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TAKING ACTION TODAY FOR A LIVING PLANET TOMORROW

Emirates Wildlife Society in association with WWF (EWS-WWF) is a national environmental NGO established in February 2001 under the patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan to implement conservation actions for the protection of local biodiversity and to promote sustainable lifestyles

Project Hamour: Sustainable Fisheries in the UAE



Hamour, Arabic for grouper, is the most commercially exploited fish species in the UAE. © Cat Holloway/WWF - Canon

The coastal and offshore waters of the UAE support a rich and diverse fish fauna. While contributing to the nation's cultural heritage, these fish support moderate to large, locally produced, commercial and artisanal fisheries of substantial economic value to the people of the Arabian Gulf and Sea.

In recent years, however, over-exploitation of fishery resources among other threats has pulled UAE fisheries into a state of decline. There is an urgent call, therefore, to develop an understanding among stakeholders and fisheries-dependant communities (from fishermen and retailers to consumers) about sustainable fishing. It is also necessary to highlight the value of coastal habitats in safeguarding the fishing industry - coastal coral reefs, for instance, that provide spawning and nursery grounds for fish stocks while maintaining marine biodiversity. The EWS-WWF project on sustainable fisheries in the UAE is aimed at addressing these issues.

UAE's declining fish catch

The target of the EWS-WWF project is hamour (grouper in Arabic), a clear leader among the UAE's commercially exploited species. The hamour is a traditional food and culinary delicacy of the Arabian Gulf region. In the last few years, fish catch brought ashore, along the coasts of Abu Dhabi and Fujairah emirates totalled up to 18,764 tons corresponding to values up to 39,577,000 USD. On the surface, these figures seem impressive, but the real facts only emerge with a scientific appraisal of past and present fish landings.

A recent fish catch assessment in the UAE compared with that carried out in 1978 by the United Nations FAO points to a decline of 81 – 93% in demersal (bottom dwelling) fish species which constitute the bulk of the fish landings (catch that is brought ashore). Demersal fish represented 85% of the total fish landings in Abu Dhabi Emirate between 2001 and 2003 and grouper species represented 18% of the total catch - up to 27-30% of the value of landed catch, equivalent to 17-20 million AED.

Hamour - most commercially exploited, most vulnerable

Typical reef-associated fishes, hamour are distributed all around the world from shallow waters down to more than

500m depth. They are long-living, slow-growing fish with low rates of natural mortality. Some can reach up to 3m in length, weigh more than 400kg and live more than 50 years! Most hamour species exhibit a unique reproductive biology and behaviour; they mature as females, changing to males as they age and form harems of females containing one single brightly coloured male.

Studies by the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi show that the orange-spotted grouper (*Epinephelus coioides*) is the most common hamour species in the Arabian Gulf, where it is the most important commercially exploited fish, representing up to 35% of the catch and 40% of its value in Abu Dhabi Emirate. Recent surveys in this emirate indicate that the orange-spotted grouper has been exploited far beyond sustainable yields (up to 7 times more) during the last five years. Eighty percent

of the specie's mortality is due to fishing only, and 66% of the current population in Abu Dhabi Emirate is less than 4 years old.

The size of orange-spotted grouper sampled during the surveys was considerably smaller than the size at first sexual maturity (3 years) for females (43.5 cm). Almost one third of the yield in numbers consisted of fish that were below the size at first sexual maturity, an indicator that juvenile fish were being harvested.

Because of the particular aspects of their biology (slow growth rate, slow sexual maturity, change of sex with age) and behaviour (territorial male with harem of females, spawning aggregations), hamour are particularly vulnerable to overfishing and destruction of coral reefs, the hamour's natural habitat.

Groupers live on coral reefs. In the above picture, a Nassau grouper lurks beneath soft coral.
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Developmental pressures

In every part of the world coral reefs are already facing increased bleaching caused by global warming. Supplementing this are a number of direct threats identified in UAE. According to local scientific studies, these include oil pollution, coastal development, unsustainable fishing, loss of the hamour's prey species and a decrease in sexually mature individuals – making impossible any increase in exploitable fish stock. Not only are these direct threats largely caused by weak law enforcement they also result from the lack of a unified legal system for the whole country. UAE being a federation of 7 emirates, each emirate is responsible for applying its own natural resource management and conservation laws.

