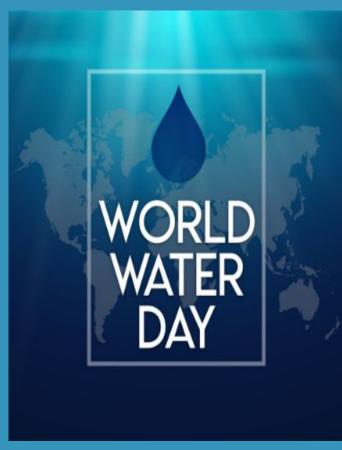


## Goal 14. Life Below Water. «Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development».



## World Water Day





The General Assembly of the United Nations declared March 22nd as World Water Day.

This day aims to raise awareness about the importance of water for sustaining life on Earth, as well as how rational water resource management contributes to economic development and social well-being. Many representatives of Karazin University have been involved in the study of water resources in our region over the years, advocating for their conservation and careful use. The university's founder, Vasyl Karazin, emphasized the importance of preserving clean and abundant rivers, which are primarily influenced by forest preservation. Today, the Schools of Geology, Geography, Recreation and Tourism, as well as the Education and Research Institute of Ecology at Karazin University, are actively engaged in addressing the challenges of water resource conservation and rational use.

The vital resource that sustains life on Earth is water. It requires our special attention and careful management, especially in the face of environmental challenges. This year's topic for World Water Day is "Using Water for Peace." Despite this, Ukraine faces daily severe environmental challenges due to the war. Pollution of water sources, destroyed infrastructure, and disrupted water resource management pose serious threats to ecological stability.

The destruction of the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant became the largest act of terrorism since the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Over 700,000 people were left without access to water, and the consequences of this catastrophe will be felt for many years. On the night of March 22nd, World Water Day, Russia launched a massive attack on critical infrastructure in Ukraine, including striking the Dnipro Hydroelectric Power Plant with 8 missiles. The facility is currently in critical condition, with soil contamination and oil spills into the Dnipro River recorded as a result of the shelling.

Therefore, we must make every effort to achieve victory over the enemy and remember the principles of rational use of natural resources to maximize the preservation of our environment!

## International Day of Environmental Education







Every year on April 15th, many countries around the world observe International Day of Environmental Education.

Focused on the development of environmental education, this day emphasizes the importance of preserving our planet for future generations. Educational institutions, acting as catalysts for change, make their significant contributions and offer educational programs aimed at preparing experts in the field of ecology.

The Education and Research Institute of Ecology of Karazin University educates highly qualified specialists, stimulates research, promotes innovation, and develops strategies to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals in environmental conservation.

On the International Day of Environmental Education, we call for the collective effort to ensure proper attention to environmental education, which is one of the key elements on the path to a better future!