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THE BAHAMAS NATIONAL TRUST FOR PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST AND NATURAL BEAUTY

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Ramsar Secretariat
Rue Mauverney 28
CH-1196 Gland, Switzerland

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Celebration of World Wetlands Day

The Bahamas National Trust (BNT) is pleased to inform you that the 40th Anniversary of Ramsar was celebrated in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas by the following activities as part of its commitment to expand the awareness of the importance of wetlands within the country.

1. Post Office Display (Mon Jan 31st – Fri Feb 12th)

The BNT collaborated with the Ministry of the Environment to coordinate a display in the main post office of the city center for two weeks. A modified version of the Ramsar poster was displayed with several billboards to highlight locally relevant information on the importance of forests and wetlands.





2. Field Trips to a forested Wetland off of Airport Road (Mon Jan 31st – Fri Feb 5th)

Field trips were conducted for a week to a forested wetland that had not been previously offered in the past.



598 students from both Government and Private schools took part in these field trips.

3. Family Fun Day at Bonefish Pond (Sat 5th, 11am – 3pm)

A fun day was held at the Bonefish Pond National Park. Activities included snorkeling, kayaking, walking tours and games.



4. Family Fun Day at Lucayan National Park (Sat 5th, 11am – 3pm)

A fun day was held at the the Lucayan National Park on Grand Bahama. Activities included kayaking, walking tours, and an interactive wetland mural.



5. Radio: Island FM (Friday 4th, 8:15am)

The BNT were guest speakers on a local radio talk show known as the Morning Boil on Island FM. We talked about the importance of wetlands and the activities that were going on in the community.

The BNT is committed to the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands throughout the year and will periodically inform you about our initiatives.

Yours respectfully,



Shelley Cant

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