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## Photo of the Month



**Elegant Snake**  
(*Coluber elegantissimus*)

A rare non-venomous snake species in Jordan which was recorded in two localities in the Dead Sea area. It is considered one of the most elegant and beautiful snake species in Jordan and it feeds on insects, arthropods and small lizard species.

### Did You Know!



Did you know that a new record to Jordan's bat fauna was recorded in the Dead Sea area and specifically in the lowest parts of Mujib Biosphere Reserve: the Egyptian Slit-faced Bat; *Nycteris thebaica*?

### BioBit



### Dead Sea

The Dead Sea has high economical, social and ecological value in Jordan, but it suffers from a number of issues that decrease its water level. It is considered the lowest point on land on earth at around -421m below sea level. The area is situated in the Sudanian-penetration zone of Jordan with an annual rainfall range of 50-100 mm, similar to that of neighboring parts of east Africa.

### RSCN Sponsorship Menu



### Upcoming Events & Occasions

Every Saturday  
**Azraq Village Biking Tour**

November  
**Wild Weekly Weekends Trips**

**Winter Discount**

### Have Your Say

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Use carpool or walk or bike whenever possible to avoid using your car.



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**Ala'a Mujahed**  
Dead Sea Panoramic Complex Manger

The complex has been managed by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) since 2006. RSCN's main role is to Manage, develop and promote this unique venue as a new tourist attraction in the Dead Sea.

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### RSCN News

## A regional training program on wetlands management

A workshop to trial a newly developed Arabic language wetland management planning training programme was held from 15-19 December 2012 at the Azraq Oasis Ramsar Site, Kingdom of Jordan.

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## Society calls for bird-friendly wind farms

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) urged the government and renewable energy companies to follow safety guidelines when establishing wind farms.

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## Number of tourists to Dana reserve drops by 30% this year

The number of tourists visiting the Dana Biosphere Reserve fell by 30 per cent this year.

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## Forests under 'fierce attack' by armed timber gangs

The country's remaining forests are under a "fierce attack" from these gangs, with centennial trees being chopped down and shipped to Amman to adorn fireplaces.

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## Feynan Ecolodge, Jordan's Great Escape

Feynan Ecolodge is one of the few to fully and completely adopt an eco-conscious, community supporting business model.

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### World Environmental News

## Human Population Growth Peak

Dear Earth Talk: The world added its seven billionth person in 2011, but the news came and went quickly.

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### Local Environmental News

## Activists raise alarm over merger of environment, municipal affairs

The Environmental Societies Union (ESU) on Monday demanded that the Cabinet rescind a decision to merge the Ministry of Environment with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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## wild weekly weekends

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3rd - 4th</b> Mujib Biosphere Reserve Chalets & Ibex Trail 54 JD RSCN members 60 JD non-members			
<b>5th</b> Azraq Village Biking Tour*			
<b>10th - 11th</b> Ajloun Forest Reserve Cabins & Ibex Trail 55 JD RSCN members 62 JD non-members			
<b>12nd</b> Azraq Village Biking Tour*			
<b>17th - 18th</b> Dana Biosphere Reserve Guesthouse & Shaq il Reesh Trail 59 JD RSCN members 65 JD non-members			
<b>19th</b> Azraq Village Biking Tour*			
<b>24th - 25th</b> Azraq Wetland Reserve Lodge & Desert Castles 59 JD RSCN members 65 JD non-members			
<b>26th</b> Azraq Village Biking Tour*			
<b>31st - 1st February</b> Mujib Biosphere Reserve Chalets & Ibex Trail 54 JD RSCN members 60 JD non-members			
<b>2nd February</b> Azraq Village Biking Tour*			



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