

► Photo of the Month



Spotted Fan-footed Gecko (*Ptyodactylus guttatus*) This gecko, named for its fan-like arrangement of adhesive foot pads, is active during both night and day and is common throughout Jordan's protected area.

► Did You Know?



Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) Did you know that the Barn Owl has asymmetric ears? One ear is placed higher than the other, giving the Barn Owl acute hearing that enables it to detect prey with such accuracy that it does not even require sight to hunt!

► BioBit



Common Rock Hyrax is the only species of the Hyrax family found in Jordan. It is an agile climber and inhabits rocky areas with steep cliffs. It has been recorded locally in the Dana Biosphere Reserve, the Mujib Nature Reserve and the Jabal Masuda Reserve.

Go Greener!

Cut down on waste and improve your health by investing in a reusable water bottle. Many plastics are carcinogens that can leach into the water with repeated use, so be sure to choose a reusable bottle made of aluminum, stainless steel, or BPA-free plastic.



General Environmental News

This Month's Hot Topic: Global Warming

What is global warming? How is it affecting the Earth? Is there really cause for concern? Global warming, also called global climate change, is the hot topic this month as countries around the world make final preparations for the UN Climate Change Conference in December. Get the facts on global warming and join the discussion!

[Global warming: the facts and figures](#) ►



General RSCN Information

Assessing the impact of climate change on Jordan's biodiversity

The Integrated Ecosystem Management of the Jordan Rift Valley (IEM-JO) project has initiated an integrated assessment of climate change impacts on Jordan's biodiversity. The first Climate Change Specialist (CCS) mission for the IEM-JO project took place from October 5th to 8th 2009. The mission included a presentation to the RSCN staff and other interested parties by Prof. Sandy Harrison that described the models the specialist team will use to forecast the impacts of climate change. Following the presentation, the mission conducted a two-day field visit to four Protected Areas, Yarmouk, Fifa, Qatar and Jabal Masuda, and three Special Conservation Areas, Yarmouk, Homret Maeen and Rahmah. At each site, the CCS conducted a preliminary assessment and defined the criteria to be applied in the predictive models, which will be used to anticipate the harmful impacts of climate change on biodiversity and aid in taking actions to mitigate them.

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The Bugs and Butterflies of Dibe'en

A recent RSCN research survey revealed a diversity of insects in the Dibe'en Forest Reserve, whose sprawling, wooded hills represent the only remaining pine-oak forest in Jordan. RSCN experts described numerous butterfly species and recorded nine species of insects never-before observed in the Kingdom.

[See the full report](#) ►



Middle East Environmental News

Resisting the Heat: Climate Change in the Middle East

As one of the world's most water-scarce regions, the Middle East is especially vulnerable to the effects of global climate change. However, many societies in this region have resiliently coped with limited water resources and scorching heat for thousands of years and now have the opportunity to share their time-tested wisdom with the world.

[Find out more](#) ►



Take Action

Detoxing the Cleaning Cupboard

We all want a clean home, but the chemical-laden cleaning supplies we use to get the job done can also be a source of hazardous toxins. Do the environment – and your health – a favor by using natural cleaning products created from simple household items.

[See how](#) ►



PRESERVING NATURE TOGETHER
THE JORDAN INSURANCE COMPANY (JIC)



Over the years, RSCN has received support from various institutions and organizations that believe in the importance of the environment and its protection. Putting this support into action, RSCN has undertaken numerous projects and established programs throughout the Kingdom, guided by the conviction of its mission to conserve Jordan's biodiversity while supporting local communities through sustainable ecotourism. Increasingly, RSCN is pursuing this mission by partnering with companies and organizations from the private sector, recognizing that environmental issues affect not only the fauna and flora of our beloved country, but all people across Jordan. Today, we highlight one of these supporting companies.

The Jordan Insurance Company (JIC) believes in RSCN's mission. Inspired by the beauty preserved within RSCN's nature reserves, JIC has faithfully partnered with RSCN, striving to turn the ideal of combining nature conservation with community development into a reality. Recognizing the importance of Jordan's natural heritage, JIC continues in its commitment to RSCN in the hope of passing on the Kingdom's scenic landscapes and unique wildlife to the next generation.

Mr. Imad Abdel-Khaliq, general manager of JIC, explains the company's vision, "We believe in the responsibility that falls on our shoulders as private company to assist social societies to the best of our ability as they work for the enrichment of our beloved community. Our support for RSCN is driven by our desire to faithfully fulfill our role in protecting the environment and wildlife across Jordan. We pledge the endurance of our support for RSCN's activities and programs for many coming years, recognizing the seriousness of future environmental challenges and the importance of taking action now to prepare for the days ahead."

Today we honor the support from JIC, looking ahead to our future days with optimism rooted in the strength of our committed vision, in the public and private sector alike, to see Jordan's wild places endure.

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