

Enlightenment of Youth on the Ecologies of the Caspian Sea MEGI-AZ18-04

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Objective of the Project:

To cultivate in children of school age the love of environment, especially to the Caspian Sea as one of the national values of Azerbaijan as well as to change children's minds from their indifferent to careful attitude to the nature.

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Background and Problem Statement

There is a general problem of reduction in a level of pollution and maintenance of the control over municipal and industrial drains in pool of Caspian Sea, and also for diffusion receipts of polluting substances which source are agricultural lands. All coastal states are occupied with Search of the decision of the problems connected to change of a level of Caspian Sea. Also sharply there is a problem of reduction of illegal fishing.

Goals and objectives

The society of education of youth "Free adherents" puts the main task to impart love to children of school age to an environment, especially to Caspian Sea as to one of national advantages of our people, to change thinking of children from the indifferent attitude to the nature up to its careful attitude to it, attraction of students to environmental problems of Caspian Sea, with the purpose of correct formation of thinking in the attitude to an environment already from children's age, since children our future civil servants.

Proposed project activities

For achievement of these purposes by our society it is offered the following actions:

- Preparation of the materials connected to position of Caspian Sea (data CSD, the State Committee of ecology about problems of Caspian Sea, etc.);
- Preparation of a legislative material about the rights and duties of citizens of Azerbaijan on protection of environment;
- Review of international experience of school- children about fight for the protection of the environment;
- Preparation of recommendations about students' opportunities according to the international experience of protection of the environment of Caspian sea.
- Holding lessons about the environmental protection among the schoolchildren of 9-11 classes in Sumgait city (14-17 years old) Lessons are supported to be conducted among 800 schoolchildren. Lessons will be conducted after school lessons. 5 interactive lessons are intended to be conducted in every class;

- Carrying out of a round table and debate among students on questions of protection of ecology of Caspian Sea (with involving experts of local and foreign companies to the discussion, collaborators of the ministry of ecology);
- Involving mass media to the work on the project (informing the lessons through mass media, conducted at schools, publication of the articles about our project);
- Preparation of posters in the quantity of 1000 examples on protection of ecology of Caspian Sea, characterizing information;
- The organization of communication with students of other states of region of Caspian Sea

Implemented Project Activities

“Free Adherents” the Social Union on Enlightenment of the Youth (SUEY) signed a MOA with the Caspian Environment Programme (CEP) on December 20, 2004. The organization started working and contracts were signed between the leadership of the organization and workers. Information was given to the workers; work plan was distributed to every worker. Experts chosen on ecology prepared lectures, interactive games that interesting to children, interesting documentary films connected with ecology of Caspian. Working group together with the leadership of the organization went to the schools situating in Sumgayit city, met with school- children and read lectures connected with ecology of the Caspian to them for some times, showed documentary films about ecology of the Caspian, conducted discussions, organized round tables, held interactive games that interesting to children. Colorful pencils, paints, papers were distributed to children at schools and they were explained to draw the pictures when said the Caspian. In the result an exhibition consisting of children’s pictures was organized and the picture drawn by conqueror reflected in our booklet. A booklet was prepared about the Caspian at the end of the project and distributed to the school-children. In brief the following activities were conducted:

- A working group of experts was established;
- Lectures on ecology prepared;
- Documentary films on the ecology of Caspian are prepared for the school children of Sumgayit city;
- Round table discussions with the children on the environmental issues of the Caspian Sea was organized;
- A drawing contest was conducted and prizes were distributed amongst the children;
- An exhibition organized to present the children’s drawings;
- A number of selected drawings were included in a booklet about the Caspian Sea;
- The booklet was distributed amongst the school children.

The project was completed in January 2006.