

Photo reportage

DNIESTER BEGINS WITH ITS AFFLUENTS



The indifferent attitude that is manifested by citizens living near small and medium rivers made us, volunteers, that are preoccupied by ecology, to action against the pollution.

Making part in the “MATRA” project, that is taking care of Dniester river affluent, NGO “Terra-1530” and it's volunteers, got together on the banks of the Bucovat river ,to clean the environment .

We worked on the territory of the Capriana village. But we focused only on the intersection of the Bic and Bucovat rivers.

We have got up the dead branches, have cut the grass and other kinds of plants that are useless.

We have been impressed because of the color of water from the Bucovat river that was very muddy and brown this kind of water is making the river Bic dirty too. Our aim is to improve this situation and to educate the young generation ecological legislation.

Budu Viorica,
volunteer



Dear NGO "Terra-1530" volunteers

Congratulations!

Your service-learning project has been awarded the Silver Service Award by the Wildlife Conservation Society's *Teens for Planet Earth* Program. Your team is one of a select group of teens granted this impressive award.

As you know, *Teens for Planet Earth* is an intensive program that focuses on environmental science, wildlife conservation, and the design and completion of a service-learning project. Recognition in our highly competitive Service Awards program is an achievement of which you and your

teammates should be very proud. The quality of your project and your commitment to conservation are outstanding. Through the work that you have done, your team has had a substantial impact on your local environment, community, and wildlife.

Enclosed is a Certificate of Distinction to officially state your award. A profile of your team's service-learning project and photos are now posted on our website (www.teensforplanetearth.org) and will be printed in the *Teens for Planet Earth*

Service Awards Report. A copy of the report will be sent to you within six weeks.

Please keep in touch. Whether it is through us or another member of the education staff at the Bronx Zoo, we would like to know how both you and your project develop. Lastly, we hope that you will encourage other teens to visit the *Teens for Planet Earth* website to find out how they, too, can have an impact on their environment. Congratulations again! We are truly proud of your achievements.

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PARTICIPATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

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Participation in the life of the community by cooperating with the local council is among priority activities of the NGO Terra1530 from the village of Galesti, Moldova. We do our best to promote implementation of the provisions and principles of the Aarhus Convention at local level. The procedures of cooperation are established by the regulation of cooperation between NGOs and the local council. This regulation provides for the publication of draft decisions in advance, for the right of NGOs to comment on drafts and to get the comments of local MPs on their proposals. Coalition building at a rural level allows for an increase in civic influence. Such a model also becomes attractive for foreign organisations. In 2007 the European Youth Water Parliament session took place in Galesti. Terra1530 is currently working within the framework of the Dniester River Basin project trying to establish a democratic mechanism for water management on the Bucovat river, the tributary of the Dniester. Local authorities, NGOs, water users – all stakeholders should be involved in decision making in frames of this MATRA/WEFC supported project realised in cooperation with the Eco-TIRAS NGO network.



Photo: Well restored by NGOs in the Village of Galesti, Moldova.

www.participate.org

Local Action – Global Impact

Non-governmental organization „Terra-1530” has been recorded on June 30, 1999. We have the **mission** to create and consolidate the capacities sustainable development of **rural** communities.

Activities: we publish the independent periodical ADEVARUL (Truth).

NGO “Terra-1530” is an umbrella-organization for other 18 ones: “Terra-HS”; “21 Century” etc. After 5 years the Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers (MNRVCW) will become a European one, because we have partners in other countries. For example, Solidarity Water Europe, Strasbourg France www.s-e-e.org

The MNRVCW goal – water management and environmental education/sanitation hygiene.

The MNRVCW will make an important contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, to all of which water plays a crucial role.

NGO “Terra-1530” hosted the 7th European Youth Water Parliament in 2006.



The Bucovat river starts **here**

Trying to find partners!

...In 2003 year when was decelerated in Vorniceni village, Moldova, exceptional situation because at the "Ion Inculeț" lyceum was identified 75 cases of Hepatitis A. Doctors told that the cause was low quality of drinkable water. In the future are expected other cases of disease because the lyceum is not assure in centralistic way with water. More than that – there is a danger of new epidemic, because until nowadays the lyceum has no centralized water and it results no elementary studying conditions.

The first step to create The Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers for Water (MNRVCW) was done in 2003 (monitoring macro invertebrates; Youth Water Parliament etc). Mission - transferable because The MNRVCW can its activities can include other villages, countries on local, regional, national, European and International level.

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Saharna - a nook of paradise



Photo: Ion Botnaru

EXPEDITION "BUCOVĂȚ RIVER - 2008"

