REPORT 2021

World Wetlands Day in the Mediterranean

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World Wetlands Day (WWD) is celebrated every year on 2 February, a day which marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands in 1971. Based on the French experience and with the support of the French Biodiversity Agency (OFB), MedWet has developed the dynamics of the World Wetlands Day at the Mediterranean level.

Elements of success

• A regional network of actors: national focal points, communication, education, awareness and participation (CEPA) experts, Mediterranean Ramsar site managers, and nearly 300 non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

• Communication tools and application forms in the languages of the Mediterranean countries.

• MedWet's ability to cooperate with the Ramsar Secretariat.

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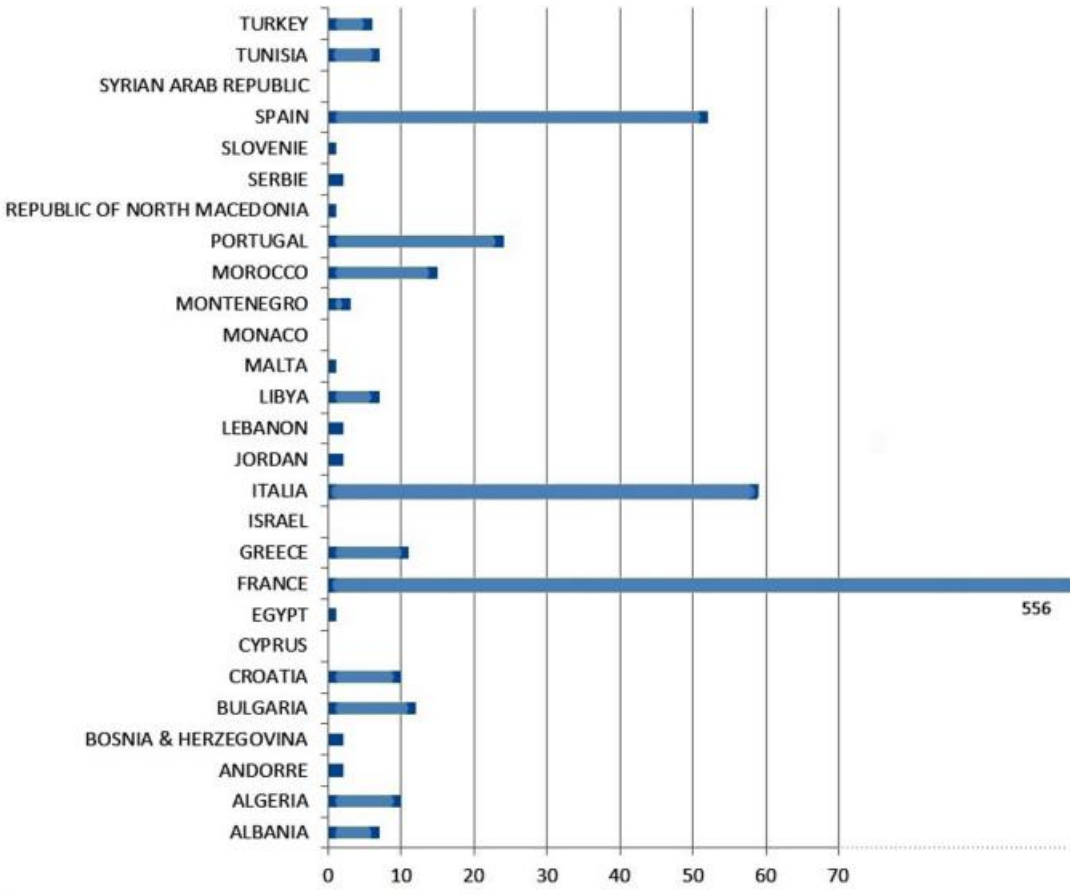
Some key figures of World Wetlands Day in the Mediterranean

451
Organisers

793
Events

80.000
people sensitized

Number of animations per country registered on the Ramsar and MedWet portals



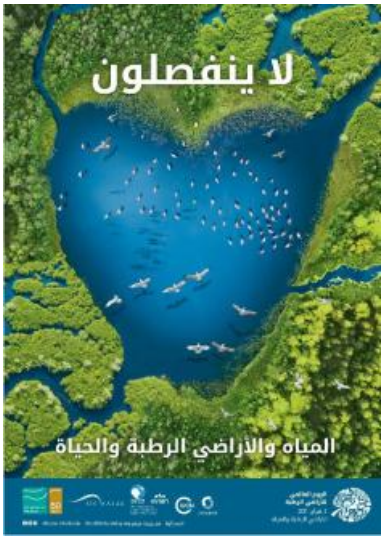
The French data are processed by the Ramsar France Association, coordinator of the event in France.
Data from all other Mediterranean countries are processed by the MedWet Secretariat.

