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## Photo of the Month



### Azraq Killifish (*Aphanius sirhani*)

The only endemic vertebrate species in Jordan and can be seen only in Azraq Wetland Reserve. It was successfully re-introduced to its habitat after a rescue mission by the RSCN. With Azraq's environment having changed and the introduction of other species of fish the Killifish has been forced to the edge of extinction.

#### Did You Know!



Did you know that the marshland in Azraq is arid and barren because of the over pumping of water in since the 1960s up until 1992! But a year after, the RSCN started to pump water back into the reserve and over the years has managed to restore around 6% of the original marshland area.

#### BioBit



### History of Protected Areas in Jordan

Azraq Wetland Reserve was established in 1978. Although the wetland reserve has been subject to tremendous negative environmental change over the last 50 years, it has successfully managed to maintain certain endemic species such as the rare Azraq Killifish, thanks to a long-term re-introduction program.

### Upcoming Events & Occasions

11-12 October  
[Trip to Azraq Wetland Reserve](#)

27-28 October  
[Eid Trip](#)

October  
[Wild Weekly Weekends Trips](#)

[RSCN Events in 2012](#)

### Have Your Say

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## Go Greener!

You should buy products with less packaging that can be reused and recycled. The products should last for long. Try to use eco friendly products than usual ones.



Together, We Can Help People Help Nature



**Hazem Khreisha**  
Azraq Wetland Reserve Manager

The Azraq Wetland is located in the heart of Jordan's Eastern Desert. It is about 115 km to the east of Amman, and covers an area of 12 km<sup>2</sup>. The Azraq Oasis is a large desert oasis formerly comprised of a network of spring-fed marshes and pools adjacent to a large seasonally flooded mudflat (Qa Al Azraq).

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### RSCN News

## Echolocation to Help Researchers Track Kingdom's Threatened Bats

Jordan is home to 26 bat species belonging to nine families, according to a recent study, which also indicated that three of these species are listed on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red List of endangered animals, said Thabet Shara, a researcher of animal studies at the RSCN.



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## Cameras Capture Elusive Lynx in Dana Biosphere Reserve

RSCN started installing cameras in different sites and reserves to study the nature of the Kingdom's biodiversity and analyze animal behavior.



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## No Protected Areas Please, We Are in the "Arab Spring"!

One of the most bizarre consequences of the impact of the "Arab Spring" in Jordan is the new threat to the concept and sustainability of protected areas and natural reserves.



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## Using Social Media Tools in Environmental Education with School Students in Jordan

RSCN held the closing conference of "Using Facebook in Environmental Education with School Students in Jordan Program" at the Quality Suites Hotel in Amman on Sunday the 26 August.



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### Local Environmental News

## Activists Step Up Campaign to Save Trees, Landmark from Destruction in Abdali Project

Environment activists on Tuesday 18th September renewed a call for the government to halt plans to demolish the old army headquarters in Abdali and uproot hundreds of trees as part of an investment project.



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### World Environmental News

## Last Stand of the Madagascan Spider Tortoise

The spider tortoise - one of the rarest tortoises in the world - is the equivalent of a microwave meal for the Mikea.



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## Climate Change 'May Shrink Fish'

Fish species are expected to shrink in size by up to 24% because of global warming, say scientists.



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## wild weekly weekends

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October 2012	5th Mujib biosphere reserve Siq water trail 21 JD RSCN members 24 JD non-members	Fri	Sat	
	6th Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail*			
	11th - 12th Dana Biosphere Reserve Campsite & Wadi Ghwair 50 JD RSCN members 58 JD non-members	Thu	Fri	Sat
	13th Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail*			
	18th - 19th Mujib Biosphere Reserve chalets & canyon 56 JD RSCN members 64 JD non-members			
	20th Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail*			
	27th - 28th Ajloun forest reserve Bungalows & Orjan trail 54 JD RSCN members 63 JD non-members	Sat	Sun	
	27th Mujib Biosphere Reserve - Siq trail*			

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