The National Parks, River and Beaches Authority in collaboration with the Forestry Department, Fisheries Division, Integrated Forest Management and Development Programme, Environmental Services Unit and the Central Water and Sewage Authority of St. Vincent and the Grenadines joins the Ramsar team in celebrating World Wetlands Day on the 2nd February, 2009. While St. Vincent and the Grenadines is not a signatory to this convention, we think it is important to use this day to raise public awareness of wetlands ecology and other important environmental issues that affect us from a national and global perspective.

The event will take the form of a panel discussion comprising of the nation's top environmentalist who will look at wetlands values, anthropogenic and climatic threats to wetlands of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the potential benefits to be derived from signing on to the Ramsar Convention. We are also in the process of distributing the document on the 20 questions for kids and teachers to the different secondary schools in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to reiterate the importance of wetlands and the biodiversity that they support. The students are also invited to the panel discussion along with the general public.

Looking forward to hear from you and hopeful for further collaboration in the future.

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