

Sanid Organization for Relief
and Development

Nature Conservation
Sector

Monthly Project Report December 2025 - February 2026

Protecting Yemen's unique and fragile ecosystems. In a country often associated with humanitarian crises, this sector is working on the vital "green" front line, to ensure that Yemen's natural heritage and biodiversity are not lost forever.



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Monthly Performance Report - Sanid Organization for Relief and Development (Nature Conservation Sector)

Project Data

- **Project Title:** Protecting the Arabian Leopard in Yemen from Extinction
- **Location:** Yemen (focus on leopard habitats in mountainous regions)
- **Duration:** December 2025 – February 2026
- **Implementing Organization:** SAND Relief and Development Organization (SORD)
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1. Overview of the Arabian Leopard's Status in Yemen

The Arabian Leopard (*Panthera pardus nimr*) is Yemen's national animal and a symbol of its natural heritage. It inhabits the rugged mountain ranges of Al Mahrah, Ad Dhale'a, Abyan, Shabwa, and the protected areas in Hajjah and Ibb.

Recently, a significant sighting was recorded in the "Kor Al-Awaliq" mountains in Shabwa after a 20-year absence. Despite its cultural importance, the leopard faces critical threats, primarily retaliatory killing by livestock owners and illegal poaching. Sanid Organization is working intensively to foster a "coexistence" model between the leopard and local communities through awareness and sustainable protection plans.

2. Implemented Activities (Dec 2025 – Feb 2026)

During this quarter, the Nature Conservation Sector at Sanid achieved the following:

- **Community Awareness:** Conducted **8 awareness sessions** reaching **80 key stakeholders**, including local authorities and community leaders, to emphasize the ecological importance of the leopard.
- **Volunteer Empowerment:** Trained **16 local activists** on specialized skills for tracking, monitoring, and reporting violations against wildlife in the most vulnerable regions.

- **Institutional Coordination:** Held **3 strategic meetings** with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and legal experts to activate national laws against the smuggling and killing of endangered species.
- **Educational Outreach:** Organized **6 field visits** to schools and universities to educate the youth on biodiversity, positioning the Arabian Leopard as a national treasure that must be preserved.
- **Field Research & Monitoring:** Conducted site visits to leopard habitats to update population data and presented a study on the necessity of establishing dedicated "Wildlife Tracking Centers."
- **Veterinary Care:** Provided supervised feeding and medical check-ups for leopards currently held in zoos and rehabilitation centers to ensure their survival in captivity.

3. Challenges and Obstacles

- **Economic Instability:** The deteriorating economic situation in Yemen places immense pressure on natural resources and local livelihoods.
- **Funding Gaps:** A critical lack of financial support specifically dedicated to wildlife conservation and anti-poaching units.
- **Logistical Barriers:** Security and political challenges that limit access to remote mountainous habitats.
- **Illegal Trade:** Persistent poaching and the underground trade of rare species.

4. Conclusion

Protecting the Arabian Leopard is not just an environmental task; it is a mission to save a piece of Yemen's identity. Sanid Organization remains committed to this cause and calls upon international partners and donors to support our efforts in securing a future for this majestic creature.