An economic boom in this developing country, which is also one of the world's main oil producers, has further exerted pressure on natural resources. To find sources of income other than oil, the country has developed aggressive strategies to promote tourism and trade/business. Presently, the entire 60km coastline of Dubai Emirate from Jebel Ali to Sharjah is urbanised; and this urbanisation is extending to the Northern Emirates (Um al Quwain, Ajman, Ras al Khaimah, and Fujairah) making greater demands on coastal habitats that host unique species. In parallel, the population of UAE has increased 16 times in the last three decades – mainly a result of the arrival of supplementary work forces to develop the country as also tourists in larger numbers.

The oil industry is still very active, and growing maritime traffic has led to greater incidences of oil spills, either accidental or voluntary (discharge of ballast waters). Each day, approximately 15 million barrels of oil pass through the Strait of Hormuz. At the same time, the UAE is one of the leading countries in terms of containerization, ranking 5th among developing countries for container port traffic. Spiralling population has necessitated a greater desalination capacity along the coastline to meet requirements

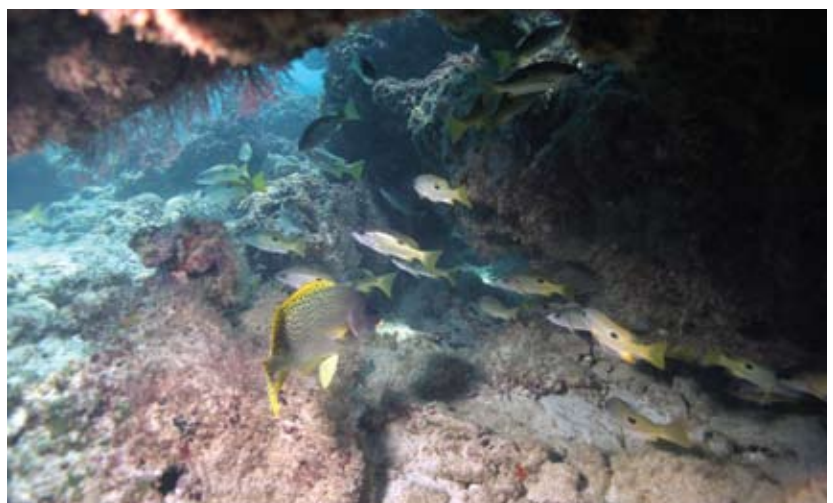


Hamour, the target of EWS-WWF's sustainable fisheries project, constitutes a part of traditional Arabian Gulf cuisine. Picture courtesy of EAD

of freshwater and electricity. The desalination industry is highly energy consuming and a high producer of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas responsible for global warming. The concentration of desalination plants on the Arabian Gulf constitutes a permanent additional threat to the region's marine environment because of the potential impacts (i.e. dredging, hot water and brine effluents, heavy metals and cleaning agents) on sensitive marine habitats that support coral reefs, seagrass beds among other habitats and species.

A project to promote sustainable lifestyles

Demand for seafood, including the much sought after hamour, has escalated as resident and tourist numbers have grown. Although the UAE has signed numerous international conventions to protect the marine environment, more is needed to conserve the hamour and its habitat. This project is an opportunity to promote sustainable lifestyles, stronger law enforcement and uniformity of local and federal laws and management plans for better and sustainable coastal regulation and fisheries.



Coastal coral reefs provide spawning and nursery grounds for fish and maintain marine biodiversity

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Partners: Masdar, Abu Dhabi Media Company, Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity Authority, Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, HSBC Bank Middle East

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This sustainable lifestyles campaign, launched in February 2009, continues to gain momentum, with a series of outreach and awareness activities such as face-to-face talks at schools, universities and businesses as well as fun kids' workshops. On Earth Day (April 22) an opinion piece 'Power – it's in the hands of the people' was placed

in the National. In June, an educational event for children was organised to celebrate World Environment Day, and a special one off - event at the Emirates Palace Hotel, Abu Dhabi was held later in the month. On August 7-8 and 14-15, over 16,000 energy saving lightbulbs were distributed to visitors in Marina Mall, Abu Dhabi, involving EWS-WWF and EAD staff, volunteers, children and students. Visitors were also provided with energy-saving tips and a guide to energy efficient lighting in order to help to embark on their energy saving journey. To date, nearly 5,000 households have pledged to reduce their energy consumption.

