

Palestine Wildlife Society



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Background

Palestine Wildlife Society (PWLS) was founded in 1999 in Beit Sahour- Bethlehem District by 13 trained and experienced environmentalists from across Palestine. PWLS's scope of work covers the West Bank and Gaza with a multidimensional mission aiming at the conservation and enhancement of the biodiversity and wildlife in Palestine; Moreover, Palestine is known for its location between the three main continents, Africa, Asia and Europe, where there had been estimated around 520 species of Birds and 2700 species of Plants occurring in this area, hence it considered as a major and important grassroots for Migratory birds like *Storks*, *Pelicans* and raptors (Such as *Lesser Kestrel*, *Honey Buzzard*, *Lesser Spotted Eagle*, and *Egyptian Vulture*) that use the Jordan Valley- Jericho; Jerusalem Mountains routes. It also corresponds with the criteria of Important Birds Areas (IBA's) in Palestine in which Jericho has a great importance as one of the major pathways during migration times as well as an important spot for resident and breeding birds.

Also these areas are occupied with a relatively high number of mammalian species (such as *Mountain & Dorcas Gazelles*, *Red Fox*, *Rocky Hyrax*) who are facing the threats of becoming endangered due to the excessive uncontrolled and unregulated hunting activities within different sites. Since its inception, PWLS's has been designated its partnership status from Birdlife International in regards to the IBA's Chapter.

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