

MESSAGE BY THE CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF
ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5 JUNE 2017

World Environment Day is celebrated globally on 5 June to mark the significance of environment and to raise awareness about environmental concerns. The theme selected this year for the World Environment Day is **“Connecting People to Nature”**. Preservation of nature is in fact securing our environment for our future generations. Gifts of nature like fresh air, pure water and fertile soil are hard to measure value in monetary terms but their real importance is realized as their availability begins to dwindle. Protection of nature’s precious resources is in line with the basic tenets of Islam and our social values.

Pakistan Navy celebrates World Environment Day to highlight the significance of environment in Pakistan and to promote awareness amongst personnel especially focusing on the marine environment. With the environmental degradation becoming pronounced and being a major affectee of marine pollution in Karachi Harbour, PN has initiated numerous measures and actions. These range from collection of solid waste from harbour, large scale plantation of mangroves in coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan, establishment of waste water treatment systems, regular participation in national Tree Plantation Campaigns and sensitizing concerned Government and non-Government organizations to initiate effective measures against marine pollution. Awareness being the backbone of sustainable environment protection measures, a number of activities are planned by Field Commands and PN units to promote awareness and inculcate a sense of responsibility among all to save and preserve our environment. I expect all units to put in dedicated efforts to make these events successful.

On this Day, let us re-affirm our commitment to make every effort for betterment of our environment, especially in the marine domain. Our conduct in professional and private lives should be in line with best practices and principles of protection, preservation and conservation of environment. PN will continue to play its due role in this regard and contribute to the national cause.