

▶ Photo of the Month



Arabian Sand Gazelle

(*Gazella subgutturosa*)

One of the most endangered species in Jordan. It inhabits desert and arid areas in Jordan such as Qatranah and the eastern desert of Jordan. Females of this species are mostly, although not always, hornless. Several threats lead to a rapid decrease in its population such as habitat destruction, extensive hunting, four-wheel drives and automatic guns.

▶ Did you Know

Did you know that you can save half the amount of water by taking a shower instead of a bath.

▶ BioBit



Lesser White-toothed Shrew

(*Crocidura suaveolens*)

It is a very small Insectivora species which reaches a total body length of 100mm. It lives in different habitats such as long dry grasses, thick vegetation and forested areas and it is vulnerable to pesticide use and habitat loss. Most of its records were obtained after analyzing the owl pellets in Azraq, Ajloun, and Wadi Zarqa.

Go Greener!

Hang your clothes outside to dry instead of using the dryer. Your clothes will last longer and you will save money and conserve electricity.



World Environmental News

Tunisia-Japan Solar Panel Collaboration in the Sahara

During the second annual Japanese- Arab Economic Forum, Japan and Tunisia agreed on a joint business deal to build a solar power plant in the Sahara Desert. The desert is known for its ample sunlight and sand which is needed for the solar plants.

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Regional News

Global Warming Threatens Lebanon's Cedars

Planning to ski past Lebanon's Cedars? Global warming and climate change may put a kink in your plans. Reduced snow fall continues to leave slopes barren creating a negative impact on cedars. By 2040, Lebanon's snow cover is expected to be reduced by 40%.

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Local News

"International Conference on Energy, Water and Environment" Opens in Amman.

Researchers from different fields met at the opening of the "International Conference on Energy, Water and Environment" to discuss alternative energy resources and pollution reduction.

[Check out the following link](#) ▶



Dana Village Restoration Project Begins

The first step in the restoration of Dana Village took place under the patronage of the ministers of environment and tourism. Dana Village will be the first heritage village for tourism.

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Take Action

2011 is the International Year of Forests!

On the occasion of the International Year of forests, make an effort to protect the trees around you. Forests produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide and reduce pollution and global warming.

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Participation of RSCN's Director in the Global Council Meeting of Birdlife International

The Global Council Meeting of Birdlife International was held in the UK and was attended by RSCN General Director, Yehya Khaled, who presented the achievements of the Middle East in nature conservation, causing a stir of respect from our global conservation peers. The topics of discussion on the table this year, which reflect the global mindset, as it relates to conservation, biodiversity and environment included:

- The UN declaration of 2011 as the Year of Forest Protection.
- Future Cooperation between Birdlife International and the Hubara Bastard Program which will take place in EU, Algeria, Egypt and Kazakhstan.
- The classification of private sector entities into Green, Red and Orange based on their impact on nature.

Birdlife International is a coalition of global nature conservation NGOs. It is managed by an elected global council, and RSCN has been chosen to represent the Middle East region since 2009.

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