

NATIONAL Govt urged to develop wetlands

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THATTA, Jan 1: The Friends of Indus Forum has called upon the government to develop wetlands of Sindh, particularly Keenjhar and Manchhar lakes.

The forum in its meeting held at Keenjhar Lake said the situation of wetlands in Sindh had deteriorated alarmingly and the places failed to cater to the needs of migratory and local birds.

It observed that communities dependent on the resources of the wetlands had been pushed to poverty and compelled to migrate in search of livelihood.

The meeting said that untreated effluents of Kotri and Nooriabad industrial area released into Keenjhar Lake had affected ecology of the lake which was a major source of water for Karachi.

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