Provision of communication materials and network animation

Translation of Ramsar tools into Arabic

Arabic materials were made available to NGOs with source files so that organizations could adapt the material to the local and national context. Arabic materials are also available on the WWD official website along with the other languages of the Ramsar Convention..

https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/en/materials



MedWet invited to participate in WWD events

November, 12, 2020

MedWet presented the WWD program at the first edition of the Tunisian Forest Week organized by the General Directorate of Forests (DGF) of Tunisia and WWF North Africa, under the supervision of the Minister of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries.

https://medwet.org/2020/11/medwet-at-the-first-edition-of-the-tunisian-forests-week/

February, 22, 2021

Presentation of the WWD program during the Wetlands Week in Tunisia.

The event, organized by WWF North Africa and the Directorate General of Forests (DGF), aimed to highlight the key role played by wetlands and their inseparable coexistence with natural resources and socio-economic sectors. Link to the MedWet's intervention:

https://www.facebook.com/294244697435098/videos/176789967554120

Translation of a water infographic into 10 langues

MedWet proposed to the National Focal Points and local NGOs to make available an infographic on the theme of water. The infographic has been translated into 10 languages: Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Greek, Italian, Montenegrin, Spanish and Turkish.

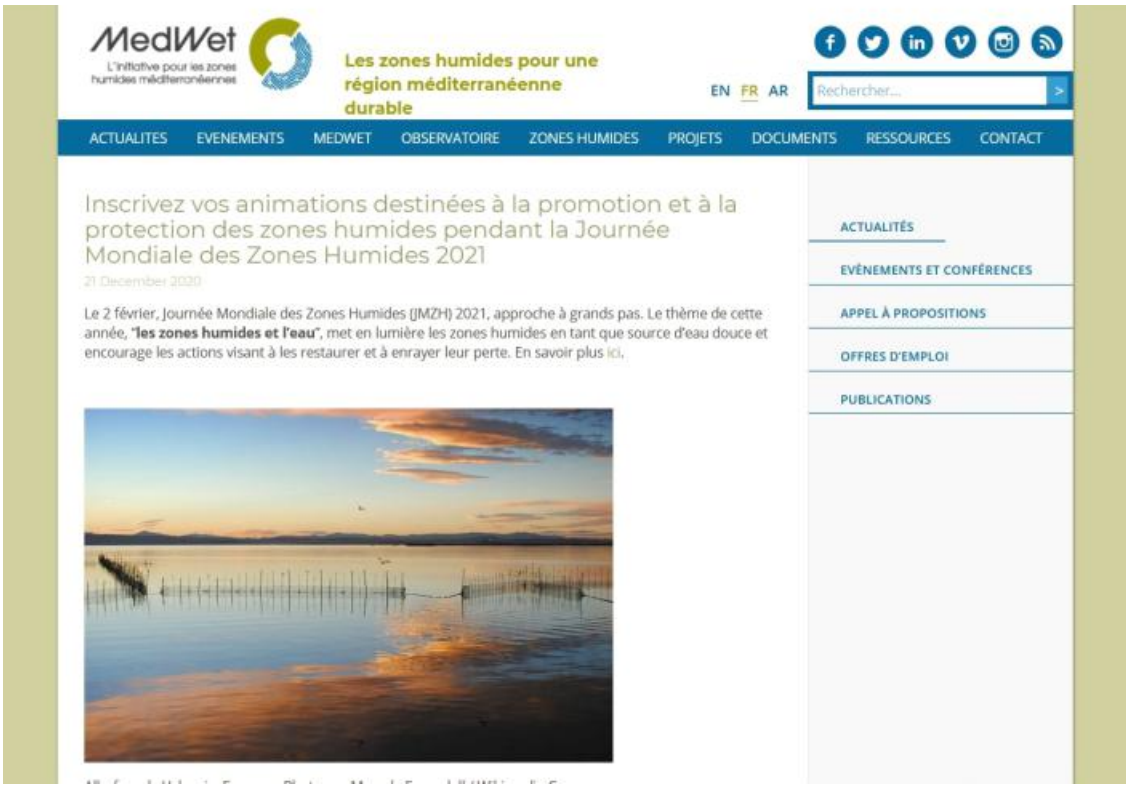
In Albania, a good example of the use of this infographic is an urban awareness-raising activity carried out by the Institute for Environmental Policy:

