

International day of Biological Diversity

Under the scope of UN Post-2015 *Development Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals*, the **22th of May** is proclaimed as **International day of Biological Diversity**, aiming to let us recommit to global action to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss, for people and for our planet.

Contributing to this international goals, staff of REC Macedonia visited Dojran municipality (on the south-east region of the country) to highlight the importance of the biodiversity of Dojran Lake and to appeal for its urgent preservation amongst the local population and stakeholders.

For this reason, REC associated with the seven local schools in all settlements of Dojran Municipality (Old Dojran, New Dojran, Furka, Crnicani, Kurtamzali, Gjopceli and Nikolic) to arrange a celebration event of the Biological Diversity Day through interactive games in the schools that will increase the local public awareness.

The day syllabus in all schools started with lectures and introduction of the activities, the purpose and goal of the games and the final message, conclusion, associated with the lake biodiversity and its importance for the future sustainable development of the region. Playing with water buckets, swimming pools, baskets, fishing sticks, fish toys etc., and young pupils learned the causative message that they should keep the lake clean and alive, providing living space for fish, birds and other lake biodiversity species.

During the interactive games apart from the young's, the teachers as well seize the study topic and the tutoring approach (part from the '*Green Pack*') for adopting similar exercises in the future. The final outcome was appreciated and taken with gratitude from all participants and with anticipation for continuation of similar learning events.



Interactive education on sustainable development for young pupils in Dojran area is part of the REC on-going project on “Capacity-building for sustainable development of Dojran Lake” funded by Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund (CEPF).

