

Majority of the people (both youths and adults) expressed their concern about the loss of biodiversity. About 86% of participants voted that they are very concerned and rest 14% said they were somewhat concerned on biodiversity loss. Moreover, there were citizens who voted for intensification of agricultural production on existing farmlands and avoid conversion of nature areas into new agricultural land. Similarly, regarding the share of financial resources to be supplied for biodiversity conservation, about 54% citizens voted for equal obligation among developing and industrialized countries to pay, but industrialized countries to pay more for it. This shows that the citizen despite having least knowledge on biodiversity and coming from different walks of life are concerned about biodiversity loss around them. Whether it be biodiversity in general, land or sea, the results show that it is time for the policy makers, political parties and concerned stakeholders to prioritize biodiversity issues and work towards framing policies directed towards sustainable use of resources.