

Here is the Turkey's WWD 2010 Report;

This significant day for wetlands was celebrated in all around of the country with many activities such as meetings, site visits, and press statements. The most important was the speech of the General Director Prof. M.Kemal YALINKILIC, who is the administrative Ramsar Focal Point of Turkey (Turkish Republic of Ministry of Environment and Forestry, General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks (GDNCNP)) in the live programme on one of the national channel of Turkey. He told the importance of wetlands and studies on wetlands such as conservation studies, management studies, which have been done by the Ministry. He also mentioned the importance of the Year of Biological Diversity.



MOEF, GDNCNP, Wetlands Division which is responsible for Ramsar, attended 2 celebrations both in Bolu and Samsun. The celebrations which were held in Samsun have done by the participation of **Ms.**



Nadezhda Aleexeva who is the assistant advisor of Europe from the Ramsar Secretariat. The meeting was started by the speeches of Deputy Mayor of Samsun Province (Mr.Ramazan AKSOY); the Head of Nature Protection Department, GDNCNP, MOEF, (Mr. Ali Mennan Mennanoğulları); the Director of Samsun Province of Environment and Forestry (Mr.Ömer ALBAYRAK). After the speeches, the multimedia show (the wetland photographs from all over the Turkey with a folk music) which was prepared by Wetlands Division had shown. And

then Mr. Serhan CAGIRANKAYA who is the Ramsar CEPA focal point, made a presentation on "Wetlands Studies in Turkey". Ms.Melike HEMMAMI, the water politics coordinator of Doga Dernegi, made presentations of the Ramsar SGF Project namely "the Effective Management of Ramsar Sites in Turkey" Ramsar SGF Project which has done by the collaboration with Doga Dernegi and the MOEF. In the same day, a workshop has been done by the Project. The participators were come from 13 Ramsar Sites (both NGO and Government Representatives) and local wetland committee members of Kizilirmak Delta.



And on second day the participators visited the Kizilirmak Delta Ramsar Site. The information about the site was given to the participators in the Visitor Centre. The birds and the wonderful view of the site was heated all participators in the cold and rainy weather.

The game on Ramsar was also translated in Turkish and disturbed by The Bird Researches Society.



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