



# RSCN Newsletter

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## RSCN NEWS

### 01. RSCN Elects Batoul Al-Ajlouni as New Chairman

The Board of Directors of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) has elected Batoul Al-Ajlouni as Director-General, to succeed former director-general Khaled Al-Irani, who served in the past as Minister of Environment.



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### 02. RSCN Celebrates 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

RSCN celebrated its 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. RSCN is among the biggest institutions at the regional level in administrating nature reserves, protecting biodiversity and wildlife, and developing local communities.



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### 03. MoU Signed to Create Pond Liners in Aqaba Bird Observatory

Jordanian authorities and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to create new pond liners in the southern Aqaba governorate.



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### 04. Norwegian Ambassador Visits RSCN

His Excellency Mr. Espen Lindbaek, Norwegian Ambassador to Jordan, visited RSCN and met with representatives of the Board of Directors and the executive management of the society during his visit. The representatives of RSCN gave an introductory presentation to His Excellency the Ambassador about the society's work and its most important achievements in the field of protecting nature and developing local communities as well as the future plans RSCN seeks to achieve. Areas of cooperation and collaboration in the future were also discussed.



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### 05. Arab Bank Volunteers Reforest Azraq Wetland Reserve with RSCN

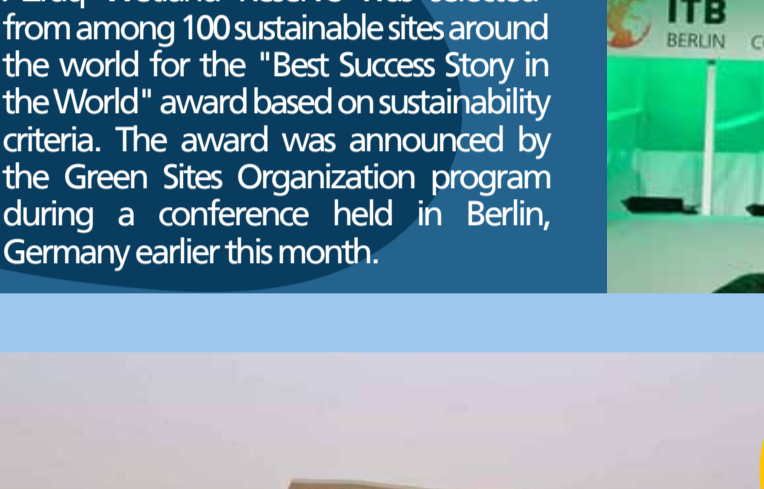
RSCN, in cooperation with Arab Bank, carried out a reforestation campaign in the Al-Azraq Water Reserve with the participation of a group of bank volunteers and their families, as part of the initiatives of the Arab Bank's Corporate Social Responsibility program "Together".



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### 06. RSCN and Marriott Plant Trees on International Forest Day in Dibein Forest Reserve

RSCN, in collaboration with Marriott Hotels Amman group, carried out a tree-planting campaign in Dibein Forest Reserve with the participation of a group of volunteers from the company, on the International Day of Forests.



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### 07. Azraq Wetland Reserve Wins "Best Success Story in the World" Award

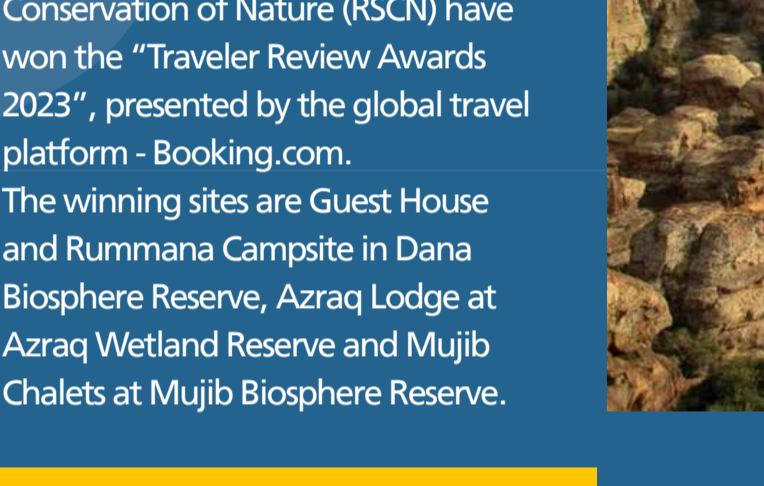
Azraq Wetland Reserve was selected from among 100 sustainable sites around the world for the "Best Success Story in the World" award based on sustainability criteria. The award was announced by the Green Sites Organization program during a conference held in Berlin, Germany earlier this month.



