

# Nature Iraq receives Takreem Arab Achievement Award in Qatar

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"This award is for the entire team of Nature Iraq. It is a recognition of the spirit of team work and not the individual", said Azzam Alwash, Nature Iraq CEO on receiving the prestigious Takreem Arab Achievement Award at a ceremony event held recently in Qatar. "It is also a recognition of not only the technical staff capacity to be creative, but the entire organization, from the cooks and guards, to the technical and field workers, to the administrators." Mudhafar Salim, Korsh Ararat and Omar Fadhil of Nature Iraq's 'bird team' added:"This award would not have been achievable without everybody's dedication and loyalty to our growing NGO. Not only do we have a dedicated young staff in Nature Iraq but it is great that our 'international' friends give so much of their time to supporting our work. We have recently completed six years of winter and summer surveys in over 200 sites throughout Iraq and our next task is to complete our Key Biodiversity Areas Inventory - a big step towards Iraq having a Protected Areas network. Please wish us well in that!" Initiated in 2004 the Takreem Arab Achievement Award honours the best and brightest of Arab achievements. Nature Iraq was the recipient this year for their achievement in Environmental Development and Sustainability. Dr Azzam Alwash, the CEO of Nature Iraq, accepted the award at a ceremony in Qatar at the end of April. The Takreem Award seeks to identify and promote Arab accomplishments, by highlighting Arab excellence and leadership worldwide. The Award for Environmental Development and Sustainability honours individuals and organizations that have shown leadership in the field of environmental planning, sustainable development and green projects. Such honorees have been involved in effective environmental planning, addressing community needs through sustainable resource use while protecting the environment, promoting energy efficiency and raising environmental awareness. Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, President Emeritus of BirdLife International, was one of the international jury members for this award. Mudhafar Salim, Korsh Ararat and Omar Fadhil are together Nature Iraq's 'bird team'. If you would like more information about this award or would like to set up an interview with Dr. Azzam Alwash of Nature Iraq, please write to [info@natureiraq.org](mailto:info@natureiraq.org).