

From: Nature Conservation Sector NCS - EEA

Subject: The achievements of the International Year of Biodiversity IYB March 2010.

Major events have taken place to celebrate IYB during March 2010 within the NCS, below a summary of the main achievements.

1. The second national campaign has been organised in Wadi Degla Protected Area in cooperation with the Scouts of Cairo.
2. A regional environmental education campaign has been organised by the UNEP in Hurghada from the 3rd to the 7th March. The campaign was supported by the minister of state of environmental affairs and the Governor of the Red Sea Governorate.
3. The Arabic version of the Wetland booklet was printed and NCS started to distribute among various relevant and interested agencies. The booklet includes information and photos about the Wetlands of Egypt.
4. The NCS has announced the national competition for students of primary, preparatory and secondary schools under the title of: What Nature Means to You? The competition explores students' knowledge about nature through drawings for the early stages of Primary education, preparation of DVD/CD about nature for the more advanced stages of preparatory and secondary education. Additionally, another competition was announced to all stages to write successful stories about dealing with nature. The result of the competition will take effect during the celebrations of the international environment day.
5. The Protected Areas participated in a conference on Development and Environment on the Arab Region. The conference took place in Asyot governorate.
6. Field visits from schools and university students take place within the protected areas on a regular base.



Field visit to Dababia Protected Area



Protected Areas posters on the conference



Celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity in the Red Sea Governorate