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Ecological and educational campaign "Rivers run into seas"

On September 9, 2017 employees of Bumi Armada Caspian LLC ("BAC") participated in an ecological and educational campaign called "Rivers run into seas". The event was part of the programme dedicated to the 459-year foundation of the city Astrakhan. On this day, the company's employees, the Mayor of Astrakhan, a Senator from the Federal Council, a Director of the Caspian Fish Industry Institute, a representative of the International Fund "Cleans Seas" together with children from orphanages "Ulitka", "Sozvezdie" and "Malyshok" released 200 Russian Sturgeon baby fish, weighing around 100g each, into the Volga river to help revive the population of one of the most ancient species on the planet, which inhabit in the Caspian sea and rivers flowing into it.

The Caspian Fish Industry Institute with support from the Russian Government continues to incubate sturgeon in hatcheries to increase its population, due to the threats of overfishing, illegal caviar trading, habitat destruction and river contamination.

"BAC highlighted that it has been working in the Astrakhan region for several years and is fully aware of the responsibilities to protect, preserve and conserve the environment for the ecological well-being of future generations. Education plays a big part in conservation efforts, and by having children in the event, it allows for early awareness and for them to understand the importance of protecting the natural resources. Only together will we be able to replenish the sturgeon population step by step" said Artem our country manager in Russia during the event proceedings.

Upon completing the release of the sturgeons, the children and Company's employees had a learning excursion to the museum of the Caspian Fish Industry Institute where many interesting facts about sturgeon and their habitants of the Caspian Sea were revealed.

The day ended with a film about sturgeon incubation and smiles all around for taking one small step in making a difference.