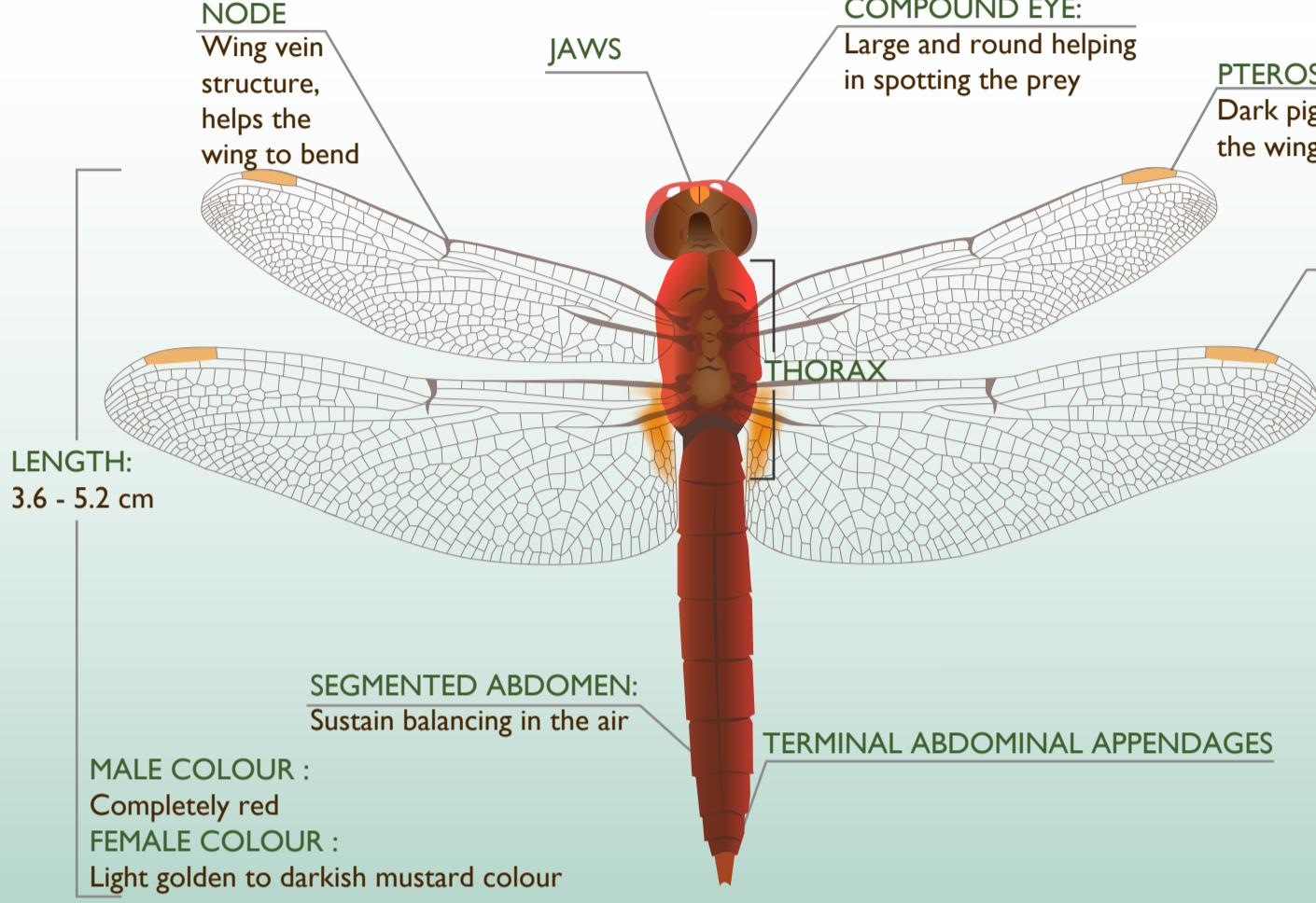


# FACTSHEET

# DRAGONFLIES IN ABU DHABI



**Scarlet Darter**  
(*Crocothemis erythraea*)

KINGDOM	Animalia
PHYLUM	Arthropoda
CLASS	Insecta
ORDER	Odonata
FAMILY	Libellulidae
GENUS	<i>Crocothemis</i>
SPECIES	<i>erythraea</i>

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCE:

They have ecological roles in the food chain. As predators of mosquitoes, and prey for birds and fish.

