

Pakistan sets world record of planting 541176 saplings in one day

PESHAWAR : Pakistan has established Guinness World Record by planting 541176 saplings of Rizophoria and other mangrove trees in one-day in the coastal shore of Ketti Bunder within Indus delta.

According to Pakistan Forest Institute, the record has been set by Ministry of Environment in collaboration with Sindh Forest Department.

"The Plantation One Day Match" drive was organized by Ministry of Environment in association with Sindh Forest Department, supported by National Bank of Pakistan and some local NGOs, members of civil society and local villagers. The plantation drive was meant to "Make Pakistan Green" through public private partnership. The plantation started in early morning by over 300 local villagers who volunteered for this gigantic work and was completed by evening. Sindh Forest department arranged the saplings that were planted by villagers and volunteers with zeal and zest amidst slogans of Pakistan Zindabad. **WWF and other local NGOs also extended their support and facilitated the drive.** Federal Minister for Environment Hameedullah Jan Afridi, Sindh Minister for Culture and Tourisms Sassui Palijo, MNA Marvi Memon and Tahir Qureshi of IUCN also visited the site and witnessed the plantation drive. Local members of civil society were also present in large number.