



Celebration of world Ocean day, 2016 by Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA), Government of Pakistan.

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Pakistan Maritime Security Agency is the sole maritime stakeholder of Pakistan, mandated with diversified roles and tasks in the maritime domain. Among other responsibilities, it is also mandated for protection of marine environment on behalf of Ministry of Climate Change. In this context, PMSA celebrated World Environment and Ocean Day on 03 Jun 16 with an aim to create awareness and educate all stakeholders regarding measures for protection of marine environment and ocean preservation. Subsequently, following activities were conducted by PMSA personnel with zeal and zest:

- a. **Harbour Cleaning.** One of the main causes of degraded marine environment in Pakistan is uncontrolled marine pollution especially in Karachi harbour which continues to affect health of thousands of people, marine life, coastal eco-system and marine infrastructure. In light of that, cleaning of Karachi harbour & Jetties and fabrication of waste collection nets was also undertaken by PMSA units.
- b. **Lectures at PMSA HQs.** Preventing marine pollution from damaging important coastal and marine environments is essential for a sustainable future but as always, there are many considerations that need to be taken into account. In continuation to the celebrations, lectures were also delivered at PMSA Headquarters by Officers on topics mentioned below to enlighten personnel regarding Environment and Ocean days and the importance they have:

S No.	Topic
(1)	World Environment day and our responsibility with focus on marine environment
(2)	Significance of preservation of coastal zones

- c. **Display of Banners.** Various banners with messages highlighting significance of conserving marine environment and oceans vis-à-vis preservation of marine life were designed and displayed at various places for general public awareness.
- d. **PMSA Stall** The aim for celebrating the day was to encourage common people from different societies and communities to actively participate in becoming an active agent in developing safety measures for the environment and ocean life. Thus, keeping in view the above, PMSA stall was also established at Pakistan Maritime Museum highlighting the significance of human role in preservation of marine ecosystem. Banners were displayed at PMSA stall drawing attention of common public towards the necessity to identify problems related to the environment and oceans and ways to take corrective action to make their nearby surroundings safe and clean to enjoy safer, cleaner and more prosperous future.
- e. **Seminar on World Ocean Day 2016.** A seminar at Bahria University was organized on 03 Jun 16 on the subject of Healthy Oceans, Healthy Planet. In addition to all the important stake holders, DG PMSA also participated in the same. DG NCMPR and researchers from National Institute of Oceanography delivered presentations on important topics.

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