World Migratory Bird Day to be celebrated in Sulaimaniya, Iraqi Kurdistan.

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Nature Iraq (BirdLife Partner), is proud to announce that the 10th BirdLife Middle East Partnership Meeting will be held from Friday 11th to Monday 14th of May 2012 in Sulaimaniya, Iraq along with a World Migratory Bird Day celebration. The meeting will draw together BirdLife's Partners from more than 10 countries in the region (Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen). The BirdLife Middle East family will gather together to discuss the Partnership's future contribution to the BirdLife Strategy 2014-2020, the incoming 2013 World Congress and the current status of regional programmes and initiatives such as the CEPF Mediterranean Hotspot, the Hima fund and the Migratory Soaring Birds project. The Partnership meeting will be concluded by a field excursion organized by Nature Iraq to explore and enjoy Kurdistan's stunning landscapes and biodiversity while celebrating the World Migratory Bird Day 2012! This year, the World Migratory Bird Day theme – Migratory birds and people, together through time – couldn't have been more in phase with BirdLife Partnership's virtue of dedication and commitment to birds, people and the surrounding environment that brings them together. World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is a global awareness campaign held annually to promote the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats worldwide. It was initiated in 2006 by the Secretariats of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS, also known as the Bonn Convention) and the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), two international treaties on migratory wildlife under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). CEPF unites six global leaders who are committed to enabling non-governmental and private sector organizations to help protect vital ecosystems: L'Agence Française de Développement; Conservation International; The Global Environmental Facility; The Government of Japan, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; The World Bank.