https://iep-al.org/wetland-resilience-against-climate-change/

www.medwet.org : a dynamic website that celebrates WWD !

MedWet regularly publishes information on World Wetlands Day in three languages: English, French and Arabic. The WWD 2021 articles can be viewed on the MedWet website at medwet.org :

English 23,441 / French 2,905 / Arabic 3,829



Mapping of WWD events in the Mediterranean

MedWet, with the support of the National Focal Points and NGOs, has sent you a form available in nine languages to carry out a Mediterranean mapping of events to celebrate WWD.

Below, an example of the form in Turkish:

Türkiye'de 2021 Dünya Sulak Alanlar Günü etkinlikleri üzerine anket

2 Şubat, Dünya Sulak Alanlar Günü (WWD) 2021, hızla yaklaşıyor.

Türkiye'de halihazırda, 184.487 hektarlık yüzölçümüyle Uluslararası Öneme Sahip Sulak Alanlar (Ramsar Alanları) olarak belirlenmiş 14 saha bulunmaktadır. AKdeniz Sulak Alanları Bölgesel Girişimi (MedWet), ülkenizde 2 Şubat Dünya Sulak Alanlar Günü'nü kutlamak üzere düzenlenecek etkinliğinizi kaydettirmek için değerli zamanınızdan birkaç dakikanızı ayırıp bu

This made it possible to achieve **the mapping of 77 events in 17 Mediterranean countries**

“Small grant” financial support for WWD activities in the Mediterranean:

MedWet launched a call for projects in the three official languages of the Ramsar Convention and in Arabic, i.e. in four versions.

MedWet received 43 applications and on 17 December 2020, the selection committee met to select 25 nominees.

The selection committee of the first edition has re-committed itself for 2021, allowing the reflection on the selection criteria to be continued:
-The Ramsar Secretariat
- The Ramsar France Association
- The Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory (TdV & MedWet)
- Wetland Link International (WLI)
- The MedWet Secretariat

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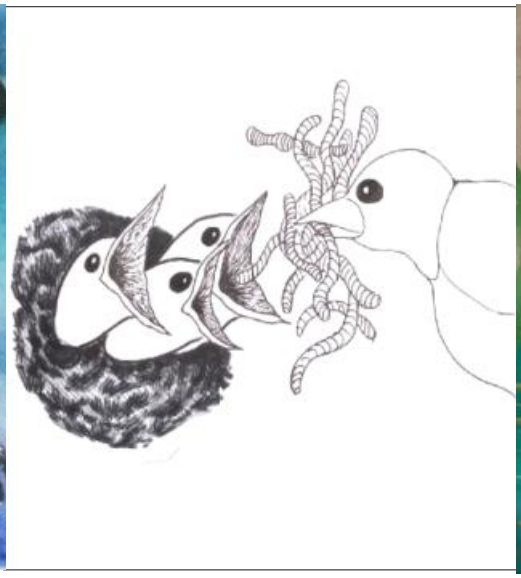

