A successful international workshop

"Challenges and Perspectives for the Management of Bahía Lomas Ramsar site"

held in Magallanes, Chile, 29-30 November 2007

With the purpose of promoting the wise use of Bahía Lomas Ramsar site, interchange of experiences, and information under the agreement signed in 2005 between ENAP (National Petroleum Company of Chile) Magallanes region and CONAMA XII region, an international workshop was held from November 29 to 30 2007 with the participation of relevant academic, institutional and civil society stakeholders related with wetlands and the Ramsar Convention, with a visit to the Bahía Lomas site as well.
Miguel Stutzin, Chief Department of Natural Resources, CONAMA (Photo: ENAP)

Victor Briano Peralta, Director, ENAP Magallanes (Photo: ENAP)
José Luís Rodríguez, Director CSR, ENAP (Photo: ENAP)

Among the international guests were María Rivera, Senior Advisor for the Americas of the Ramsar Convention, Charles Duncan, American and Director of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network and Ricardo Delfino from Patagonia Natural Argentina. Other important researchers, public and private participants of Chile and from the Magallanes region were Diego Luna, Director of Corporación Ambientes Acuáticos de Chile, Carmen Espez from Santo Tomas University; Jorge Gibbons and Alfredo Prieto from Magallanes University and representatives from CONAMA, Alejandra Figueroa, Miguel Stutzin, Nelly Nuñez and from SERNATUR and CONAF.
Charles Duncan, Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (Photo: ENAP)

Diego Luna, Corporación Ambientes Acuáticos de Chile (Photo: ENAP)
The workshop held in Punta Arenas and the visit to the wetland promoted commitments of the different stakeholders to the development and implementation of such actions as the formulation of the management plan of the Ramsar site located in the Chilean Tierra del Fuego Island.
Inauguration of the signboard in the Ramsar site Bahía Lomas

(Photo: Diego Luna)
Bahía Lomas located in the eastern mouth of the Magallanes Strait, Primavera Commune, Tierra del Fuego Province (XII region of Magallanes and Chilean Antarctic), is the second southernmost Ramsar Site worldwide. This wetland was included in the Ramsar List on 6/12/04. It has an extension of 58.946 ha of global and local importance. The area is renowned worldwide for its high concentration of migratory shorebirds that use the site as a feeding area, concentrating almost 88% of the artic shorebird population (Calidris Canutus) registered for the Americas. The site is a long beach of 68.000 Km of intertidal plains of mud flats and salt marsh almost unique in the world.
Among the activities carried out by ENAP for the wetlands conservation, it is important to mention the inclusion of Magallanes kindergarten children, who participated in a painting contest about the wetland with a result of four postcards about Bahía Lomas and its shorebirds.
Another achievement of ENAP is the Promotion Plan for Wetlands Wise Use, which was presented on November 28 in Santiago. The goal of the program is to support the conservation of the wetlands located in ENAP productive operations facilities.

(Photo: Diego Luna)
Revisión de la fauna y flora de la zona de estudio

- Mapa de los zoológicos y parques nacionales en la zona de estudio
- Mapa de la distribución de especies en la zona de estudio

- Análisis de la fauna y flora en la zona de estudio
- Comparación de la fauna y flora en diferentes zonas de estudio

- Recomendaciones para la conservación de la fauna y flora en la zona de estudio
- Plan de acción para la conservación de la fauna y flora en la zona de estudio

- Evaluación del impacto de la actividad humana en la fauna y flora en la zona de estudio
- Medidas para reducir el impacto de la actividad humana en la fauna y flora en la zona de estudio

(Sources: [1], [2], [3], [4])
Another place visited was Torres del Paine Park, a complex area of wetlands and glaciers with a high biodiversity, surrounded by snowy mountains.
-- María Rivera, Ramsar

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