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Report
World Wetlands Day- 2nd of February 2007 -
Motto: „Fish for tomorrow ?”

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority in Tulcea (Romania) is very pleased to report the programme of activities organised for the celebration of the environmental event “World Wetlands Day 2007”.

In order to celebrate this environmental event – **World Wetlands Day 2007** - under the slogan **„Fish for tomorrow?”**, the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority organised and hosted a series of activities of celebration and public awareness raising in the biosphere reserve and the town of Tulcea.

On the 3rd of February 2007, at the DDBRA headquarters, we hosted a **programme of educational actions for the environment** with the participation of students from schools in Tulcea, young environmental volunteers from DDBRA and Waste Management Education and Information Centre (Tulcea) and representatives of the local media.

Activities included in the programme were:

- Presentation of the importance, functions and values of the wetlands,
- Presentation of scale models with aspects of the wetlands,
- Information concerning the importance of the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve as wetland of national and international value, as well as the main activities for the protection and conservation of the fish resource in the DDBR,
- Web animation „Fish for tomorrow?”
- Short presentation of Grigore ANTIPA’s lifetime activity (Romanian biologist) by students from the school bearing the scientist’s name
- Signification of the February month in the popular culture
- Theme games: „RAMSAR”, „Let’s build a fish !”, „Recognize the fish species ?”
- Launch of the educational project „Danube Delta’s children promote the European values”
- Conception of the message addressed to the Ramsar secretariat.

There were presentations (PowerPoint, animations), interactive games followed by debates, and the children learnt to build a fish from paper. Every participant received leaflets, posters and

information papers concerning the importance of this environment event. In the end, all participating students elaborated the message to be transmitted to the Ramsar secretariat.

Schools and education institutions involved: „Grigore Antipa” School, „Alexandru Ciucurencu” School, School no. 12, Arts and Crafts School no. 3, „Henri Coandă” Technical College, „Grigore Moisil” Highschool, „Spiru Haret” Dobroudjan College, „Nicolae Cornăţeanu” Agricultural College from Tulcea.

Similar specific actions took place on the 2nd of February 2007 in schools from the DDBR territory: Sulina – DDBRA Information Centre in collaboration with „Jean Bart” College, Ecology Club and Cultural House of Sulina; Crişan School; Mila 23 School; Caraorman School; Chilia Veche School; Sf. Gheorghe School; and also in the villages close to the Reserve: Murighiol School, Dunavăţu de Jos School and Mahmudia School.

Also, on the 2nd of February 2007, World Wetlands Day, Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority together with the Tulcea Schools Inspectorate launched for the DDBR schools a new educational programme called **“Danube Delta’s Children promote the European values”**.

The aim of this project is to increase the degree of knowledge and understanding of the changes generated by the adhesion of Romania to the European Union and to prepare the students and the communities inside the DDBR perimeter for the new quality of European citizen. The themes will be related to the symbols and values promoted by the European Union, but also to the ecological values and traditions of the local communities, the importance at a European level of the Natura 2000 protected areas network etc...

The programme will carry on during 2006-2007 school year and the final evaluation, along with the presentation of the results, will take place during a symposium organised for students on the International Environment Day – 5th of June 2007.

The event was presented in the **media** through the press release transmitted by DDBRA in order to stress the importance of the actions, and there were also a number of articles in the local media concerning the activities, along with interviews for the local television.

At the end of the celebration, the children from Tulcea that had participated to the World Wetlands Day elaborated the message for all the children who live in wetlands:

“Dear friends,

From Tulcea, a city at gates of the Danube Delta, we send our friendly salute at the 10th anniversary of the wetlands.

Our county has the wonderful Delta, which is included in the 1600 Ramsar sites and we are trying to protect this area through awareness raising and cleaning actions. Let's get together, all nature lovers, to keep the wetlands clean as long as possible and do the best for keeping this treasure. We should try to get together all the nationalities and fight for resources protection and a good biodiversity. This year's theme is a signal for those who over exploit wetlands treasures, the fish being one of this treasure.

Your friends from Tulcea,

The participants at World Wetland Day 2007. ”

Please, find attached photos from the event.

Respectfully yours,

GOVERNOR

Paul CONONOV

