

Study Tour for Environmental Studies Students & Faculty to Kynjher Lake

On Feb 02, 2009, Lincoln Corner Karachi in collaboration with Institute of Environmental Sciences, University of Karachi (IES-KU) & WWF Pakistan (Indus for all program) arranged a study tour of 70 students & faculty members of Environmental Studies to Largest Sweet Water Lake in the region, i.e. Kynjher Lake, Thatta, Sindh, a designated wetland site here in Pakistan.

The student departed Karachi with WWF & Media Team at 0830 Hrs. Traveled around 100 KM (2-3 hours) in the University Student's bus. During travel the faculty member briefed students about the environmental concerns as anything concerning came across the passage.

The participants reached Fisheries Department Auditorium at 11:30 AM, where WWF local representatives & local NGOs received the audience. The official program started with an orientation of WWF by Mr. Zafar Khan & WWF Local representatives. An extensive presentation on Wetlands, wetland issues & campaigns specially related to Kynjher Lake was delivered by Dr. Durrani, the WWF researcher. The local Press Club president & other authorities were also invited to discuss Lake Problems & concerns. LCK bookmarks, AIRC Alerts & other take away were distributed among the distinguished guests.

An awareness Walk was held from WWF Centre to Picnic Point at Kynjher, including participants from IES-KU students, media, local authorities & local school children & local NGOs. They also participated in a rubbish cleaning activity to conserve the site from environmental hazards.

At the end, a few solid waste recycle bins were installed at the lake by the local NGOs, WWF & IES-KU to highlight the collaborative efforts of people from Urban & rural areas to produce awareness & work together for the protection of their natural assets. Ramsar Turtle Cutting sheets were distributed in participating children by LCK.

This collaborative effort by LCK encouraged local community based NGOs to socialize with the future environmentalists & produced awareness of existing environmental challenges in Pakistan. It also brought people of two different ends to work for a mutual interest.

Photos of the event:











