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Haroon backs eco group

Staff Report

KARACHI: Pakistan's ambassador to the United Nations Hussain Haroon joined the Friends of the Indus forum on Wednesday.

The forum has already been formed under the Indus for All Program, WWF-Pakistan. It has been formed to reduce threats to the Indus River and its associated ecosystems and to raise a voice for the revival of lost habitats and provide policy advice to the government, interested groups and also to promote traditional conservation systems.

"The reduction in the flow of water is the biggest reason for the damage to the ecosystem and it has ruined the economy of the entire river basin. In addition to the human factors, natural phenomena like cyclones also wreak havoc every now and then in the deltaic area. Our forests which used to cover 1,300,000 acres have now reduced significantly," he said.