



Activity Report on World Environment Day 2011, *Forests: Nature at your service*



Introduction:

Present era is the age of quick communication, and accessibility of information, most of present research and their documentation/material can be accessed within seconds, but the information and frequent communication does not motivate or change the present mind set of people all around of globe to conserve most fragile ecosystem and different mode of lives in earth which are playing the most important role in our healthy environment. Present studies reveal that there is time to bring all key player and gigantic exploiter of natural resources to debate and discuss with commitment to overcome and protect the nature and keep the mother planet clean and green. The Celebration of World Environment all around the world is a sign of commitment, starting point of changing and motivation.

IUCN Pakistan is implementing a 6 year project called Baluchistan Partnerships for Sustainable Development (BPSD), the main objective of this program to develop and implement the district level environmental plan, integrated water and coastal resources management through mass level awareness raising and training on different environmental burning issues, and their particular solution within the partnerships frame work of governments, authority and community level concerned organizations. World Environment Day 2011, is also a international event where significance of forest and their particular importance is being highlighted on global level. BPSD district office at Gwadar is also involved in raising awareness about the main theme of the day with the collaboration of a local school.. The kids were engaged to draw their ideas on paper, their perception on the importance and role of forest.

Objective of this program:

1. To celebrate the World Environment Day 2011 with involvement of school students;
2. To give information about the forest and their peculiar role in our lives.
3. To give awareness to the school students regarding the environmental degradation and its consequences;

Activities planned for World Environment Day 2011

Speech Competition among 09 students

According to World Environment day 2011, theme, 09 students prepared their speeches on importance of forest. They delivered their speeches on the importance of forest, like purification of water, production of oxygen, beautification, support thousand of species habitat to flourish, timber, different variety of medicines etc,. As we know that



Figure 1 Student speech on important of Forest in our lives

the present rate of deforestation ,is creating problems for many species which are going to extinct at global level. The students delivered messages regarding conservation and its importance in our planet . The activity was judged by IUCN, Social activist, and school committee. Out of nine (09) three students were selected on the basis of their confidence, way of speech, and topic related information. .

Quiz Competition:

A quiz competition was also organised among 10 students , the subject was the Important role of forest, and coastal wetlands”. Different questions were asked from each students by program anchor.



Figure 2 Participant of Quiz Competition on WED 2011

Drawing Competition:



Figure 3 Drawing competition on WED 2011

A drawing competition was also organized. Total 09 students participated from the primary section. Before start of the competition a detail information was delivered regarding forest and its peculiar role on the planet.

Mr. Asghar Shah, District Coordinator Gwadar IUCN-BPSD thanked all the participants, for organizing such a good event of World Environment Day 2011, and emphasized that this sort of activity should be organized in each school of District with the collaboration of concern



Figure 4 Mr. Asghar Shah discussing the importance of WED

departments. He also emphasized that those organizations which are working on same agenda and objectives are playing great roles in natural resources conservation and its management with all tiers of the society., He added that the youth are future of our country. They should be mobilized on every aspect of environment because it is directly linked to their

future and the future of this planet., The celebration of World Environment Day 2011 provides immense information on natural resources and their present status in the local, national and international level, and sensitizes them about their substantial role for the conservation and management of our precious natural resources.

Concluding remarks:



Figure 5 Mr. Akran Baloch giving the prize to Students

Mr. Akran Baloch the active community member thanked IUCN-BPSD District Office Gwadar for organizing World Environment Day 2011., He appreciated the present work of IUCN-BPSD in District Gwadar, especially the mangrove plantation and their role in coastal ecosystem development. He thanked the school management and teachers for organizing such a colorful and informative day.

Award Distribution:

At the end of the program awards were distributed among the students. .



Figure 7 Mr. Zubair Ahmed giving Prize to Student



Figure 6 Mr. Akram Giving Prize to Student



Figure 8 Mr. Asghar Shah giving Prize to Student

Pictures of Activity:

