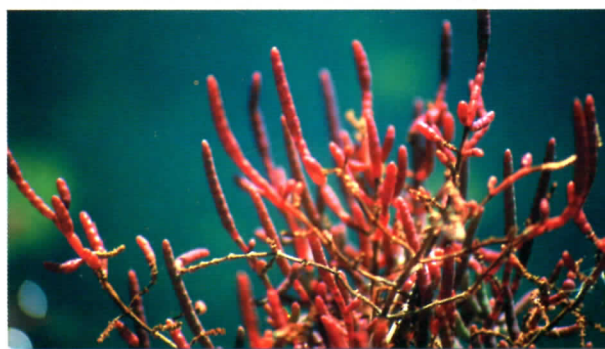
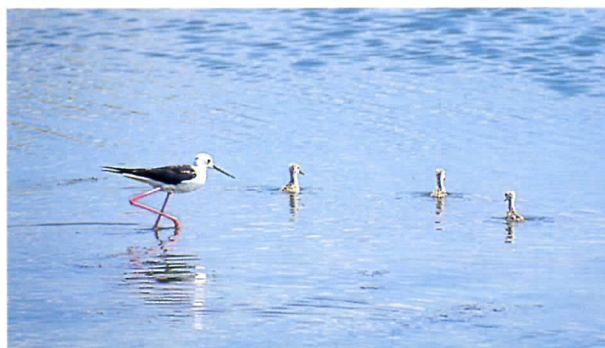


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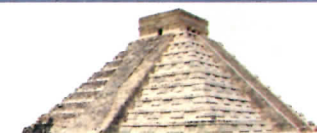
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Globally, wetland area is continually decreasing due to drainage, cultivation and urbanization, and it is therefore necessary to protect and sustainably utilize the remaining wetland areas. Solar Saltworks have produced salt by solar evaporation since the dawn of human civilization. Nevertheless, recognition of the unique coastal ecosystems that developed in parallel with the salt production process evolution is often lacking. Hundreds of protected bird species depend on Solar Saltworks ecosystems to feed and/or nest.

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The aim of the conference is to identify and promote the ecological importance of Solar Saltworks and their increasing significance for safeguarding and sustainably developing global wetlands. Additionally it aims to develop analytical insight and better understanding of the Saltworks ecosystems characteristics. Priority will be given to following areas:

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The official conference language is English.

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