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**Monthly Performance Report - Local PartnerSanid Organization (Nature Conservation Sector)**

**for project:Preserving biodiversity in a protected areaMelhan**

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**Preface :**The Melhan Protected Area is a 1,200 square kilometer area of land in Yemen that is home to a wide variety of plant and animal life. The area is important for biodiversity conservation because it contains a number of rare and endangered species.

There are a number of things that can be done to preserve biodiversity in the Melhan Protected Area. These include:

* Enforcement of protected area regulations. This includes preventing poaching and illegal logging.
* Community education and outreach. This helps to raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity conservation and how people can help.
* Habitat restoration. This involves repairing damage to the environment and creating new habitats for plants and animals.
* Research and monitoring. This helps to track the status of biodiversity in the area and identify threats.

The Melhan Protected Area is a valuable resource for Yemen and the world. By taking steps to preserve biodiversity in the area, we can ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy its many benefits.

Here are some specific examples of how these measures can be implemented in the Melhan Protected Area:

* Enforcement of protected area regulations: This could involve setting up checkpoints and patrolling the area to deter poachers and illegal loggers. It could also involve working with local communities to educate them about the importance of protected areas and the penalties for breaking the rules.
* Community education and outreach: This could involve holding workshops and meetings with local communities to explain the importance of biodiversity conservation and how they can help. It could also involve providing educational materials, such as posters and brochures, in local languages.
* Habitat restoration: This could involve planting trees, removing invasive species, and restoring damaged ecosystems. It could also involve working with local communities to develop sustainable land management practices.
* Research and monitoring: This could involve collecting data on the status of plant and animal populations, as well as the threats they face. It could also involve developing monitoring programs to track the effectiveness of conservation measures.

By taking these steps, we can help to ensure that the Melhan Protected Area remains a valuable resource for biodiversity conservation for many years to come.

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**OverviewOn the status of the Arabian tiger in Yemen/**

The Malhan Reserve in Al-Mahweet Governorate - Yemen, is one of the unique natural reserves that Yemen possesses, and embodies through it the distinction and beauty of the Yemeni environment, which is rich in all forms of plants and wildlife..
It was approved as a natural reserve by a government decision in the year 2010 AD, and it is also known as the “Arabian Leopard Reserve”, as it contains the Arabian leopard, lynx and other wild animals, as well as countless varieties of birds, plants, perennial trees, dense forests and water springs that impress visitors and capture their minds..

activitiesExecuted:

* . Field trip by the organization's team to the reserve to conduct a field survey. To inspect the reserve and its emergency needs.
* Ensure the safety of birds in those areas, and that they are not killed or exposed to hunting
* Presenting a number of proposals about natural areas - which are supposed to be approved as natural reserve areas for birds in the Malhan District - in coordination with the Environmental Protection Authority in Al-Mahweet, due to the natural and vital diversity that is distinguished and fertile, and the rare birds and multiple wild animals in it.

Ensuring, through the official and competent authorities, of activating the laws in force in Yemen, which provide for the protection of this type of reserves and areas qualified to be protected areas for birds. It also seeks to enact strict laws, not to be complacent with anyone who hunts any of the rare birds, and punishing those who violate it with imprisonment for a period of no less than five years, to serve as an example. For anyone who attacks these sanctuaries and their birds by implementing the following:

* Continuing to monitor violations against rare birds, whether migratory or endemic, through a volunteer team.
* Training volunteers from local activists in the targeted areas on the process of monitoring and reporting these violations.
* Holding meetings with the competent authorities and contracting with a legal office to follow up the activation and implementation of the laws in force in Yemen concerned with the protection of rare birds as well as the protected ones in general and the preservation of their beauty as an authentic Yemeni cultural and cultural heritage.
* Implementation of 6 awareness sessions in areas where rare birds of all kinds exist, to criminalize smuggling and killing, and to report any dangers to which these birds are exposed.
* Follow-up of educational institutions (schools, universities, and institutes) to implement previous agreements in introducing students to the importance of preserving and protecting reserves, the most important of which is the Malhan Reserve, in coordination with educational institutions.
* drawing up plans for reserves,
* The continuation of the continuous meetings with the competent authorities in the government to activate the role of protection and legal prosecution of the perpetrators of crimes against bulldozing reserves.
* Continuing to follow up with the government in finding legal and logistical government support
* Coordination and continuous communication with trusted and specialized partners on the ground to work on protecting the reserve.
* Continuing to search for financial funding for the purpose of establishing centers for monitoring migratory birds, their movements and the risks they are exposed to.
* Field visits were made to the reserve, accompanied by a veterinary team, to see the health of animals and birds. Ensure that trees are not cut back by citizens and used as firewood.
* Providing medical care to some birds by giving them vaccinations and special food supplies to keep them alive. .
* Providing food under the supervision of a veterinary specialist for the Arabian leopards in the Malhan Reserve.

pointers:

1. High rate of awareness of the importance of preserving the reserve, not bulldozing it, not using its trees for firewood, and the need to protect it and preserve the beauty and splendor of its nature.
2. The great response from the official authorities regarding activating the laws for the protection of the reserve, its rare birds and purebred wild animals) and limiting smuggling and killing of it and limiting its bulldozing.

**challengesand obstructions :**

1. The deterioration of the economic situation in Yemen and its reflection on the deterioration of the environmental situation.
2. Government delay in providing the necessary needs for reserves, including the density of trees, birds and animals.
3. Weakness of the firm application of the laws in force by the government against those who neglect the importance of natural environmental wealth and authentic animals.
4. Double typical reserves.
5. Poor capabilities for monitoring and tracking migratory birds.

Continuous communication with donors via**globalgiving and clarifying the status of the protected area in Yemen, which is considered one of the most important natural resources and authentic national animals. in Yemen and the extent of their exposure to danger.** . .