Celebrations for the World Wetlands Day 2010 at Akrotiri village and wetlands, Cyprus 1-6/2/2010



As every year for the last six years, Akrotiri Environmental Education and Information Centre (AEEIC), organised a series of events for the celebration of the World Wetlands Day 2010. The events organised were in close cooperation with many stakeholders, including the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, the Akrotiri Community Council, the Forestry

Department of the Republic of Cyprus, BirdLife Cyprus, Foresters' Association - Graduates of the Cyprus Forestry College, and many others. They included special educational programmes to school groups about the local wetlands, presentations, bird-watching event and plant identification event.



On the 1st of February, a plant identification event was organised at the Peninsula, with specialists from the Forestry Department and the Foresters' Association – Graduates of the Cyprus Forestry College leading the field trip. About 25 persons attended the event, which started at AEEIC, and followed by the field trip. A great variety of plants were identified, including endemic and endangered plan, as well as many orchids.



On the 6th of February, a bird-watching event was organised at the local wetlands, with about 70 persons participating. Specialists from BirdLife Cyprus were leading

the group. All major wetlands of the Peninsula were visited, and a variety of mostly wintering birds identified, including thousands of Flamingos and other water birds. The event ended at AEEIC, where the guests had the opportunity to watch a documentary about the Peninsula, as well as to see the educational exhibits and interactive games of the Centre.





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