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### 08. RSCN Offers New Safari Experience in Shaumari Wildlife Reserve

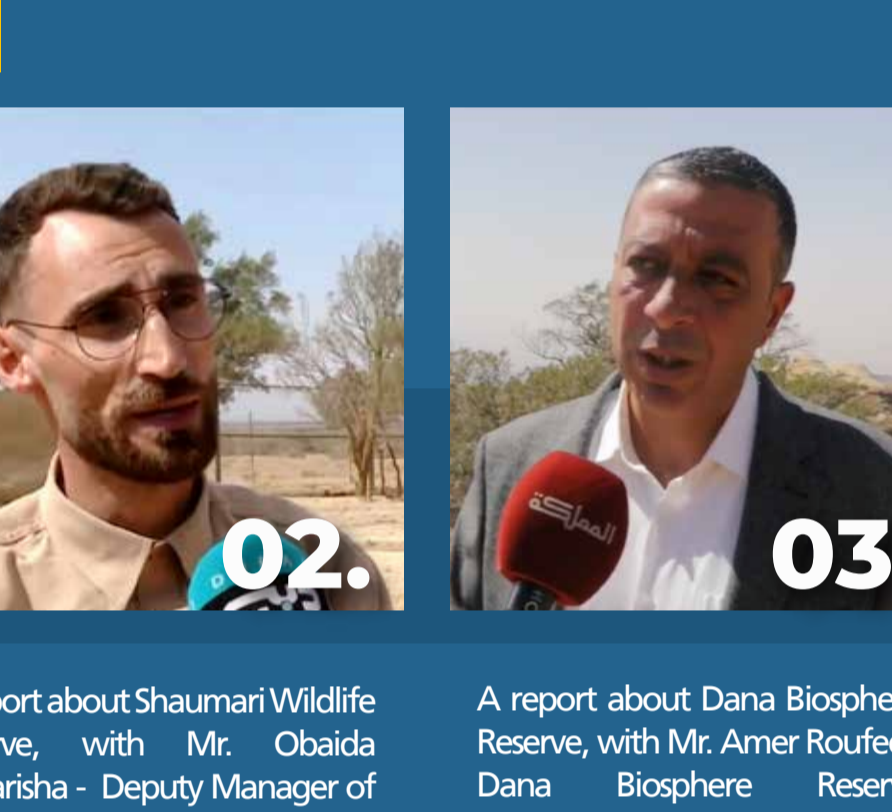
RSCN has launched a new safari experience in the Shaumari Wildlife Reserve. The experience, called "Al Maha Safari," aims to develop Jordan's ecotourism and sustainable travel industry with a focus on wildlife conservation and protection.



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### 09. Four Sites Managed by RSCN Among "Traveler Review Awards 2023"

In recognition of its role in the management of natural reserves and protecting nature, four sites managed by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) have won the "Traveler Review Awards 2023", presented by the global travel platform - Booking.com. The winning sites are Guest House and Rummana Campsite in Dana Biosphere Reserve, Azraq Lodge at Azraq Wetland Reserve and Mujib Chalets at Mujib Biosphere Reserve.



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## RSCN Interviews



01.

A report about "Declaring Azraq Wetland Reserve a global park for peace", with Mrs. Ronza Quassous - Communication Director, on " Jordanian TV " channel.

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02.

A report about Shaumari Wildlife Reserve, with Mr. Obaida Al-Harisha - Deputy Manager of the Shaumari Wildlife Reserve, on "Dubai TV" channel.

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03.

A report about Dana Biosphere Reserve, with Mr. Amer Roufee - Dana Biosphere Reserve Manager, on " Al-Mamlaka " channel.

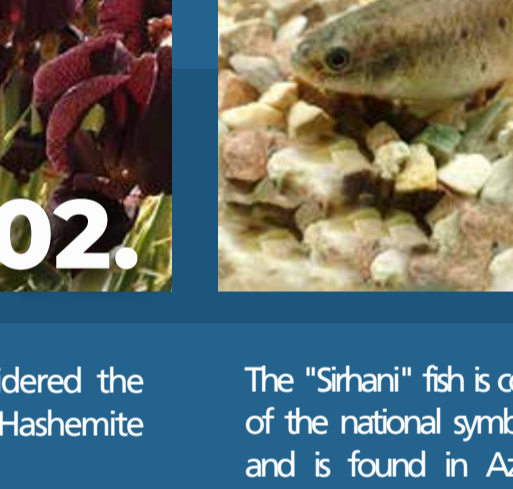
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04.

A report about tourism, with Mr. Raed Al-Khawaldeh - Tourism Manager of Dana Biosphere Reserve, on " Al-Mamlaka " channel.