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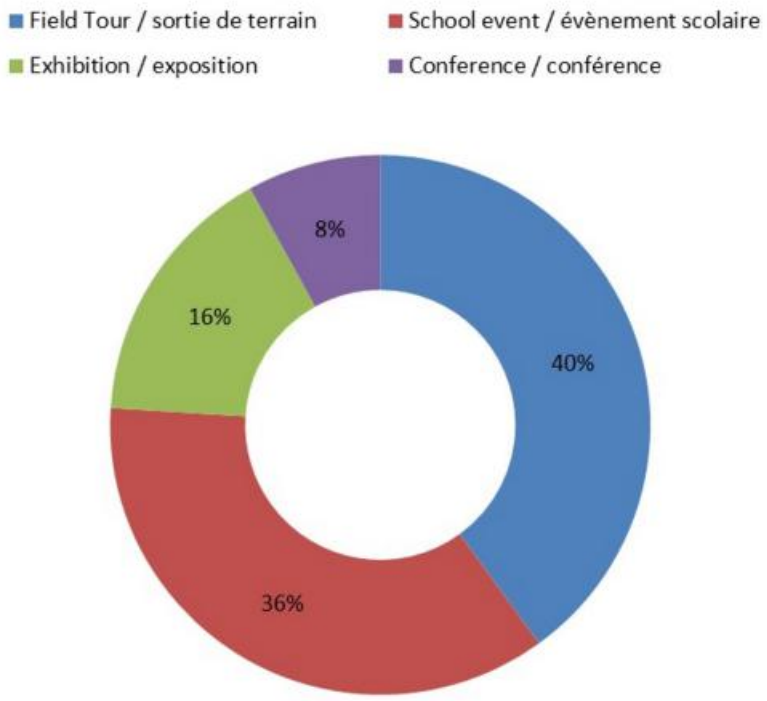
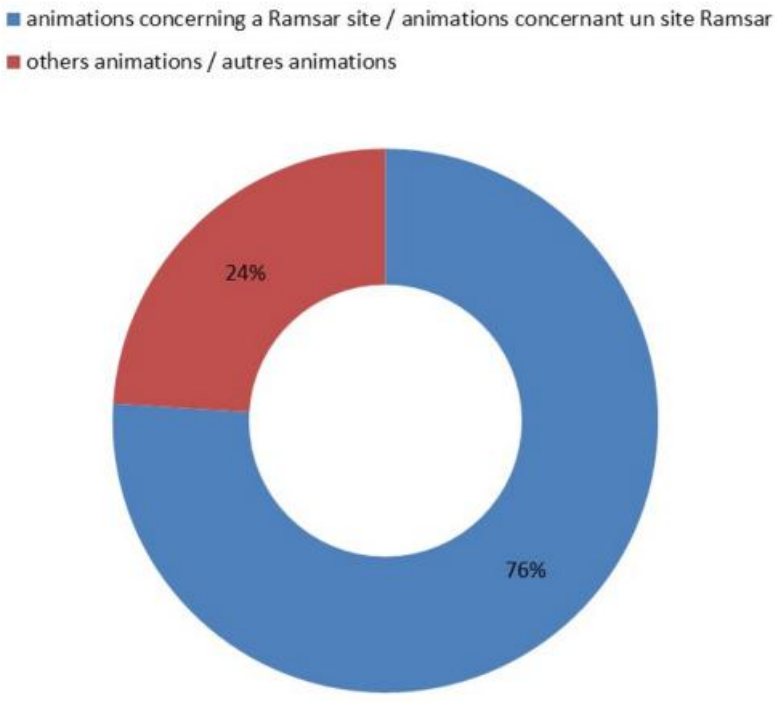
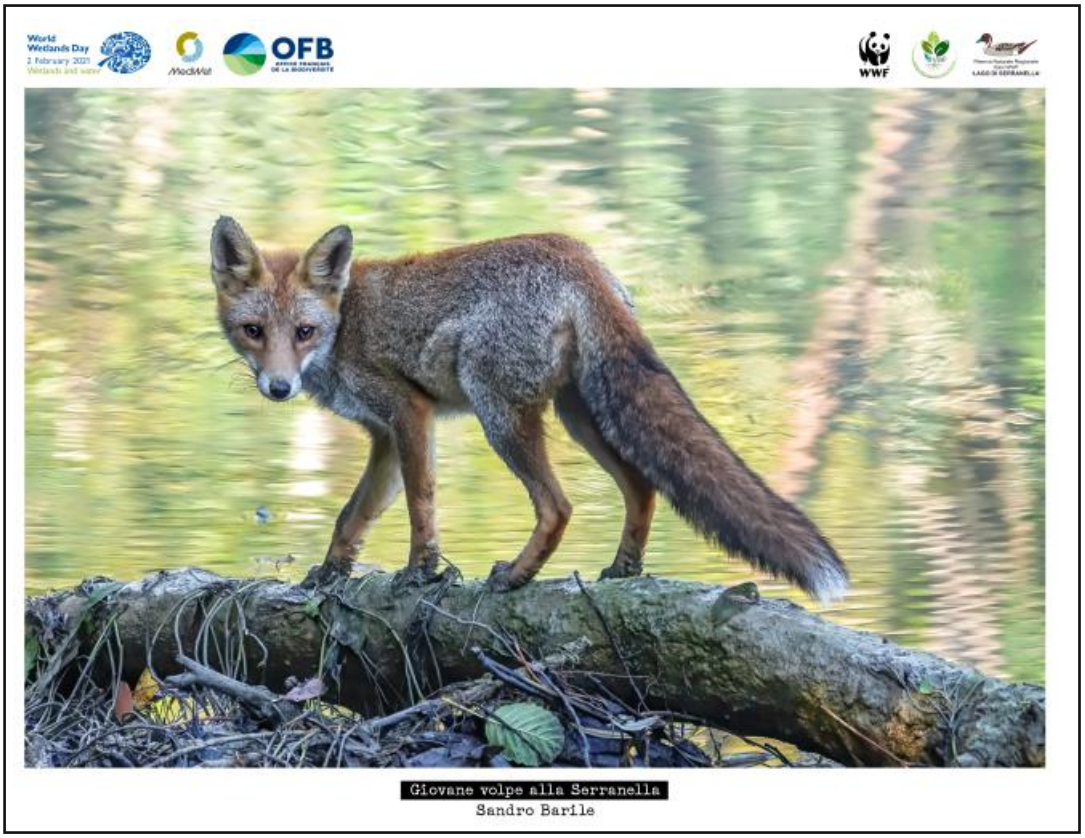
Distribution of the 25 funded events involving 49 partners





