S. Khorasan's Narges Zaar Nationally Registered

Narges Zaar, a vast plain replete with daffodils, in Khosf County, South Khorasan Province was inscribed on Iran's Natural Heritage List after being approved by the natural heritage expert committee at Iran's Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts, and Tourism Organization (ICHHTO) office in South Khorasan, IRNA reported, quoting an official at the organization as saying.

"The area is now under the control of ICHHTO and legal action will be taken against those who damage, destroy, or in any way harm the area," Zahra Rezaei Malakooti said.

Daffodils are grown in over 27 hectares in the province, and Narges Zaar, covering 11 hectares, is the largest, according to the official.

Khosf is home to the oldest daffodil plains in South Khorasan, cultivating high quality flowers on a large
scale. Daffodil ranks fifth among the most exported product of the region, "but farmers need serious support to contribute economic development," she said.

Despite ranking 17th globally in the production of ornamental flowers, Iran is the 170th exporter of flowers internationally.