

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR THE BLACK SEA

Creation and functioning of the Regional Centre of Popularization of Ecological Knowledge in Odessa State Environmental University is an example of successful cooperation between NGOs and government in the context of best practices of environmental management in the Black Sea region. Its joint cooperation with Youth Environmental Centre “V. I. Vernadsky” covers the South of Ukraine and annually invites about 100 thousand people to participate in environmental actions.



Pupils, students, teachers, lecturers, representatives of local authorities and decision-makers are involved in organization of ECOcamps, ECOforums and ECOfestivals.

Marine and river expeditions (“TiGriDof”, 2004; “Tiligulsky Ptahosvit”, 2005; “Blue Ribbons of Ukraine”, 2006; “Zadunayska Sich, 2007; “Medobory-2008”) are organized. Scientific research and work with pupils and students is carried out in 10 directions: hydroecology, hydrobiology, hydrochemistry, entomology, ornithology, malacology (the study of mollusks), ichthyology, botany, etc.

Each year seminars and trainings with the participation of leading experts, scientists, public figures are held: regional business-game “How I see the Black Sea Shore”, 2006; personal growth training “Four Steps to Happiness”, 2008; scientific practical seminar “Nizhnednestrovsky National Park through the eyes of the young”, 2009; scientific practical seminar “Theory and Practice of Social Communications”, 2010; “Problems of Integrated Management of Yuzhny Bug River in Odessa Region”, 2010. Environmental festivals such as “Thinking about the Earth”, 2000-2005, “Marine Fairy” 2006, 2007 attract numerous participants.

In the framework of the partnership extensive publishing is carried out. Thousands of copies of environmental posters, bulletin “Ekologichna Skrinka”, scientific papers, manuals, popular scientific and literary publications are published annually. The web-site of the television project is drawing attention towards environmental issues of Odessa region: www.ecotv.se-ua.net.