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To: WorldWetlandsDay

Subject: Celebrating 2010 WWD in Kratie province, along the Mekong of Cambodia

Dear Ramsar office, we would like to share with you the results of the WWD 2010 organized in Kratie province along the Mekong River.

Below are some briefs:

The Wetlands Alliance program comprising WWF, Corin, AIT and World Fish Center supported the provincial department of environment of Kratie in organizing the World Wetland Day on 10 Feb in Chlong district about 45 km in southern Kratie town. The event is organized with delays (the actual WWD is 2nd Feb) because the provincial government had a very busy agenda of events.

Participants of approx 500 people include authorities of environmental dep and Chlong district, community villagers, monks, students, teachers and representatives from NGO sector.

The international WWD theme is 'Caring for wetlands, an answer to climate change'. For Cambodia, this theme is customized to reflect the local context 'Caring for Mekong wetlands, an answer to climate change', and used across all produced awareness materials including posters, t-shirts, speeches, and other exercises.

The Wetlands Alliance program was represented by Mr Phan Kamnap, WWF's senior officer.

The message communicated at the event was: Cambodian rivers and floodplains provide many benefits to the Cambodian people: fish for food, water for transport, irrigation for rice fields, natural flood control and finally a home to iconic and endangered wildlife as the Irrawaddy dolphin.

To reflect these benefits, the event involved young and older community members in WWD exercises including composing poems, comic drawing, questions & answers about wetlands. There were prizes for the winners for each competition. The results from the exercises were very interesting and reflected their understanding about the importance of the Mekong wetlands.

Find attached materials and photos.

Hope you'll help post them onto the Ramsar site.

Sincerely,
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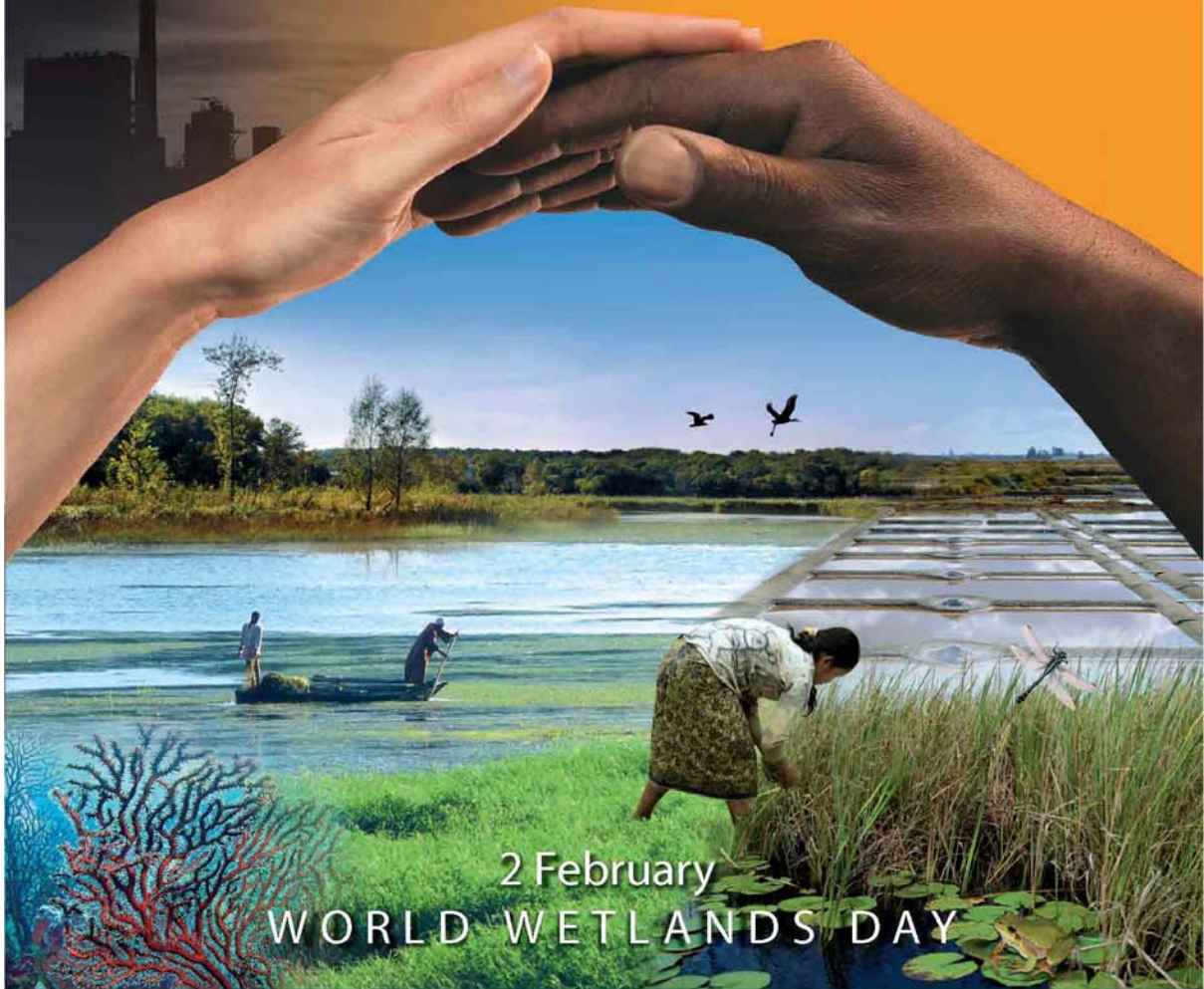






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Cambodian rivers and floodplains provide many benefits to the Cambodian people: fish for food, water for transport, irrigation for rice fields, natural flood control, and finally a home to iconic and endangered wildlife as the Irrawaddy dolphin.

To make sure that these benefits are not lost, help conserve Cambodian rivers and floodplains for people and wildlife.

