



Painted stork



Wetland of EPTRI



Black-headed ibis



Purple heron



Grey heron



Red-wattled lapwing



Median egret



Shikra

World Wetlands Day 2020

Theme: "Wetlands and Biodiversity"

- World Wetlands Day marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea; also known by Ramsar Convention.
- Wetlands play an important role for humans in terms of health, food supply, as a tourism spot and for employment. It is also useful for other ecosystems and for our climate, providing essential ecosystem services such as water regulation, flood control and water purification. They are also feeding and breeding grounds for migratory birds.
- Apart from that they also absorb carbon dioxide so to help slow global heating and reduce pollution, hence have often been referred to as the "Kidneys of the Earth".
- Though they cover only around 6 per cent of the Earth's land surface, 40 per cent of all plant and animal species live or breed in wetlands. The worrying thing is that they are disappearing three times faster than forests due to human activities and global heating.

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