REPORT 2022

World Wetlands Day in the Mediterranean

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World Wetlands Day is celebrated annually on 2 February, the anniversary of the adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in 1971. Based on the French experience and with the support of the French Office for Biodiversity, MedWet celebrates with NGOs the 3rd edition of a dynamic World Wetlands Day at the Mediterranean level.

**Elements of success**

- A regional network of actors: national focal points and communication, education, awareness and participation (CEPA), Mediterranean Ramsar Site managers, and nearly 400 non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

- Communication tools and registration forms in the languages of the Mediterranean countries.

- MedWet’s ability to cooperate with the Ramsar Secretariat.
Key figures of the World Wetlands Day in the Mediterranean

- 562 Organisers
- 1121 Events
- 85,000 People reached

Number of animations per country

- 1591 animations in the world
- 1121 events in the Mediterranean

The French data are processed by the Ramsar France association, coordinator of the event in France. Data from all other Mediterranean countries are processed by the MedWet Secretariat.
**Translation of Ramsar tools into Arabic**

The Arabic material was made available to the NGOs along with the source files so that the organizations could adapt the material to the local and national context.

The Arabic material is also available on the official WWD website along with the other languages of the Ramsar Convention.

https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/en/material#

![Image of translation material]

**Tunisia, © Irada Tozeur**

**Jordania, © Ma an Asso for environmental**
Translation of an infographic on extreme weather events into 12 languages

MedWet proposed to the National Focal Points and local NGOs to make available an infographic on the theme of extreme weather events. The infographic has been translated into 12 languages: Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Spanish, French, Greek, Italian, Montenegrin, Slovene and Turkish.

A good example of the use of this infographic is an urban awareness raising activity carried out by the Institute for Environmental Policy in Albania:

MedWet relays this dynamic on its website and on the networks

MedWet regularly publishes information on World Wetlands Day in three languages: French, English and Arabic.

Here is the link to the list of all animations supported by MedWet in 2022:


The Union for the Mediterranean tweeted our infographic in Spanish. MedWet retweeted mentioning that this work was done with the support of the OFB:

The Spanish translation of this material, in the frame of the Wetland-based Solutions project, was produced by MedWet to help local stakeholders in Spain celebrate World Wetlands Day with the support of the French Biodiversity Office.

Promotion of the material produced by Ramsar: this infographic was promoted in three languages on social networks and the MedWet website.
Map of WWD events in the Mediterranean

MedWet has sent you, thanks to the support of national focal points and NGOs, a form available for this edition in 11 languages to carry out a Mediterranean mapping of animations.

Below is an example of the form in Slovenian:

Vprašalnik glede organizacije dogodkov v okviru Svetovnega dneva mokrišč.

2 februar, Svetočni dan mokrišč (WWD) 2022 se hitro bliža. MedWet vas vabi, da si vzamete nekaj minut vašega časa in odgovorite na kratka vprašanja ter tako prijavite dogodek, ki ga organizirate ob Svetovnem dnevu mokrišč.

Z upodobitvijo vprašanje in definicijo vašega dogodka promovirate spodbujate promocijo vašega mokrišča in vaše organizacije ter vseh naprav, ki jih vlagate za boljšo prepoznavnost in označitev o pomenu mokrišč. Vse informacije o vašem dogodku bodo objavljene na posebnem animacijskem zemljevidu na »Google Maps«. Zemljevid pa bo
Meetings of key players in the Mediterranean countries

13 December 2021 - Youth Wetland Conservation workshop, with the focus on the Western Balkans

The IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ECARO) invited MedWet to participate in a training workshop on wetland conservation, focusing on the Western Balkans.

By building on the results of the work in the Buna River Delta, Albania, and framing the discussions around the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, the workshop aims to increase youth engagement and provide a space for intergenerational exchange on the importance of wetlands and conservation in the Balkans. MedWet presented the OFB programme for WWD in the Mediterranean with a focus on the dynamics of civil society in the Balkan countries.

