



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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MARKING 50 YEARS: BRINGING TOGETHER ART AND SCIENCE

Continuing its 50 year celebrations, WWF-Pakistan brought together artists, scientists and conservationists at the Pakistan National Council of Arts, Islamabad, to highlight its conservation successes over the past five decades and showcase the use of technological innovation in current projects. **Click here** to read more about the event.



Click here to access the 50th volume of WWF-Pakistan's flagship magazine *Natura*. To order your physical copy drop us an email at pk.communications@wwf.org.pk.

USD 77.8 MILLION SECURED FOR RECHARGE PAKISTAN

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) has approved USD 66 million in funding to support Recharge Pakistan, a climate change adaptation project focused on reducing vulnerabilities of people and ecosystems to flooding and droughts through Ecosystem-based Adaptation and green infrastructure interventions. Aiming to benefit more than 7 million people, Recharge Pakistan is also supported through a further USD 12 million from the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the Coca Cola Foundation (TCCF) and the World Wide Fund for Nature Pakistan.

The project is a collaboration between the Ministry of Climate Change, the Federal Flood Commission under the Ministry of Water Resources, GCF, USAID, TCCF and the World Wildlife Fund. See our announcement [here](#).



WELCOMING PRESIDENT WWF DR ADIL NAJAM



Renowned academic and policy expert Dr Adil Najam is the second Pakistani after Syed Babar Ali to hold the presidency of WWF. WWF-Pakistan was fortunate to be the first office to host him after he assumed office. During the visit, Dr Najam met with the staff, delivered a talk at the Government College University, addressed the media at the Lahore Press Club, took a walk down Trail 6 with the WWF-Pakistan's Board members and the Islamabad Wildlife Management Board, and also met with President Emeritus Syed Babar Ali.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2023

WWF-Pakistan's staff and offices, along with partners, celebrated World Environment Day across Pakistan. The activities ranged from engaging with journalists, students, local communities, partner organizations, educational institutions, stakeholder organizations, and goodwill ambassadors. Take a look at our activities [here](#).



ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS



- A delegation of the Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change and representatives from the Australian High Commission visited the demonstration site of the Australia-Pakistan Water Security Initiative (APWASI) in Farash Town, Islamabad. They observed and lauded the impact of nature-based solutions and decentralized urban water management practices. **Click here** to read more about their visit. Through the project's interventions, the town's residents now have improved access to water through two filtration units and 175 rainwater harvesting systems.
- Under the ILES project, WWF-Pakistan inaugurated the Peshawar chapter of the Citywide Partnership Forum in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency KP. The forum aims to tackle environmental challenges through inclusive dialogue, resource mobilization and scientific solutions.
- WWF-Pakistan and International Finance Corporation (IFC) held a training on Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM), with the support of the Government of Japan, to build the capacity of local consultants to support financial institutions in implementing the State Bank of Pakistan's Green Banking Guidelines.

BUILDING LASTING CHANGE

- WWF-Pakistan's Sustainable Sugarcane Production project has trained 2,000 smallholder sugarcane farmers on the Khad Hissab Android app, allowing them to make optimal use of fertilizers. This is also helping them reduce waste, lower costs, and improve crop health.
- WWF-Pakistan is harnessing nature-based solutions to build climate resilience. With the support of UKAID, we have unlocked the following achievements:
 1. Installed 14 water filter systems in government schools in Haripur, benefiting 3,700 students.
 2. Repaired a 630 ft damaged irrigation channel in Siran valley, resulting in the irrigation of approximately 90 acres of agricultural land, directly benefiting over 2,500 residents of Bhogar Mang village.
 3. Installed six farming tunnels in Abbottabad, Haripur, Kohistan, and Mansehra, which will allow off-season farming and improve food security and livelihood opportunities.

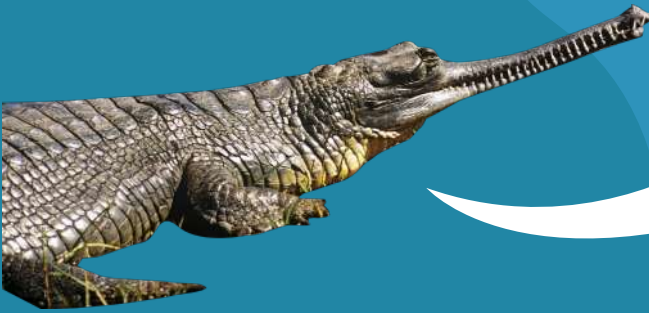




CONSERVING OUR WILDLIFE

The first-year pinger trials under the 'Sound of Safety' project, funded by the Darwin Initiative, have been successfully completed at the Sindh site. Results from the trials, which were conducted for four months during the low flow season when fishing activities are high, are encouraging and suggest that pingers may effectively deter dolphins from approaching fishing nets.

A total of 232 data recording tool kits were distributed to fishers in Sindh and Punjab, under the Bhulan Dost Programme, supported by the Engro Foundation, the Darwin Initiative and Wildlife Departments of the Sindh and Punjab provinces. The tool kits will allow detailed documentation of dolphin sightings, and will aid in understanding dolphin behavior and distribution.



Heard about the Gharial making an appearance in Pakistan?
Click here to read what we know so far.



PARTNERING TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT



WWF-Pakistan along with WWF-US, under its partnership with the Coca-Cola Company, inaugurated the Climate Resilience Programme that aims to proactively identify risks and build resilience to climate change in Pakistan. The inaugural workshop provided a platform to bring together key stakeholders from the public sector, private sector and academia to discuss a potential way forward for building climate resilience.



Field visits, which entail surveys and sampling, have begun in 8 cities under the TetraPak Study 2023, which aims to assess the quantities of used beverage cartons (UBCs) in mixed waste and developing an efficient supply chain model.



Citibank and Habib Metro Bank joined hands with WWF-Pakistan to plant 1,000 mangroves each at Sandspit, Karachi.



WWF-Pakistan, in collaboration with PepsiCo, launched the Coastal Cleanup project at the Karachi Fish Harbour, which aims to control plastic waste and create awareness about the detrimental consequences of plastic pollution in the local community.



WWF-Pakistan, in collaboration with PepsiCo, inaugurated the four newly installed groundwater recharge wells at the University of Engineering & Technology (UET), Taxila. **Watch** this explainer animation on how groundwater recharge wells work.



COMMUNICATING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- An informative field session was held for participants from the Eco-Journalists Cohort at Institute of Urbanism, Islamabad, at the Khabeki Conservation and Information Centre, Soon Valley Khushab. Participants were briefed on water replenishment interventions at the Uchhali Complex and visited project sites to gain insights into nature-based solutions for aquifer restoration and wastewater treatment.
- WWF Pakistan, Engro Foundation, and Green Media Initiatives collaborated on a workshop to educate and empower female journalists in Karachi on environmental reporting and maximizing impact.
- WWF-Pakistan warmly welcomed Syra Yousaf to the panda family as its newest Goodwill Ambassador.
Hear what she has to say.



- WWF-Pakistan collaborated with Nestle Pakistan for a school awareness programme and educated over 700 students about solid waste management and plastic pollution.
- **Click here** to hear Adil Daniel (Coordinator Food Security and Water Stewardship WWF-Pakistan) as he discusses food loss and waste on an episode of USAID's Kitchen Sink podcast.
- WWF-Pakistan set up activations at Packages Mall Lahore, Emporium Mall Lahore (in collaboration with Bachaa Party), and the TDF Magnificience Centre, Karachi which focused on raising awareness about the harmful impacts of plastic consumption and included interactive activities such as quizzes, storytelling and drawing.

