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UNEP/ROWA organized the Green Wave in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and a private company. We as well developed an artwork on biodiversity for kids (attached) and will distribute it in our upcoming activity.



Gulf Daily News

GOVERNMENT and private schools in Bahrain will plant palm trees and other indigenous trees today in celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity.

The initiative is part of the Green Wave global biodiversity campaign to educate children and youth about the topic.

Schools participating in the initiative will plant a locally important tree in or near their school. The campaign supports other national, international and global tree planting initiatives such as the Billion Tree Campaign by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The initiative and the International Day for Biological Diversity will be marked with a ceremony and palm tree planting at Annour Secondary School for Girls at 10am today. It is being held by the UNEP's Regional Office for West Asia in collaboration with the Education Ministry and GPIC.

The decline of palm trees in Bahrain is attributed to various reasons such as desalination and blocking of natural drainage channels.

Reports such as the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 make clear that over-exploitation of species particularly trees has potentially serious impacts on the resilience of ecosystems.

GPIC general manager Abdulrahman Jawahery expressed the company's delight in collaborating with UNEP and the Education Ministry.

He praised their active involvement in the development of a clean environment. The 2010 theme for the International Day for Biological Diversity is "biodiversity, development and poverty alleviation".

Biodiversity is a key to reducing poverty because it provides people with basic ecosystem, goods and services as well as medicine among others, said officials.



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