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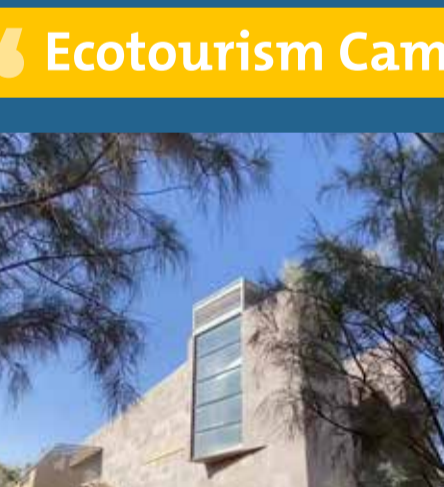


05.

A report about Azraq Wetland Reserve, with Mr. Hazem Al-Harisha - Azraq Wetland Reserve manager, on "Ro'ya TV" channel.

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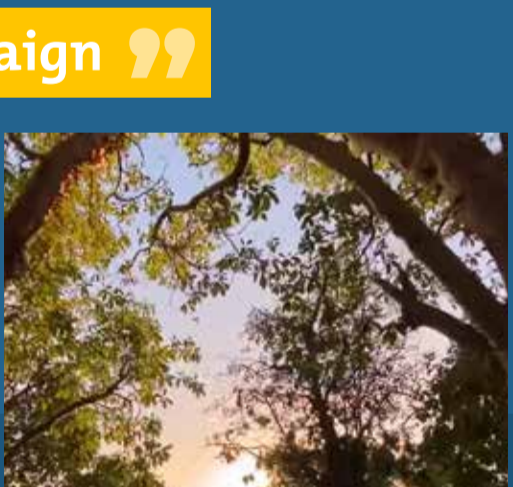
## National Symbols Campaign



01.

The Arabian Oryx is considered the national animal of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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02.

The black iris is considered the national flower of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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03.

The "Sirhani" fish is considered one of the national symbols of Jordan and is found in Azraq Wetland Reserve.

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04.

The Sinai Rosefinch is considered the national bird of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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05.

Quercus ithaburensis, is considered the national tree of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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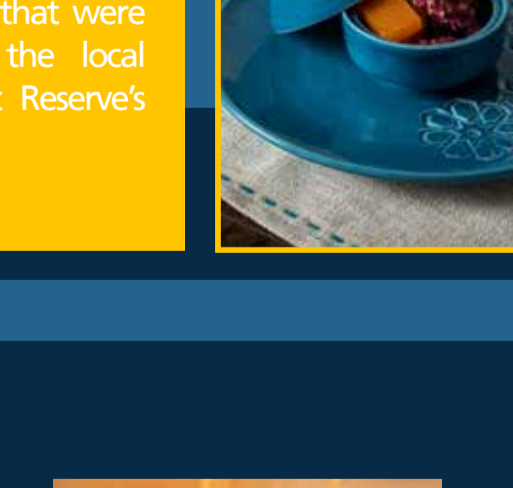
## Ecotourism Campaign



01.

Watching the Arabian Oryx at Shaumari Wildlife Reserve during a safari adventure is considered one of the most beautiful and unique adventures in Jordan. Enjoy a new experience and discover the beauty of the Eastern Desert at Shaumari Wildlife Reserve.

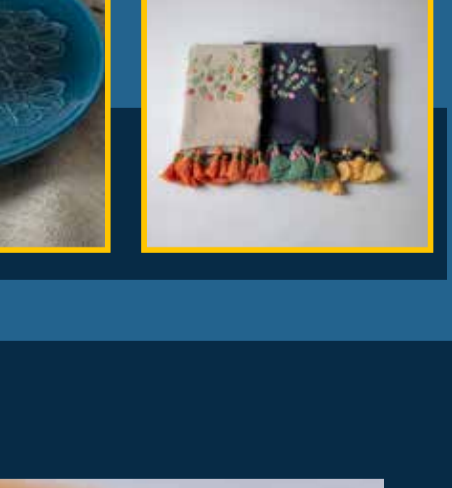
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02.

Enjoy the beauty of Ajloun Forest Reserve, with calm, peace, and wonderful green view. Book your cabin at Ajloun Forest Reserve now and enjoy the beauty of our nature.