Their presence is a reliable bioindicators of the health of an ecosystem.

Their presence is a sensitive indicators of the health of wetlands and its landscapes and indicates fresh water.

## CONSERVATION

The dragonflies are well represented in the protected areas and considered to be well protected.

Monitoring of the dragonfly representative sites and the existing management measures will be continued to safeguard the habitat and local populations of the dragonflies in the emirate.

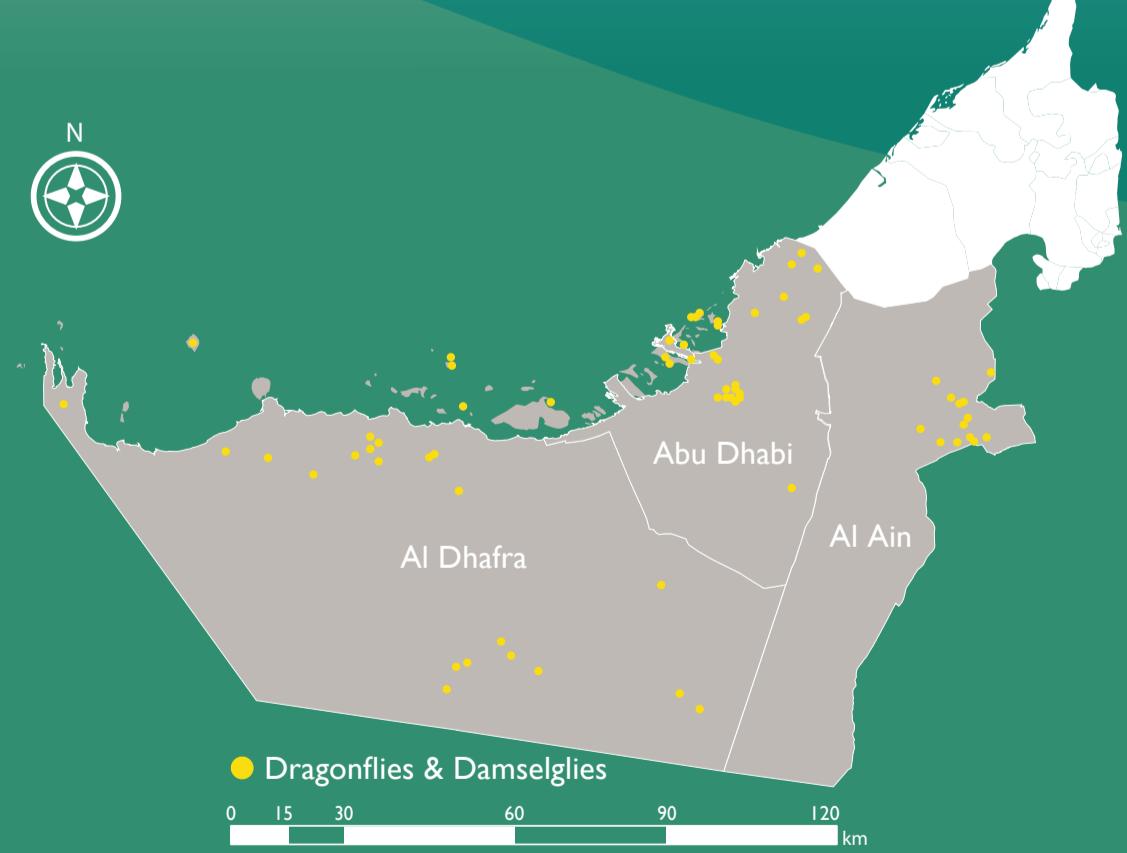
## FUTURE ACTIONS

Dragonflies are excellent indicator species the health of habitat and gathering information about their populations often reflects environmental change on a national and global scale. As their larvae are aquatic, dragonflies can be used in making rapid assessments of water quality.

## KEY THREATS

- Pollution of water bodies
- Chemicals used on farmland draining into water
- Loss of suitable freshwater habitats
- Increasing air pollution

## DISTRIBUTION of Dragonflies & Damselgries



## GLOBAL & LOCAL STATUS