Exhibitions for wetlands

Bosnia Herzegovina, © Center for environment



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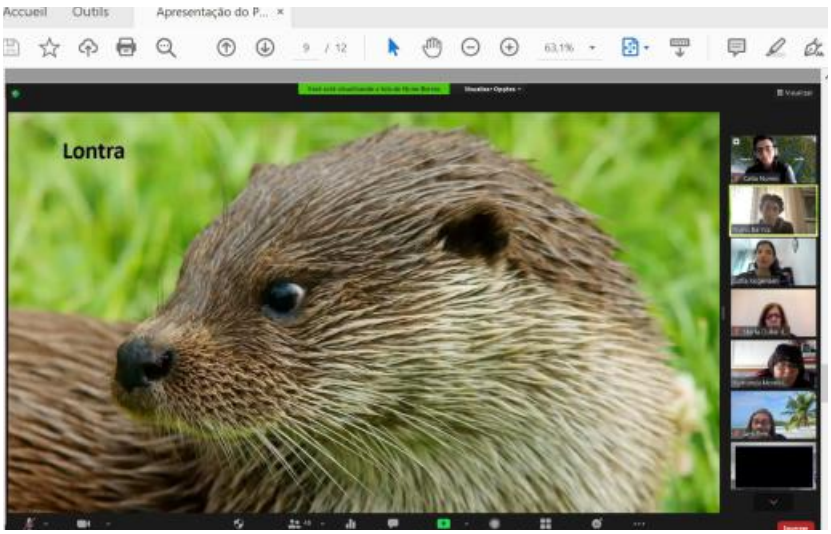
Well done to all for adapting to the situation and keeping our wetlands alive through the internet

On 1 January 2021, a Steering Committee was initiated in Albania thanks to the National Focal Point. The following organizations were present: Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania (PPNEA), SEEP Association, Birds of Albania, the Faculty of Natural Sciences, the Albanian Ornithological Society, the Environmental Resource Centre, the Karavasta National Park, the Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania, and MedWet.

For example, the Enterprise for National Parks of Montenegro and the Natureza Association in Portugal have succeeded in mobilizing the young public through virtual meetings!



Thank you for sharing

Thank you to the nominees for sharing their first images. You can keep sharing your WWD 2021 animations over the coming months.
We hope to be able to share them in the COP14 of the Ramsar Convention and thus to demonstrate the energy of our Mediterranean wetlands.

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See you soon !
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