

· **Foundation for Endangered Wildlife (Yemen)** ·

· **Foundation for the Protection of the Arabian Leopard in Yemen** ·

“Working to ensure a sustainably managed wild population of Arabian Leopards living in harmony with local communities in Yemen”

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I am proud that NTMC is the leading sponsor of the *Foundation for Endangered Wildlife (Yemen)*, this country’s most active and effective conservation organization.

- Sheikh Tawfik Saleh Abdullah Saleh, retired Executive Chairman



1. Happy New Year from FEW/FPALY: As the Earth completes its 4,612,943,182nd circuit of the sun, the staff and volunteers at FEW/FPALY would like to wish every inhabitant of this planet a very happy, healthy, peaceful, and prosperous 2013! Let us hope that peaceful coexistence becomes the norm for all life on earth in the years ahead.

Migratory Soaring Birds Project



2. FEW/FPALY Associate Director Attends Regional Workshop in Cairo: From December 16 – 17, FEW/FPALY Associate Director Dr. Mohammed Al-Duais participated in the Regional Workshop on *Mainstreaming Migratory Soaring Birds Considerations in the Energy Sector* in Cairo, Egypt. The workshop, which was organized by BirdLife International’s Regional Flyway Facility (RFF) in conjunction with the UNDP/GEF *Migratory and Soaring Birds (MSBs) Project*, focused on mitigating the impacts of the energy sector (especially solar and wind power and electricity transmission) on MSBs in the Rift Valley/Red Sea flyway, the

second most important flyway for MSBs in the world! The value of the workshop was further enhanced by the opportunity for Dr. Al-Duais to meet with BirdLife Middle East Director Mr. Ibrahim Al-Khader to discuss BirdLife and FEW’s mutual vision for conservation in Yemen. If you are interested in learning more about the project, please log onto the *Migratory and Soaring Birds Project* website at: <http://www.birdlife.org/migratorysoaringbirds/>

3. FEW/FPALY “Likes” Top 500 on Facebook: By the end of June, close to 200 Facebook users had “liked” the Foundation. At that time we stated that it was our goal to reach 1,000 “likes” by the end of the year. While this was perhaps a little ambitious, we have now moved well past the 500 mark due mainly to the recruiting efforts of FEW/FPALY volunteer Mohammed Ahmed Shaya. Mohammed is tireless in his support for our cause and we are truly grateful to have such an energetic, motivated, and inspiring advocate. While we have not yet reached our goal of 1,000 “likes,” it is very likely (ha ha) that we will surpass it in 2013, especially if some of our friends join Mohammed in recruiting new visitors. Raising FEW/FPALY’s profile thorough social media such as Facebook is an essential means of increasing public awareness about the grave conservation issues that we tackle. Rasha Skybey continues to do an excellent job of keeping the page vibrant and fresh, and this makes the task of promoting the page that much easier. If you haven’t already done so, please encourage your friends, family members, and colleagues to join our rapidly growing community and to encourage the members of their personal networks to do so, too, at: <https://www.facebook.com/yemenileopard>



4. Highlights of the Year’s Camera Trapping: In spite of intensive efforts, we have not captured any more images of a wild Arabian leopard since May 2011! This is due mainly to the extreme rarity of these animals and underscores the urgency with which their in-situ conservation is needed. Nevertheless, we continue to gather mountains of useful information and thousands of important images of Yemeni wildlife. The remainder of this issue is devoted to a gallery of a few of the many interesting images captured by FEW/FPALY researchers in 2012. We hope that you enjoy them.

A successful hunt – (notice the date and time on the two images)



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Rock Hyrax (*Procapra capensis jayakari*) with offspring



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Honey Badger or Ratel (*Mellivora capensis pumilio*)



Bonelli's Eagle (*Hieraetus fasciatus*)



Arabian Wolf (*Canis lupus arabs*)



Blanford's Fox (*Vulpes cana*)



Nubian Ibex (*Capra nubiana*)



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Unregulated hunting will likely lead to the local extinction of ibex in Yemen.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead



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