# The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature

**E-Newsletter** 

## Photo of the Month



### Marbled Polecat (Vormela Peregusna)

They are small to medium carnivores species which inhabits different areas in Jordan such as Wadi Sir, Yarmouk and Al Mafraq. Local people consider them as a pest species since they feed on chicken, thus eradication to its population is happening which threatened the species status.

### Did You Know



### **RSCN News**

# Establishing Fifa as a Protected Area in 2011

Fifa was declared a Protected Area by Jordan's prime minister in the last quarter of 2011. Although relatively small (only about 25 km<sup>2</sup>), Fifa's land area represents two important kinds of vegetation (tropical and saline).Fifa's natural forest is rich in trees such as the tamarisk and acacia.

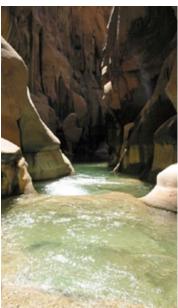
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## Establishing Qatar as a Protected Area in 2011

Qatar Protected Area lies in the southern part of Wadi Araba within the giant mountain of Aqaba , just north of the port city of Aqaba with an area of 110 km<sup>2</sup>. It is characterized as having different heights ranging between 50 and 500 meters above sea level.

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## Closure Workshop for the Project 'Integrated Water Resources Management and Conservation in Mujib Biosphere Reserve'









Pheidole harrisonfordi is a species of ant named after the actor Harrison Ford in honor of his work in conservation.

### BioBit



### History of Protected Areas in Jordan

Dibeen Forest Reserve was established in 2004, to protect a representative sample of the Aleppo Pine forest in Jordan. It is located in the northern part of Jordan in Jarash in particular over an area of 8.5 square kilometer. It holds the presence of 150 plant species including rare orchids and several faunal species such as Persian Squirrel and the Stone Marten.

## **Upcoming Events**

Wild Weekly Weekends •

Azraq Village Biking Tour ▶

Have Your Say

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature finalizes the Integrated Water Resources Management and Conservation in Mujib Biosphere Reserve Project.

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### Local Environmental News

## Another Batch of 'Water-Savvy Women' Graduate from Training Course

Reducing water loss is daunting in terms of money and resources, but not for women trained under the Water Wise Women's Initiative (WWWI).

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### Regional Environmental News

# Impact of Abstracting Seawater from Red Sea Will be Negligible

The impact of abstracting millions of cubic meters of seawater from the Red Sea will be negligible, according to the results of the Red Sea Modeling Study.

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### World Environmental News

## WCS Confirms the Return of the Persian Leopard In Afghanistan's Central Highlands

As the country awaits the formation of a new government, environmental NGOs and activists have urged Prime Ministerdesignate Awn Khasawneh to place environment protection among the national priorities of the new cabinet.

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#### Together, We Can Help People Help Nature



### INVESTBANK at Azraq Wetland Reserve



INVESTBANK and RSCN continues their cooperation in creating initiatives aim to protect Jordan's Nature & Environment.

And the latest initiative and as a part of the Bank's commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility and promoting awareness on the importance of protecting the environment in Jordan, INVESTBANK organized a field trip to Azraq Wetland Reserve in cooperation with the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) on December with the participation of 60 students aged 12 to 16 representing various governmental schools located in Jabal Nadeef-the Arab Foundation for Sustainable Development/Ruwwad.

The students learned more about all types of living things in the reserve after having a tour in the Interpretation Room and the reserve itself. In addition to several environmental games given by participants from the education department of RSCN, the games totally focused on students' understanding of the information and observations they closely witnessed. And then, INVESTBANK gave the students handmade gifts from Azraq workshops. RSCN thanks the INVESTBANK for their continual support for them and for Nature.

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