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## **Nature**

**We got an anonymous tip that the best time to take this beautiful view is in the wee hours of the morning, Why not be in tune with nature and just maybe your picture would get on our socail media handle.**

**Photograph by Ikocha chidi**

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Photograph by Pamela E

# WORLD

# WETLANDS DAY

## 'WETLANDS FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION'

World wetlands Day is celebrated annually on the 2nd of February. This day marks the adoption of the Ramsar Convention on "wetlands of importance". Since then, government agencies, non-governmental organisations and community groups joined the world to celebrate WWD by taking actions to raise awareness on wetlands values and benefits.

This year's WWD theme was centered on 'wetlands for disaster risk reduction'. The theme was selected to raise awareness and highlight the vital roles of a healthy wetland ecosystem and its resilience on the impact of extreme events such as floods, droughts, tsunamis in communities.

Bonny island wetlands is undergoing challenging threats from sea encroachment and poachers thereby reducing our wetlands resilience to flood events.

In Nigeria today, only 3% of wetlands make up the surface area of land mass. The Federal Ministry of Environment designated 11 wetlands of international importance for Ramsaar list.

On the 18th of February, 2017, Finima Nature Park joined the world globally to raise awareness of our wetlands and its great importance in the support of flora, fauna and ecosystem services they provide to our local communities.



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# WETLANDS FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

A total of 220 persons; 11 schools ( Kingdom Heritage, Grace Horizon Nur & Pri, Logos International School, Lucille International School, NLNG RA School, Ibitamuno School, Vine International School, Christ the Redeemer School, Legacy School, Salem Education Center. and 33 youths attended the event.

245 plants consisting of 115 Red mangroves propagules were planted along the degraded east coastline area of the park along with 130 tree plant seedlings of (*Lophira alata* and *Cleistopholis patens*) to commemorate the day.

Visit

[www.finimanaturepark.com](http://www.finimanaturepark.com) for more pictures and further upcoming events.



# WORLD WATER DAY



## '' WHY WASTEWATER?

*"When the well is dry, we know the worth of water" ...Benjamin Franklin*

The UN General Assembly designated 22nd March, 1993 as first world water day. This was in line with the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development to set aside a day to celebrate fresh water.

Since then, every year, World Water Day (WWD) is celebrated to highlight specific importance of freshwater and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

Today, there are over 663 million people living without a safe water supply close to home. Due to the rise in world population, unrelenting urbanization, scarcity of good quality water resources and rising fertilizer prices

This year's theme: Why waste water? is in support of the Sustainable Development Goals 6.3 on improving water quality and reducing, treating and reusing wastewater.

# Why Wastewater?

We all know that vast majority of all the wastewater from our homes, cities, industry and agriculture flows back to nature without being treated or reused – polluting drinking, bathing and irrigation water.

it was all fun on the 25th of March as Finima Nature park organized a mini plastic beach clean up event to create awareness on the effect of plastic on marine life, dead zone formation and our health.

A total of 30 green patriots together with a few green kids from Kingdom Heritage School came out to show love.

we recovered 70 kilogram of plastics within 800m distance along the coastal region of the Atlantic ocean

As a community, we too can love our freshwater by making conscious effort to reduce our water usage.





## **International Water Bird Count**

**The International Waterbird Census (IWC) is the largest global monitoring program that helps ascertain the health, threat level and proffer actions to avert these identified threats to waterbirds**

**IWC is conducted in 143 countries annually along the Africa-Eurasia Flyway in areas covered by the Ramsar Convention– natural and man-made wetlands such as rivers, lakes, freshwater swamps. The census is carried out between January and February when the migratory birds are returning to their roosting sites.**

**Finima Nature Park took part in the IWC on the 2nd of February, 17. The monitoring is aimed at conserving Waterbirds and the wetlands they depend on.**



