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MEDIA RELEASE

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Re: World Wetlands Day, 2 February 2020

World Wetlands Day (<https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/>) is an annual event that raises awareness of wetlands' importance for us and our planet. World Wetlands Day 2020 will occur on 2 February, with the theme of 'Wetlands and Biodiversity'.

Wetlands are natural or human-made, inland or coastal areas that contain water either permanently or seasonally. Wetlands are home to a wide variety of plant and animal life. Troublingly, the biodiversity of wetlands around the globe is declining. In fact, wetlands are "disappearing three times faster than forests".

World Wetlands Day 2020 gives us all the opportunity to learn about wetland biodiversity and reversing its loss. Wetland biodiversity matters because they remove pollutants, shield coastlines from storms, store 30% of land-based carbon, enable 40% of life to thrive, absorb and store water, provide a living for 1 billion people, enable our food supply, and provide a place for recreation and tourism.

You can get involved in World Wetlands Day 2020 by organising an event, raising public awareness, and/or organising a classroom discussion. Also, use the hashtags [#WetlandBiodiversityMatters](#) and [#WorldWetlandsDay](#) on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) to spread the word.

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