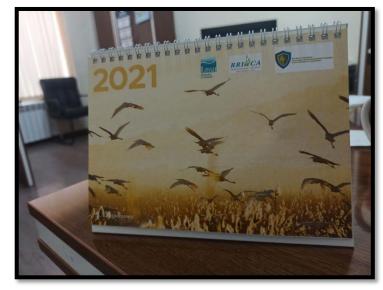
World Wetlands Day in the Republic of Uzbekistan (February 2, 2021)

February 2, 2021, in honor of the World Day of Wetlands, as well as the fiftieth anniversary of the Ramsar Convention, in the Main Department of Biodiversity and Protected Areas under the State Committee on Ecology of

Uzbekistan, a working meeting dedicated to the current environmental status of Ramsar sites of the Republic of Uzbekistan was held.

The meeting was attended by staff of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, regional ecology departments on environmental protection, representatives of economic entities. whose activities are inextricably linked with the



Ramsar sites, as well as national experts on wetlands.

Especially pleasant was the congratulation and welcome speech by Eldar Anverovich Rustamov - Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the Ramsar Regional Initiative of Central Asia, of which the Republic of Uzbekistan is a member since 2019.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the importance of wetlands of the Republic of Uzbekistan.



The issues of rational use and mitigation of negative impacts resulting from economic and industrial activities. Conducting regular monitoring of biodiversity and environment of wetlands.

During this event, the coordinators of the Ramsar Convention in Uzbekistan presented reports on "The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and Implementation of its Requirements" and "Results of Winter Census of Waterfowl in Water Bodies of Uzbekistan". Long-term experience of Lukoil company on monitoring of birds on lake Dengizkul and measures on protection of birds was also presented.

The event was covered on the state television channel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A825rC3hMYY, and on the website of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Ecology and Environmental Protection http://www.uznature.uz/ru/site/news?id=1260.



In addition, brief information about the Ramsar Sites of the Republic of Uzbekistan was posted on the same website http://www.uznature.uz/ru/site/news?id=1258 .

Also, in the morning of February 2, an interview with an employee of the State Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan about the importance of wetlands was broadcast on the radio channel "O`ZBEKISTON 24". Unfortunately, the link is only to the channel itself https://mtrk.uz/uz/radio/uzbekistan_24/.

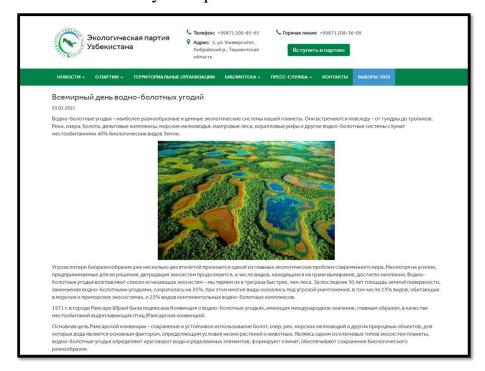
On February 2, the Navoi Oblast Department of Ecology and Environmental Protection of RUz, under whose environmental protection control two Ramsar sites are located, was noted. Information about the Ramsar Convention was also posted on the website of the provincial department at https://navoiyeco.uz/2-%d1%84%d0%b5%d0%b2%d1%80%d0%b0%d0%bb%d1%8c-

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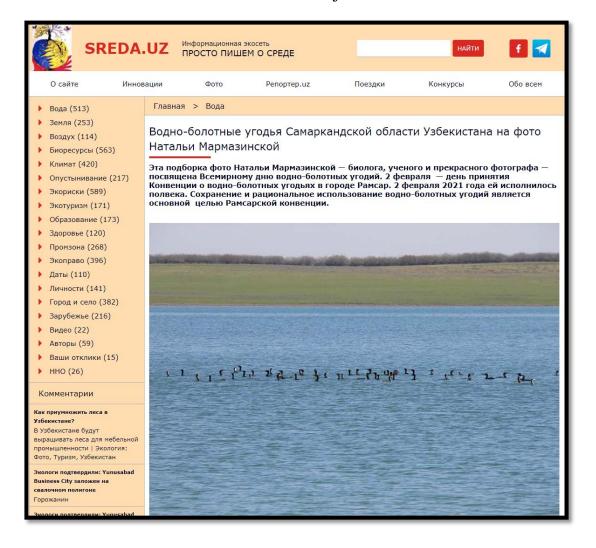


The website of the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan published an article about the World Wetlands Day at https://ecouz.uz/hcont/1960.



In the same days an article about Wetlands of Samarkand Region of Uzbekistan, written by Natalia Marmazinskaya, Senior Researcher of Zarafshan National Nature Park, was published

http://sreda.uz/rubriki/voda/vodno-bolotnye-ugodya-samarkandskoj-oblasti-uzbekistana-na-foto-natali-marmazinskoj/.





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