

Celebrating World Wetlands Day in Bulgaria

On February 2nd and 3rd, 2009 Green Balkans NGO celebrated World Wetlands Day with youth activities related to ecology.

An expert from the NGO made a presentation to schoolchildren from 2 local schools describing what the Ramsar Convention is, why are wetlands important and which are the Bulgarian Ramsar sites.



The children from two schools from the town of Pomorie took some tests to check their knowledge on significant wetlands in Bulgaria. The most successful participants received attractive awards from Green Balkans NGO and the Directorate of Strandja Nature Park.



The competitive event was called ‘Pomoriada’. On February the 3rd at 3pm all interested people from the town of Pomorie could experience birdwatching through the professional spotting scopes of Green Balkans. This event took place close the Museum of Salt, on the bank of Pomorie Lake /Ramsar site No 1229/.

The younger schoolchildren contributed through paintings on the topic: Wetlands. The World Day of Wetlands was also feted in

Burgas with a discussion focusing on “Globally Threatened Bird Species in Bulgaria”. Green Balkans and The Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds made presentations related to the conservation of Pelicans and Sandwich Terns at Burgas Lake and Pomorie Lake – both Ramsar sites. A photo exposition of birds from the Burgas Wetlands was displayed at the Museum of Natural Science in Burgas.



World Wetlands Day has been celebrated since 1997 to mark the signing of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2nd, 1971 in the town of Ramsar in Iran. Bulgaria joined the Convention in 1976. There are now 10 Bulgarian wetlands of international importance on the

Ramsar list with a total land area of 20 306 hectares.

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