An energy and water efficiency case study for households has been initiated in a villa in Dubai with the assistance of Energy Management Services Limited. Further studies are also being planned for schools, businesses, and government departments. A water conservation campaign will be launched after eid al fitr. There will also be a schools programme consisting of a new level 'Tackling Climate Change' for the Interactive Enviro-Spellathon (this is an environment education programme in progress) energy and water saving competitions for schools, climate change quizzes for students, and case studies.

Al Basama al Beeiya (Ecological Footprint) initiative

Sponsor: Abu Dhabi Global Environment Data Initiative (AGEDI)

The Footprint Initiative has clearly defined its activities to facilitate and support research and development required to enable the using of Footprint as a tool for decision-making and policy formulation.

A significant insight has been achieved into understanding which sectors caused the UAE's high Ecological Footprint. A consistent message, delivered through Footprint science and the Heroes of the UAE- Sustainable Lifestyles Campaign, is that over 50% of the country's Footprint is generated by households. In order to validate as well as further understand how the UAE Footprint would grow, development of scenario models into the future have been proposed. To this end, the Initiative partnership has successfully forged a formal agreement for research with Masdar Institute of Science and Technology (See Interview with Dr. Tariq Ali , VP, Research, MIST on page 7) Further, in its efforts to move beyond focusing on Footprint of carbon emissions, a memo was passed by AGEDI and EWS to the Marine Biodiversity Department of EAD to request the assistance of their fisheries experts in reviewing UAE's fishland Footprint data and the methodology of its calculation.

Three of the Initiative research members attended Footprint training in Brussels in May.



Energy efficient light bulbs being distributed to visitors at Marina Mall, Abu Dhabi



Winner of the best entry for the Enviro-Spellathon art competition from Arab Unity School, Dubai, is gifted a laptop by the country head, Géant/Le Marché

EDUCATION

Interactive Enviro-Spellathon

Sponsors: Emirates Foundation, ALDAR, Géant/Le Marché, HSBC Bank Middle East
This environmental education programme for students (6-14 years) completed its first year in a new, interactive format (CD and website www.enviropellathon.com). Some 62,698 students from 202 schools across Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Fujairah and Ras Al Khaimah studied the programme. Ajman schools are to join the programme in the forthcoming academic year.

A questionnaire-based survey to evaluate the programme drew positive responses from teachers and students in terms of content and knowledge gained. The website was well received with a maximum of 174, 777 hits (January 2009) from users in the UAE alone - about 3 times above the baseline; and a minimum of 19,500 (July 2009) when schools were closed. Among promotional activities, a grand raffle draw was held (after the completion of three mall shows) in which three children were randomly selected from visitors and presented laptops sponsored by INTEL. In another activity, an Enviro-Spellathon art competition resulted in the winning

school being taken on a day-long field trip to Wadi Wurayah in Fujairah and the best entry receiving a laptop. Both prizes were sponsored by Géant/Le Marché. An exhibition of about 60 of the best artworks was also held at Géant/Le Marché in the Ibn Batuta Mall on May 17- 24, 2009.

A module on global warming, sponsored by HSBC, is being added to the original Enviro-Spellathon modules covering UAE habitats and wildlife along with issues dealing with waste and water. The Knowledge and Human Development Authority (Government of Dubai) highly recommends the programme as an extracurricular activity for all Dubai schools.

EWS is member of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)

On June 16, 2009 the FEE General Assembly meeting in Latvia, confirmed Emirates Wildlife Society as an Associate Member of FEE to represent the UAE.

FEE is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation aiming to promote sustainable development through environmental education. It has one member organisation in each of 59 countries worldwide and runs five environmental education programmes – Blue Flag (for beaches, marinas and boats), Eco- Schools (for schools), Young Reporters (for secondary schools), Learning about Forests (for schools), and Green Key (for hotels and campsites).

EWS has initiated Blue Flag and plans to launch Eco-Schools in 2010.



FEE General Assembly underway at Liepaja, Latvia (June 15, 2009)

Blue Flag

A FEE programme, Blue Flag is a voluntary eco-label awarded to beaches and marinas in accordance with strict criteria on water quality, safety and management. As FEE member and National Coordinator of their programmes in the UAE, EWS is communicating Blue Flag criteria to beach operators and helping develop sites to facilitate applications for certification. Preparation is on to conduct a Blue Flag National Workshop, while a National Committee to oversee the programme start up and strategy is being established.



