

Erivan Anomalous Blue

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Recently, Armenia has unveiled the logo for the 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the **Convention on Biological Diversity** which includes Erivan Anomalous Blue at its centre.

About Erivan Anomalous Blue

- The **Polyommatus eriwanens**, also known as **Erivan Anomalous Blue**, is a blue butterfly.
- It is found only in and **around Yerevan (Armenia)**.
- The Erivan Anomalous Blue gives one generation per year.
- These butterfly species are active from mid-June till mid-July, depending on elevation.
- **Habitat**
 - The species inhabits **calcareous grasslands in Armenia** but the host plant of the species is still not known.
 - The species is **endemic to Southern Transcaucasia**.
 - It is found at the **elevation range from 1200 to 2200 m.**

- **Conservation Status:** The species is **not included** in the Global and **European Red Lists**.

What is the Convention on Biological Diversity?

- It is the most comprehensive **binding international agreement** in the field of **nature conservation and the sustainable** use of natural resources.
- **History:** It was opened for signing at the UN Conference on Environment and Development in **Rio de Janeiro in 1992**.
- It currently has **196 contracting parties**.
- **Governance:** The CBD's governing body is **the Conference of the Parties (COP)**.
- This ultimate authority of all governments (or Parties) that have ratified the treaty meets **every two years** to review progress, set priorities, and commit to work plans.
- **Secretariat:** Montreal, Canada.

Objectives of Convention on Biological Diversity

- Conservation of biological diversity
- Sustainable use of biological diversity
- Fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources

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