APPEAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT ON
WORLD OCEANS DAY - JUNE 8, 2020

Theme: "Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean"

The United Nations is celebrating World Oceans Day every year on 8th June. The concept of a 'World Oceans Day' was first proposed in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro as a way to celebrate our world’s shared ocean and our personal connection to the sea, as well as to raise awareness about the crucial role the ocean plays in our lives and the important ways people can help protect it.

World oceans day is an opportunity to raise global awareness of the benefits humankind derives from the ocean and our individual and collective duty to use its resources sustainably. Future generations will also depend on the ocean for their livelihoods. World Oceans Day is to remind everyone of the major role the oceans have in everyday life. They are the lungs of our planet, providing most of the oxygen for breathes.

The purpose of the Day is to inform the public of the impact of human actions on the ocean, develop a worldwide movement of citizens for the ocean, and mobilize for the sustainable management of the world's oceans. The importance of gender equality, in particular for the effective conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources is increasingly being recognized. However, there is very little data and research on these issues, and a concerted action towards gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls is still needed in all ocean-related sectors to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 5.

On World Oceans Day 2020, it’s a good reminder to bring attention to the fact that oceans play a major role in everyday life all around the globe. The oceans provide a majority of the oxygen to breathe. It’s an opportunity to inform and educate humans and the public to create awareness for protecting our oceans.

Director