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Report

February 2nd, 2008 - World Wetlands Day
Motto: „Healthy Wetlands, Heathy People”

In order to celebrate the environmental event – **World Wetlands Day 2008** - under the motto **„Healthy Wetlands, Heathy People”**, Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority, in partnership with the Center for Information and Education on Waste Management of Tulcea City Hall, organized a programme of activities, within the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve territory and in Tulcea city, to celebrate and sensitise the public.

Thus, on February 2nd 2008, a **programme of activities for environmental education** took place at DDBRA's headquarters, with the participation of pupils and young environmental volunteers activating within the Center for Information and Education on Waste Management of Tulcea.

The activities included in the programme were:

- presentation of the event's importance and of wetland functions and values,
- exhibition of scale models, drawings and posters representing wetlands' aspects,
- information regarding the importance of DDBR as a wetland of national and international importance, and the interconnection between people and environment,
- video presentation: „Danube Delta- A paradise near us”,
- thematic game: „Let's make a turtle!”
- elaboration of the message to be addressed to Ramsar Secretariat.

PowerPoint presentations, animations and interactive games followed by debates were organized, and pupils made their own paper turtles. All participants received leaflets, posters and information materials regarding the importance of this environmental event and, at the end, the pupils wrote a message addressed to RAMSAR Secretariat.

From Tulcea, the following schools participated: „Grigore Antipa” School, „Alexandru Ciucurencu” School, School no. 12, „Henri Coandă” Technical College, „Nicolae Cornăţeanu” Agricultural College, „Constantin Găvenea” School, „Brad Segal”

College, School no. 5, „Nifon Bălăşescu” School. About 65 pupils and teachers took part in the event.

Similar specific activities took place in schools within Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve’s territory, with 226 participating pupils from: DDBRA’s Information Center together with „Jean Bart” High School from Sulina, the Ecological Club and the Culture House Sulina; Crişan School; Mila 23 School; Caraorman School; Maliuc School and Kindergarten; Chilia Veche School; Sf. Gheorghe School; including those from limitrophe villages: Murighiol School, Mahmudia School Group.

A press release of DDBRA showing the importance of this environmental event was presented to the **media**, together with other articles in local newspapers referring to DDBRA’s activities.

Children participating at this event wrote the following message addressed to friends from all over the world which are concerned about wetlands:

Dear friends,

From Tulcea, the town situated at the gates of the Danube Delta, we send you friendly greetings on World Wetlands Day.

First, we want to thank Ramsar’s Secretariat for all the offered materials that helped us to organize some really successful activities.

At the beginning, the organisers, Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority, presented a short history of this day and the steps to be taken to preserve both the health of the wetlands and of the people. In their turn, pupils charmed us with poems, thematic drawings, essays and sketches. All participants enjoyed the little Ramsar turtles and even made some for their friends.

The activity was completed with the writing of this message, diplomas awarding to the participants and the strong wish to return next year.

Please, find attached photos from the event.

Respectfully yours,

GOVERNOR

Paul CONONOV