2 February 2022 - Conservation of aquatic ecosystems, land use planning and involvement: a strategy for the protection of Biodiversity.

Legambiente proposes an in-depth study in the conviction that scientific knowledge, the commitment of the administrations, through adequate planning and the sustainability of the territory, and the involvement of the citizens and beneficiaries of these natural environments, are the necessary tools for the protection of these fragile ecosystems that are fundamental for our lives.

The MedWet Coordinator presented how the WWD project in the Mediterranean enhances awareness raising actions directly on Ramsar Sites.
A technical committee with the Tunisian civil society community to share and build the future together

MedWet, WWF North Africa, and the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier organized a steering committee in the form of a debate café, with the participation of civil society and a focus on the dynamics of the Tunisian territory. About thirty representatives of Tunisian civil society organizations and key actors of wetlands conservation in Tunisia participated on 9 February 2022 in the Knowledge café under the theme "How to reconcile economic development and the protection of natural sites of international importance in the Mediterranean? - The role of international cooperation and civil society in Tunisia". The digital event was co-organised by MedWet, CIHEAM Montpellier, and WWF North Africa.

Small grant financial support for WWD activities in the Mediterranean

MedWet has launched a call for projects in the three official languages of the Ramsar Convention and in Arabic in four versions.

MedWet received 50 applications and on 17 December 2021, the selection committee met to select the 35 nominees.

The selection committee of the first edition has re-committed itself for 2022, allowing the reflection on the selection criteria to continue:

- The Ramsar Secretariat
- The Ramsar Association France
- The Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory (TdV)
- The Wetlands International Network (WLI)
- The MedWet Secretariat

Tunisia, © Réseau Enfants de la Terre
Field visit to the Sebkha Ariana site
35 events financed mobilising 69 partners

Events concerning a Ramsar Site

Type of activities funded
Activities in schools

Albania, © Albanian Ornithological Society
Karavasta Lagoon in the eyes of locals

Tunisia, © Réseau Enfant de la Terre
Wetland resilience against climate change

Croatia, © Public Institution Nature Park Vransko Lake, Magical Wetland: LandArt for Biodiversity awareness
Creative activities

Tunisia, © Association des Sciences Agronomiques Chott Mariem

Albania, © CELIM

Croatia, © Public Institution Nature Park Vransko Lake

Tunisia, © AREM Sousse

Albania, © Albanian Ornithological Society

Albania, © CELIM
Planting activities

Portugal, © PATO - Tree planting with PATO Portugal along the paths of the Tornada Marsh

Tunisia, © AREM Sousse - Planting of 250 trees with Arem Sousse Tunisia on the Sebkhet Halk Elmanzel and Oued Essed wetlands
Naturalist observation activities

Portugal, © Centro de Braga - awareness-raising activities carried out by biologists

Montenegro, © Public Entreprise for National Parks of Montenegro - the young rangers’ programme with schools around Lake Skadar

Albania, © Eco Albania - excursion to the Narta lagoon
Cultural activities

An exhibition following an excursion to the Tišina wetland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the Centre for the Environment B&H.

Installation of educational panels

Film screenings on Prespa in Greece with Medina at the cultural centre "Tainiothiki Athinon", followed by a discussion between the audience and scientists on the importance of wetlands.

Italy, © IAAP - The installation of permanent didactic panels inside the Regional Natural Park of Lake Serranella.
Film making

Albanian Ornithological Society Albanie « Karavasta Lagoon in the Eyes of Locals »
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-XozU_18k

Bulgaria Biodiversity Foundation film d’animation « Fresh or salty is the future of Pomorie Lagoon »
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oQCg4zeq_E
Thanks to the nominees for sharing their images!

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Morocco, © Douiret Sbaa

Albania, © Eco Albania

Montenegro, © Green Home

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See you soon!
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