

Celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity and United Nations Decade on Biodiversity - 2011-2020 in remote village Mulkon, Tajikistan

As part of the on-going project "Conservation of bio-cultural diversity - the path to sustainable development" in the pilot school №12 of the remote village Mulkon of Baljuvan district republic of Tajikistan, NGO "Zan va Zamin" organised the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity in honour of the Decade on Biodiversity - 2011-2020.

The purpose of such an important event was to attract students to the protection of biodiversity and traditional knowledge, the excitement of love for nature and the desire to learn from the experience of ancestors, enhancing their environmental culture.

The students of the school dressed in national costumes "atlas and chakan" gathered in the school yard with great interest, with amazing enthusiasm and with joyful eyes. The event was attended by students and teachers of the school, the local community of the village Mulkon, active women, children, elders and the community connoisseurs of traditional knowledge.

At the official opening the director of "Zan va Zamin" Muhabbat Mamadalieva spoke about the goals and objectives of this event following by the Director of the school Raupov Musofir and biology teacher Kurbonov Khamrokul.

The students of the school under the direction of a biology teacher and facilitator organizations have prepared a very interesting bio culture program:

1. Speech by students on topics learning during facultative lessons: "Biodiversity and agro-biodiversity", "Traditional Knowledge", "GMO - genetically modified organisms", "Biodiversity of local varieties", "National holidays -"Mehrgon", "Sada" and "Nowruz", "National dishes", "Slow Food", "climate Change", "The UN Convention on Biodiversity."
2. Quiz on the above topics
3. Reading poems about fruit, nature, medicinal plants
4. Thematic scenes
5. Reading folklore song "Falak"
- 6 National dances

At the official closing on behalf of the organization all active participants of the event were presented with gifts and the organizers of the International Day of Biodiversity - the principal and the teacher of biology were awarded with a diploma.

Thus, we can say the students have already realized the importance of protecting biodiversity and traditional areas.

Hosting the event in schools contributes to the conscious attitude of students and teachers on biodiversity conservation, preservation and dissemination of valuable rare local varieties, educating students and awakening feelings of love and respect for nature, the trees, especially the local varieties, as well as the involvement of local people in this problem.





