

## **The 50th Anniversary of the Ramsar Convention - 2 February 2021**

On February 2, 2021, the public environmental organization "Naurzum" with the support of the Ramsar Regional Initiative of Central Asia (RRI-CA) and the participation of the Naurzum Nature Reserve conducted a meeting with students of the 8th and 9th grades of the Dokuchayevskaya high school of ecological direction, dedicated to the celebration of the anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. The meeting focused on explaining the goals and objectives of the Convention, the importance of wetlands and the need to protect them. Naurzum lake system is one of 10 objects of the Ramsar Convention in the Republic of Kazakhstan that has international importance.



The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was signed by 18 countries 50 years ago in the Iranian city of Ramsar. It is an intergovernmental treaty whose purpose is "the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local, regional and national action and international cooperation, as a contribution to achieving sustainable development throughout the world. In half a century it has been ratified by 171 countries. The Republic of Kazakhstan ratified the Convention in 2007, and protects 10 Wetlands of international importance. Globally 2414 territories with a total area of 254 million hectares are currently included in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance.

The Ramsar Convention is considered to be the first among the conventions, which are aimed at nature conservation, and is a global international treaty, dedicated to one type of ecosystems - wetlands and their biological diversity.



On the day the Ramsar Convention was signed, February 2, World Wetlands Day has been celebrated around the world every year since 1997. The main slogan of this year is dedicated to fresh water - water on which the survival of people and the survival of most species of flora and fauna, biological resources and their habitat, the well-being of the population and the conservation of wildlife depends.

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