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GNWT Releases 2010 State of the Environment Biodiversity Report

YELLOWKNIFE (May 19, 2010) – The *NWT State of the Environment Report – 2010 Special Biodiversity Edition* was released today by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

The Report celebrates 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity and presents the latest findings on the status and trends of biodiversity, ecosystem integrity, the status of traditional knowledge, trends in sustainable use of biodiversity, and trends in threats to biodiversity in the Northwest Territories (NWT).

“As NWT residents, we are committed to protecting the natural biodiversity of the Northwest Territories,” said Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) J. Michael Miltenberger. “This Report keeps us informed on the status and trends of species and alerts us to any changes in biodiversity in the environment.”

The report was created by the GNWT in collaboration with the Government of Canada, the NWT Wildlife Management Advisory Council, the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, the Gwich’in Renewable Resources Board, the Wek’èzhii Renewable Resources Board, and the North Slave Métis Alliance.

The Report is one of many GNWT activities planned for the International Year of Biodiversity. Other planned events and actions include the upcoming release of the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy, the recent sponsorship of the Buffalo Lake, River and Trails Area of Interest under the NWT Protected Areas Strategy (PAS), and the promotion of biodiversity at community events like World Environment Day and Earth Week.

The NWT State of the Environment Report supports the GNWT’s *Managing This Land* strategic initiative, under the 16th Legislative Assembly’s goal of realizing an environment that will sustain present and future generations.

The Report is available online through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources’ website at www.enr.gov.nt.ca

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