



Department of the Environment

International Day for Biodiversity 2013 in I.R.Iran

On the occasion of the IDB 2013, Head of the Department of the Environment (DoE) of Iran, Deputy Head and General Directors of Natural Environment and Biodiversity Division of the DoE, launched a number of press releases confirming the need of preserving biodiversity with focus on water and biodiversity, wetlands situation in Iran and reporting on the implemented programs and activities.

The Department of the Environment organized and coordinated different activities and events, to celebrate the IDB and to take advantage of it in order to raise public awareness.

Also the Provincial Offices of the DoE, prepared special exhibitions and series of seminars, workshops and guide tours, including special exhibitions for water and biodiversity and several seminars focusing on the biodiversity, water, wetland conservation and special guide tours to protected areas.

The activities conducted at the Central and Provincial Offices of the DoE, are as below:

- Free public entrance to Biodiversity Natural History Museums of the country,
- Conducting training and awareness programmes for school students, teachers and local communities and stakeholders,
- Holding workshops and seminars to raise awareness of college students on water and biodiversity through different presentations and discussions,
- Publication of biodiversity related brochures and posters,
- Covering biodiversity related programmes in national and local media, TV and radio stations,
- Meeting of the Provincial General Directors of DoE with Governor Generals to talk about interactions on biodiversity,

- Holding training courses on "First Aid" and "Help and Rescue" for rangers on protection and caring for wildlife,
- Holding biodiversity photo exhibition with the aim of making people familiar with different wildlife species, their habitats, ...,
- Releasing captured snakes and birds in their natural environment,
- Presenting some gifts to honorary companion which are active in the field of environment,
- Installing banners with environmental slogans along the highways,
- TV broadcasting on introducing protected areas,
- Holding seminar on "Participatory Model for Protected Areas Management" for related experts,
- Holding a mounting ceremony with the aim of distributing environmental slogans,
- Awareness raising through putting water and biodiversity related slogans on DoE website and other media,
- Holding training workshop on taxonomy for college students,
- Holding several training workshops on ornithology and bird watching for NGOs at wetland sites,
- Launching the first botanic garden of the eastern part of the country,
- Cleaning mountains in cooperation with NGOs,
- Visit to protected areas by local official,
- Performing some biodiversity related programmes for kids, such as:
 - Execution of sport competitions in the city
 - Performing biodiversity related puppet show
 - Children's paintings on clothes