigawa State



**Plate 5:** Members of the academic community with the Emir of Dutse in a group photograph



**Plate 6:** 6<sup>th</sup> Biodiversity Conservation Conference banner



**Plate 7:** Winners of essay competition left to right: **Subuloye Adeyemi Joshua** from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife (**1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up**), **Ota Ama Chinonso** from University of Nigeria, Nsukka (**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up**), **Nsude Chinedu Candidus** from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi (**Overall Winner**); **Ahmed Sadiq** from Federal University Dutse, Jigawa State, Nigeria (**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up**).