Educational aspects in the management of water resources

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Abstract

There are about 3000 small and large rivers in the Republic of Moldova. The state of the ground waters depends on the geographical position, on the soil and forest state, on the environmental and cultural education of the population.

There exist many problems related to the protection of ground waters. The streams of the small rivers have been changed, the riverbeds have been utilized, the forests have been cut. These actions that led to nature modifications have been performed in a centralized way during the period of the soviet government.

The process of the decentralization of the economy that takes place during last decade influences the management of water resources. The water storage basins and the fishponds are given to private persons and their attitudes towards water management change. They start the process of recovering of the protection areas. Some of these managers afforest the rivers banks under the support of non-governmental organizations and public authorities. The environmental NGO-s organize seminars, discussions, round tables with and for the managers of water resources and population. An important role in these education activities plays the international organizations: foundations, NGO-s, centers (Regional Environmental Center as an example). By their programs and projects they contribute substantially to the environmental education of the population of the Republic of Moldova.

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