# WILD LIFE CORNER

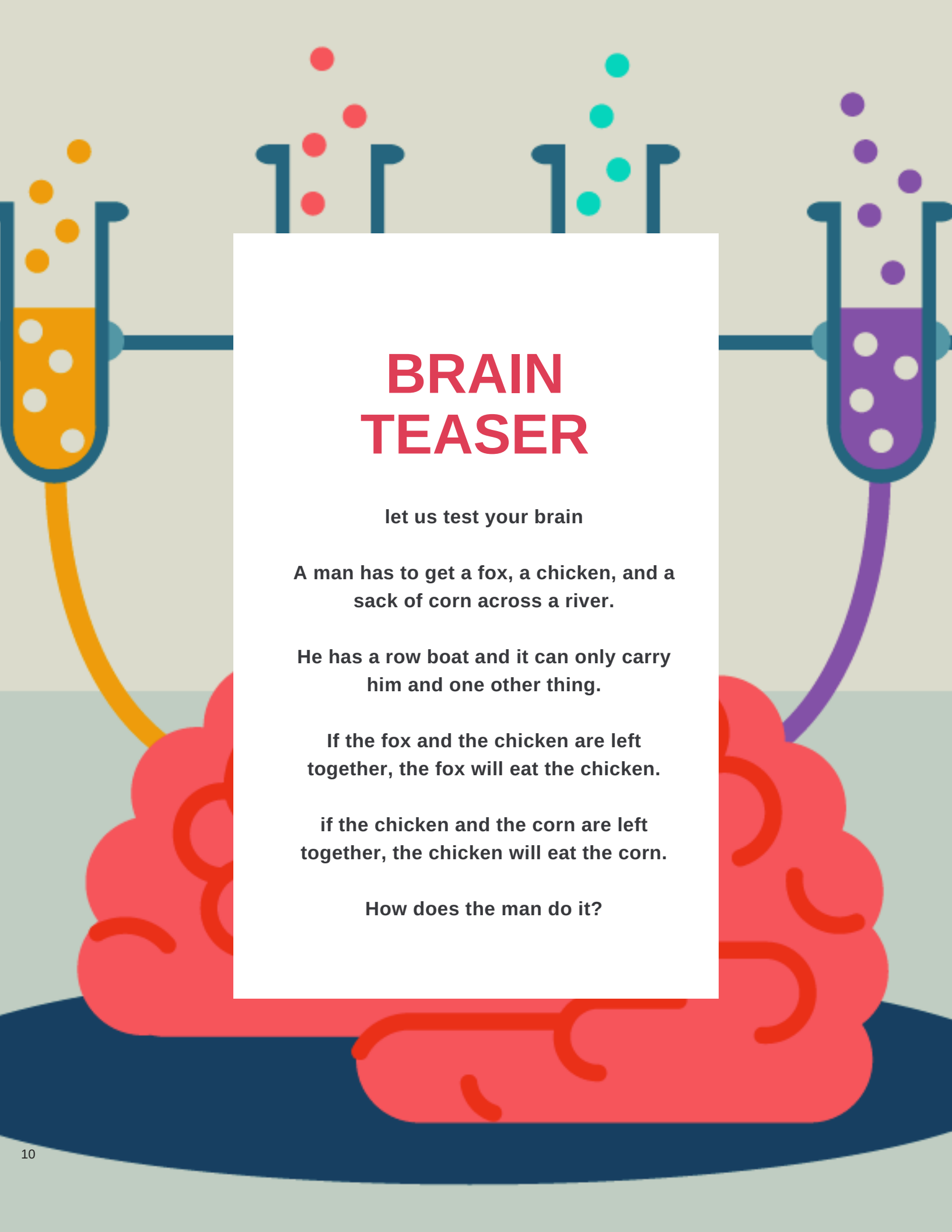


Ahh yes, spotted hammerhead shark. Ever watched shark tale? Well, take one good look at this amazing fish and you would know how it got its name. The most popular species are the great hammer head shark (*Sphyrna mokarran*).

Hammerhead sharks love tropical, warm waters. Their females are viviparous and so do not lay eggs.

Of the nine species found worldwide, seven of them have been evaluated by the IUCN Red List. The Great Hammerhead (*Sphyrna mokarran*) is listed as Endangered with a decreasing population. The Scalloped Hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*) is also listed as Endangered. Other species are in decline or their population trends are currently unknown.

They rarely attack humans. Why not go ahead and swim with one. Take a selfie if you can!!



# BRAIN TEASER

let us test your brain

A man has to get a fox, a chicken, and a sack of corn across a river.

He has a row boat and it can only carry him and one other thing.

If the fox and the chicken are left together, the fox will eat the chicken.

if the chicken and the corn are left together, the chicken will eat the corn.

How does the man do it?