

## 2014 First Quarter - Environmental Calendar

### Animal Welfare Fortnightly - 14-31 January 2014

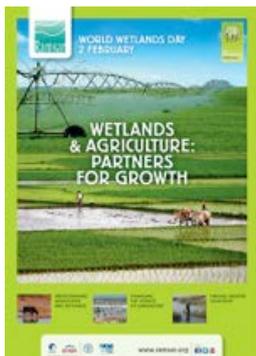
AWF has been celebrated in India in the last two weeks of January for over 5 decades. Organized by the Animal Welfare Board of India AWBI (<http://www.awbi.org/>). The main objective of the event is to highlight animal welfare issues and address the problems and motivate more and more people to join animal welfare movements. Animal Welfare Organizations suggesting some of the activities, which will be carried out during the mega event throughout India including welfare of wild animals.

**Zoo Outreach Organization, with help from our sponsors, helps educators celebrate the event, highlighting the importance of kind treatment of all animals by providing educational material to you free of cost.**

### World Wetlands Day - 2 February 2014

World Wetlands Day is celebrated internationally each year on 2 February. It marks the anniversary of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance ([Ramsar Convention](#)) in Ramsar, Iran, on 2 February 1971. It was first celebrated in 1997.

Wetlands & Agriculture is the theme of World Wetlands Day 2014 and the slogan is *Wetlands and Agriculture: Partners for Growth*, placing a focus on the need for the wetland and agricultural sectors (and the water sector too of course) to work together for the best shared outcomes.



For activities and free education kit, please log on to: [http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-activities-wwds-wwd2014index/main/ramsar/1-63-78%5E26287\\_4000\\_0](http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-activities-wwds-wwd2014index/main/ramsar/1-63-78%5E26287_4000_0)

### World Sparrow Day- 20 March 2014

World Sparrow Day is celebrated on March 20, 2014. World Sparrow Day is a day designated to raise awareness of the House Sparrow and other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations. [www.worldsparrowday.org](http://www.worldsparrowday.org)



### International Day of Forests - 21 March 2014

The International Day of Forests and the Tree is held annually on 21 March to raise awareness of sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations. The United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution on 21 December 2012, which declared that starting in 2013, 21 March of each year was to be observed as the International Day of Forests and the Tree. Further details available on: <http://www.un.org/en/events/forestsday/>

### World Water Day - 22 March 2014

World Water Day is celebrated since 1993. Each year it highlights a specific aspect of freshwater. *Water and Energy* is the theme of the year 2014. Because, water and energy are closely interlinked and interdependent. Energy generation and transmission requires utilization of water resources, particularly for hydroelectric, nuclear, and thermal energy sources. Conversely, about 8% of



the global energy generation is used for pumping, treating and transporting water to various consumers. To get involve in this event: <http://www.unwater.org/water-cooperation-2013/en/>

### World Meteorological Day - 23 March

Each year, on 23 March, the World Meteorological Organization, its 191 Members and the worldwide meteorological community celebrate World Meteorological Day. This day commemorates the entry into force, on that date in 1950, of the WMO Convention creating the Organization. Subsequently, in 1951, WMO was designated a specialized agency of the United Nations System. This year, the theme is "*Watching the weather to protect life and property*". <http://www.wmo.int/worldmetday/>

### Earth Hour - 29 March

Earth Hour 2014 will be held on Saturday 29 March between 8.30PM and 9.30PM in your local time zone. Earth Hour is a global movement uniting people to protect the planet. Towards the end of March every year, Earth Hour brings together communities from across the world celebrating a commitment to the planet by switching off lights for one designated hour. To join the global community, please see: <http://www.earthhour.org/>