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World Wetlands Day 2013 - REPORT -



The 2013 World Wetlands Day was celebrated by Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority (DDBRA) through diverse activities seeking to raise public awareness about the values and benefits of wetlands.

The program included:

- **Celebration of the environmental event** - World Wetlands Day 2013 - under the theme "*Wetlands and Water Management*", by organizing 3 educational activities for pupils and teachers from Tulcea city and Danube Delta territory.



One action, held in Tulcea on February 2nd, at Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority headquarters, was developed in cooperation with Tulcea City Hall through the Information and Education Center for Waste Management Tulcea (CIEMD).

The action included various activities, as:

- The organiser opening speech;
- The volunteers from CIEMD presented: the significance of the event, the proposed theme and the message of RAMSAR Secretary General, wetland functions and values, and the current implementation status of the convention at global and national level;

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- The CIEMD coordinating teacher, made a presentation of the 11th Ramsar Conference of the Parties (COP11) hosted by Romania during 6 to 13 July 2012, in Bucharest.
 - The Governor of Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve rewarded the most active and well prepared children by offering them Ramsar badges.
 - Practical Workshop - the set of materials sent by the Ramsar Secretariat with the figurines representing the two characters, Tom and Tina, and the otter Otti, was joyfully used by the participants.
 - Presentation of short movies, comics on the topic of wetlands.
 - Presentation of the educational activities calendar, programs and targets for 2013;
 - Awarding the participation diploma.
- The event was attended by 40 pupils and teachers representing all schools from Tulcea city.

- **Similar specific actions** took place in DDBR territory, coordinated by the Information and Environmental Education Centre - Sulina, with the participation of 60 pupils in V – VIII grades from "Jean Bart" High School, Sulina. The event was held at the DDBRA Information Centre of Sulina, with the support of the Ecology Club of Children's Palace - Sulina, the Library of Sulina and Sulina Culture House. The program included debates on environmental event theme, exhibition of drawings, songs, dances and poems.

Another celebration action, which took place in Crişan being coordinated by the DDBRA Information and Education Centre of Crişan, was attended by 70 pupils and teachers from the village school. There were presented the significance of the event, the functions and values of wetlands and it was organised a practical workshop using the set of materials offered by the Ramsar Secretariat.

- There were distributed the **event presentation materials**: posters, leaflets, flyers, informative materials about the environmental event theme, transmitted by the Ramsar Secretariat, adapted and translated by the Danube

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Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority, sent to schools within DDBR perimeter and made available for public on the website: <http://www.ddbra.ro/administratia/contientizare-i-educa-ie/educatie-pentru-mediul-evenimente-de-mediul-a717>

The actions were promoted in the media (press release), by informing schools in DDBR territory about the significance of this environmental event and by publishing the presentation materials on Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority website.

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