



Here we are!

The Royal Marine Conservation Society of Jordan (JREDS) was registered under the Ministry of Interior in 1995 as the first and only Jordanian non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the marine environment.

Throughout our 10 years of operation, we have worked to prevent the destruction of the Gulf of Aqaba by promoting sustainable management of natural marine resources, raising public awareness, encouraging community participation, and conducting environmental monitoring.

Looking back at the previous work accomplished and considering the huge stress still facing the marine environment; we decided to develop a clear strategy and a comprehensive plan to guide our work and enhance the active, significant and successful role that we have been playing.

So, we developed in a systematic approach and participatory manner our vision, mission and updated our programs in accordance to a 4-year-strategy.

Our Vision

JREDS is a "World-class" organization in marine conservation for future generations in Jordan.

Our Mission

To contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of the marine environment in Jordan through conservation programs, advocacy, education, outreach and empowerment.

Our Strategic Objectives

1. To develop and implement marine conservation programs.
2. To involve and empower the community in marine conservation efforts through education and awareness programs, with special emphasis on the youth.
3. To contribute to the efforts of sustainable use of the marine environment in Jordan through integrating environmental conservation with socio-economic development.
4. To develop and implement environmental advocacy programs through networking with national, regional and global partners.
5. To develop the institutional, technical and financial capacity of JREDS to maximize brand quality.

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Right to Water ^{Phase II}



Under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Khalid Irani, the Minister of Environment, JREDS launched the second phase of the "Right to Water" project on the 6th of July 2006. The project is funded by Heinrich Böll Foundation (HBF), and aims at empowering young leaders in the Right to Water concept and providing them with the needed skills to raise public awareness and spread the concept among other people.

The second phase of the Right to Water project will look at establishing aqua-clubs in schools and universities around the Kingdom and will also focus on establishing a water knowledge center at the visitor's center, Aqaba Marine Park .



This phase began with intensive training of the trainers program which aimed at providing students with the needed technical skills to train others on the right to water topic. The courses conducted focused on the following subjects; Team Building Skills, Leadership Skills, Presentaion Skills, the Right to Water concept, in addition to general environmental awareness workshops.

The general guidelines for the Right to Water course covered the evaluation criteria of the UN concept: availability of water, water quality, physical accessibility and affordability, non-discrimination against

marginalized areas or groups and information on water issues. Training also tackled the right to a sufficient supply of water for personal and domestic use.

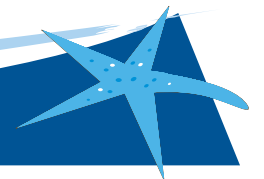
The knowledge and skills gained through the training workshops will provide the aqua-clubs' leaders with a good base of information on the Right to Water concept. Establishing those clubs at the universities and schools will provide a solid base for this concept to be more widely spread among young generations besides enhancing the "youth to youth" approach.

"Access to safe water is a fundamental human need and therefore basic human right"
Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary-General

At a later stage, a special grant will be awarded to the most creative 3 ideas to implement awareness projects designated to expand the knowledge about the Right to Water concept.



JREDS, and throughout the project will aim at changing the youth perception of human rights, where youth leaders will thrive for their rights. JREDS will also work on reviving genuine youth leaders with a mission.



Clean Up the World Campaign

Clean Up the World campaign (CUW) is a community-based environmental campaign that inspires and empowers individuals and communities from every corner of the globe to clean up, fix up and conserve their local environment to make it a cleaner, healthier place to live in. In 1993, the founders of The Royal Marine Conservation Society (JREDS) decided to be part of this campaign long before



Throughout the years, JREDS organized different kinds of activities that mainly concentrated on raising awareness and changing attitude towards the environment. Those activities included awareness programs, exhibitions, competitions, beach and city clean ups. We managed to involve people from all over the country in our activities: kids, youth volunteers, tourists, local authorities, and many others. Since then, JREDS became the focal point for the campaign in the city of Aqaba.

This year, and under the Patronage of HRH Princess Basma bint Ali, and with the participation of H.E. Khalid Irani the Minister of Environment, and H.E. Dr. Bilal Al Bashir / Deputy Chief Commissioner of ASEZ, many activities were conducted in an interesting and inspiring way.

registering the society. Diving in the Gulf of Aqaba and seeing the dazzling underwater world being destroyed by different kinds of trash and pollution, increased their concerns about the marine life there. In the last weekend of September that year, those founders organized a clean up dive campaign in Aqaba and since then JREDS became part of this inspiring campaign.



CUW 2006 activities

- **Economic value of marine environment presentation / by Dr. Saleem Al Mughrabi (27/8)**
- **Awareness Workshops (27/8 - 12/9)**
- **Clean up the beach / Al Ghandour public beach (14,15/9)**
- **Entertainment night / AL Thawra Amphitheater (15/9)**
- **Clean Up Dive / Al Ghandour public beach (16/9)**
- **Environmental – Awarding Ceremony / Al Thawra Amphitheater (16/9)**

Around 3400 persons from different age groups representing various sectors, local citizens and decision makers in Aqaba joined us and participated in different activities that aimed to raise public awareness of the importance of cleaning up the environment to provide a healthier place to live in.



Moray Eel

Diving is one of the activities that I mostly enjoy doing. I can remember the very first time I dived in the Gulf of Aqaba, I was shocked when I saw a new sea animal for the first time in my life; it was large, wide and scary. The mouth was widely opened and it was staring at me, woow what is that?? Is it a fish, or a snake?

I wanted to leave the site at once, but I was afraid to be followed by this weird animal. My instructor was well experienced and he asked me to watch him while he was carefully approaching it.

I was in a rush to finish my dive in order to know all about this snack-like animal and make sure I won't be hurt. The information I got was very exciting; the name of the animal was Moray Eel, and it's locally named Qmum in Aqaba.

Moray Eels are brightly colored, large species and could be more than 2 meters long. They have skin that is scaleless, thick, camouflaged, and covered with protective mucus. The eyes are tiny and have very bad vision. Morays have a small, circular gill on each side of the head, well behind the mouth. The mouth is kept open and moving to help water circulate through the gills (even the inside of this eel's mouth is camouflaged since it is kept open). The wide jaws are filled with long, sharp teeth.



Morays enjoy rocky areas and can be found living or just "hanging out" in holes, under rocks, crevices and tidepool ledges, therefore divers should keep hands out of rocky areas or holes. Despite their fierce appearance, Moray generally do not attack humans unless provoked or disturbed. Dead fish, blood or bait will bring them out of their holes and might be the reason for them to follow divers. The bites, however, can be serious and injuries can result in bleeding or severe muscle damage.

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We'll be Doing

For eco-divers... join us!!

JREDS will be implementing 5 clean up dive activities during November and December:

Activity	Date
Joint dive with the Marine Science Station to inspect the health of the coral reef in different sites.	1/11/2006
Clean up dive at the Marine Science Station site.	20/11/2006
Monitoring the artificial reef site (the Crown Site) at the Royal Yacht Club.	5/12/2006
Clean up snorkeling at the Ghandour public beach.	9/12/2006
Clean up dive for the southern beach.	27/12/2006

If you are a certified and environmentally-responsible diver and would like to help us conserve our marine environment, please contact Abed Al Wahab at our office in Aqaba or email him at a.shiyab@wanadoo.jo

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