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REPORT February 2nd, 2010 - World Wetlands Day







In order to celebrate the environmental event – World Wetlands Day – under the motto: "Caring for Wetlands – An Answer to Climate Change", Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority (DDBRA), in partnership with Tulcea City Hall through the Information and Education Center for Waste Management, the Museal Eco-Turistic Center and other local institutions organized a celebration and public awareness program, held within the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve and in the city of Tulcea.

In Tulcea town, the activities held at the Museal Eco-Turistic Center were opened with organizer's message for participants.

The program included various activities:

- Presenting the importance of the event
- Debate: "*The chronicle of an announced apocalypse*" regarding the effects of climate change on the environment
- Watching the first part of "*The Age of Stupid*", a documentary film directed by Fanny Armstrong, presenting the possible fate of Planet Earth, due to climate change and lack of human action.
- Practical demonstration: "*How to build a kaleidoscope and a bird by ourselves*", based on the models rendered by the Ramsar Secretariat, translated and adapted by DDBRA and available for public on <u>www.ddbra.ro</u> website

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- Assessment of knowledge through a questionnaire "12 questions for pupils and teachers" and through the role-play "Let's manage together!" on public participation in wetlands management
- Distribution of leaflets "How you can help ... " including actions and measures, at hand for everyone, that can contribute to the environment protection
- Guided visit of the Museal Danube Delta Eco-Turistic Center

The event was attended by 100 pupils and teachers representing all schools from Tulcea, including a Comenius assistant from Spain, now in Tulcea for experience exchange.

Similar specific activities took place in schools within DDBR, coordinated by the responsibles of Ecological and Information Centers from Sulina and Crisan, with the participation of children from: Sulina: "Jean Bart" Theoretical High school, the Ecology Club, the Culture House and the Public Library (50 participants) and Crisan School (21 pupils).

The set of materials from Ramsar Secretariat (poster, questionnaire, kaleidoscope, bird. booklet) was used in carrying out these activities, translated and adapted by DDBRA and available for public on the website http://www.ddbra.ro/educatie-pentrumediu.php#evenimente.

The event was promoted by two press releases, prior and post event, an interview to the local television and by disseminating a newsletter in schools within DDBR, regarding the significance of the event, the actual state of Ramsar Convention implementation, the situation of Romanian protected areas, projects and specific actions of DDBRA.



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