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On the eve of World Wetlands Day 2 February 2011 under the theme of this year *"Forests for Water and Wetlands"*,



Sangat Development Foundation, Indus for All Program, WWF Pakistan and Sindh Wildlife Department have organized a seminar in government high school Jamsahib in order to celebrate the wetlands day at the site of Deh Akro-II desert wetlands complex, which is Ramsar site having 36 wetlands.

While presiding over the seminar, Mr. Masood A. Sahito, Principal of the school said that there is great need to educate the local community regarding the importance of the wetlands, because the wetlands are not only the safe natural habitats for the fauna species but also a

large indigenous communities livelihood is associated with the wetlands.

He advised the local communities, particular the youth and students to come forward in order to join the efforts of the organizations and local community which are working for the protection, rehabilitation of the wetlands and their biodiversity conservation.

He committed his all cooperation and support on behalf of teaching faculty and students to join the efforts being undertaken first time for the rehabilitation of desert wetlands complex Deh Akro-II Nawabshah.

While speaking on the occasion, Mr. Nisar A. Brohi, President of Sangat Development Foundation said, World Wetlands Day is celebrated all over the world on 2 February of every year with different themes and this year theme is *"Forests for Water and Wetlands"*.

Mr. Brohi further said forests are not only importance for maintaining the eco-system





but also a huge human and fauna species livelihood is depending upon the forests.

rehabilitation of wetlands and conservation of biodiversity.



He appealed to the local community, govt officials and local youth/students to come forward to lead the campaign of Deh Akro-II wetlands Rehabilitation and Biodiversity Conservation and join the efforts of Sangat Development Foundation, WWF, Pakistan and Sindh Government for the protection and conservation of wetlands.

The seminar was also addressed by Mr. Raza Shar, local leading Journalist, Mir Hassan, Local social activist, Qaim Khan Dahri, Official Sindh Wildlife Department, and activists of Youth Forum and

They not only have their daily living means from forests but forests are the best natural shelter for them.

But today, the forests all over the world have been facing the threats from timber and wood mafia.

He further said, Deh Akro-II wetlands complex has also threats from this mafia, who were engaged in cutting of trees in the past but now has been regularly checked by local community and also by Sindh Wildlife Department staff and volunteers of Sangat Development Foundation.

Meanwhile, all local stakeholders have to play active and effective role in the



nature Club of high school Jamsahib.





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