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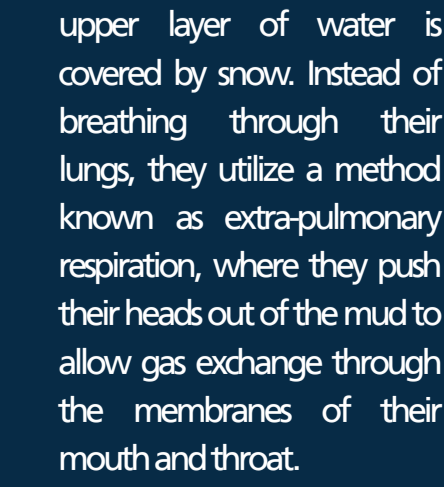
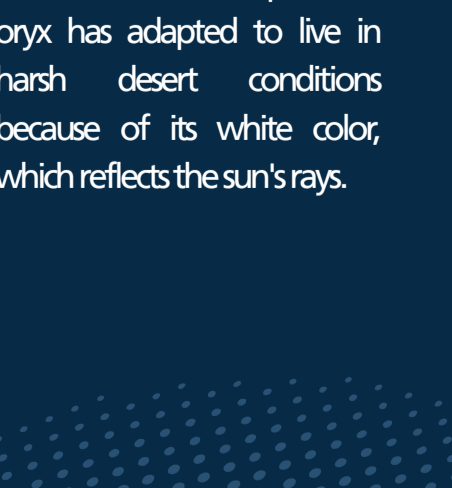
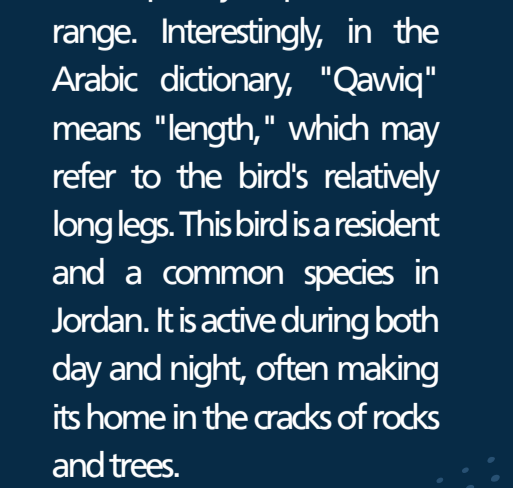
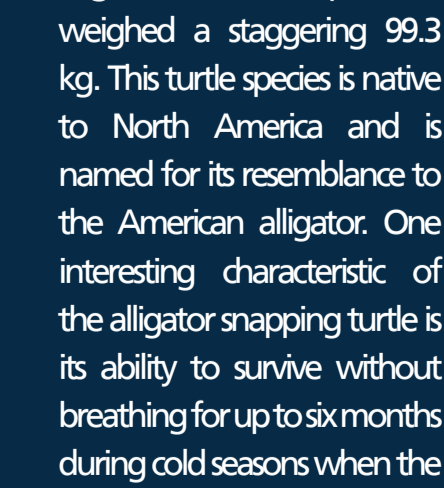


03.

Explore the beauty of the Eastern Desert in one of the world's best natural reserves, Azraq Wetland Reserve, which boasts stunning oasis. Enjoy the breathtaking views of Azraq Wetland Reserve in the heart of the Eastern Desert.

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## International Events Campaigns



## New Socio-Economic Products Campaigns

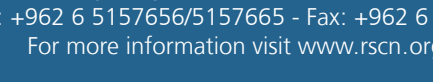
### A New Collection of Socio-Economic Development Products.

A new collection of hand-embroidered shawls with modern designs that were made by the women of the local community at Dibein Forest Reserve's handicraft workshops.

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## Biodiversity



### 01. Biobot

#### Alligator Snapping Turtle

The alligator snapping turtle is the largest aquatic turtle, measuring between 33-81 cm in length and weighing between 8.7-9.8 kg. The largest recorded specimen weighed a staggering 99.3 kg. This turtle species is native to North America and is named for its resemblance to the American alligator. One interesting characteristic of the alligator snapping turtle is its ability to survive without breathing for up to six months during cold seasons when the upper layer of water is covered by snow. Instead of breathing through their lungs, they utilize a method known as extra-pulmonary respiration, where they push their heads out of the mud to allow gas exchange through the membranes of their mouth and throat.

### 02. Did You Know?

#### Little owl

The Umm Qawiq bird belongs to the Strigidae family and is sometimes called the "buzzing woman" due to the bird's ability to repeat its call frequently despite its small range. Interestingly, in the Arabic dictionary, "Qawiq" means "length," which may refer to the bird's relatively long legs. This bird is a resident and a common species in Jordan. It is active during both day and night, often making its home in the cracks of rocks and trees.

### 03. Photo of the Month

#### Arabian oryx

It is considered one of the species of antelope belonging to the Bovidae family. It feeds on plants and plant roots and can survive for a long time without water. This species of oryx has adapted to live in harsh desert conditions because of its white color, which reflects the sun's rays.

**Together, We Can Help People Help Nature**

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