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

**For the project: Protecting the Arabian leopard in Yemen from extinction.**

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**Project data**

**OverviewAbout the status of the Arabian leopard in Yemen/**

The Arabian leopard is found in mountainous areas, as Yemen is one of the most prominent environments in which it has been native since ancient times, which led the Yemeni government to declare it the national animal.

It is found in several regions of the country, including: Al Mahrah, Al Dhale’e, and in the mountains of Yafa’, Abyan, Shabwa, Al Bayda’, Rada’a, Ibb, and the Bani Qais Reserve in Hajjah.

There are also dozens of tigers inframeworkIt is preserved in a number of zoos in Yemen, such as: the zoo in the capital Sana'a, the Ibb Zoo, and the Taiz Zoo in the southwest of the country.Dr.

Also the presence of The Arabian leopard in the mountains of "Kor Al-Awaliq" in the Yemeni governorate of Shabwa, after its disappearance for 20 years from the Shabwa regions.

The Arabian leopard is facing the threat of poaching, justified by He preysSheep thatOwned by citizens Which made him vulnerable to being killed by sheep owners.Shabwa vows to kill Al-Nimr in revenge for his killingHis sheep.

It seems very difficult and arduous to protect a wild animal, which requiresSand Organization (Nature Conservation Sector) with hard work and invitation to the partiesConcerned with moving and coordinating to raise awareness among the people of the areas where the Arabian leopard is present and inhabits.

This requires activating awareness and guiding the population on the importance of preserving the rare animals that their areas are known for, such as the Arabian leopard.

The existence of rare animals and endangered species means that these animals are older than humans and are indigenous to the Earth and we should respect that.

**Implemented activities:**

Sand sought(Nature Conservation Sector) to the great interest in preserving the Arabian leopard, as it gave it great importance in its objectives, activities, and popular, official and specialized events during the third quarter of 2024 AD by implementing the following:

* Continuing awareness among the childrenAreas where the Arabian leopard is found and lives8 awareness sessions were held, targeting 80 people from the official and popular sides, as well as specialists in this field.
* Hold monthly meetings with VolunteersFrom local activists in the targeted areasFor viewingonReportsMonitoring and reporting on violations against the Arabian leopard in the three most affected areas. For 21 volunteers who were previously trained in monitoring, tracking and surveillance skills.
* Implementing awareness in areas where Arabian leopards are present by criminalizing smuggling and killing and reporting any dangers to which the Arabian leopard is exposed.
* 8 visits were made to educational institutions (schools, universities and institutes) to emphasize to students the importance of preserving and protecting the Arabian leopard, in coordination with educational institutions.
* 2 meetings were held with the relevant government authorities to activate the role ofProtection and prosecutionLegal action against perpetrators of crimes against this animal.
* Field visits to the Sana'a and Taiz zoos and the Malhan Reserve, and reviewing the needs of the Arabian leopard (and following up on the health status of the Arabian leopards).
* Providing food under the supervision of a veterinarian to the Arabian tigers in Taiz Zoo and their cubs
* Track and update data on the abundance of the Arabian leopard and study the needs of new areas of its presence. Indicators

**Challenges and obstacles:**

* The deterioration of the economic situation in Yemen and its impact on the deterioration of the environmental situation.
* lackSupport and donations. .
* Security and political challenges.
* Lack of financial and human resources.
* poaching and illegal trade.
* habitat degradation.
* Lack of community awareness of the importance of protecting the Arabian leopard.

**Future plans:**

* Strengthening monitoring and surveillance efforts.
* Expanding habitat protection.
* Increase investments in scientific research.
* Strengthening cooperation with partners.
* Develop more effective awareness programs.

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