Wadi Wurayah is a good candidate for being selected as the UAE's second Ramsar Site (Wetland of International Importance), the first one being Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary, Dubai.

FRESHWATER

Mountain Protected Area in Wadi Wurayah

Sponsor: HSBC

Until March 16, 2009 when Wadi Wurayah was officially declared a protected area by His Highness Shaikh Hamad Bin Mohammad Al Sharqi, Ruler of Fujairah, the only UAE wetlands benefiting from legal protection were Ras al Khor in Dubai, and Al Wathba, Marawah mudflats and lagoons, and Bul Syayeeef marine protected areas in Abu Dhabi.

Now an effort is being made to have Wadi Wurayah declared a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, an intergovernmental treaty which provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

EWS-WWF in the UAE Project news

The Ramsar Convention was signed by UAE in 2007 and a year later, the first Ramsar site was declared - Ras al Khor. From 22 to 25 June 2009, a delegation from EWS-WWF and Fujairah Municipality participated in the Ramsar Convention meeting for the Arab Region held at the League of Arab States in Cairo, Egypt. Representatives from 22 countries attended from Mauritania to Comoros Islands. Eighteen of these countries, including UAE, are already members of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, A presentation of the

work done by the Fujairah Municipality highlighted Wadi Wurayah as a good candidate to be the second Ramsar site of UAE because of its permanent freshwater sources and unique natural and cultural heritage. Although the Ramsar listing does not ensure a protection, it elevates the site to a higher status by giving it recognition as a site of international importance and focuses greater attention upon it. National governments are then committed to ensure that the ecological character of the site is maintained.



Grouper are typical coral reef associated fishes that are distributed all around the world. © Cat Holloway/WWF - Canon

SPECIES

Sustainable fisheries in the UAE

Main sponsor:

Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi

The project envisions creating a society that is conscious of the need for a healthy and sustained hamour population in its natural habitat and, alongside, to safeguard long-term socio-economic returns from hamour fisheries in the UAE.

The overall objective of this project is 1) to develop a regional awareness campaign on the status of hamour species and their habitat (coral reefs) in the UAE and 2) stimulate the conservation, management and sustainable use of coastal reef species in the country's coastal waters.

The flagship species picked for the project is the orange-spotted grouper (*Epinephelus coioides*), a local grouper threatened with extinction due to the cumulative effects of over-fishing and habitat destruction. The project's vision has been developed keeping in mind the need to bring about change through key stakeholders - fishermen, retailers, consumers, conservationists, regulators and government.

The broad areas of current and potential activity are communication, education, awareness and concerted action.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

As the work and profile of EWS-WWF in the UAE has grown, the number of people contacting the organisation offering voluntary assistance has increased. To respond to this interest a 'Volunteer Programme' has been established which, since the beginning of 2009, has enlisted 140 volunteers through an online survey developed to determine their specific interests and availability. The main objective of the programme is to utilise individuals and groups who are interested in being actively involved in the work of EWS-WWF. Through assistance from interested individuals, it is planned to raise awareness of the work of EWS-WWF in the UAE. Activities and events will range from field work, surveys, clean-up campaigns and habitat monitoring to awareness events, administration, education programmes and conferences.

An 'ambassador education programme' will meet the increasing requests from schools for presentations on wildlife and environmental issues. Volunteers will be trained to make presentations on a wide range of environmental topics so they are equipped to deliver these to members of the local community, educational institutions and the corporate sector.

Recent activities have included raising awareness on energy saving in mall events, surveys of spiny tailed lizards, environmental film screenings and data inputting for the Heroes of the UAE campaign.

It is aimed to increase the education and environmental awareness work of EWS-WWF through a network of volunteers, strengthening both community involvement and project recognition.

Those interested in joining the EWS-WWF Volunteer Programme may e-mail esmart@ewswwf.ae.

INTERVIEW

Vice President, Research & Industry Relations
Masdar Institute of Science and Technology (MIST)



Dr Tariq Ali,

What is your perception of the R&D opportunities in the UAE particularly speaking of sustainable development in practice?

The opportunity is enormous. I think quantitative, rigorous data based analysis is central in allowing key stakeholders to make informed evidence-led decisions regarding policy, regulation and resource use. Universities have a critical role to play in providing scientific, technological and systems solutions for the sustainable development of the country. At Masdar Institute we are advancing options in many areas for example in solar energy, in smart grids for electricity, in transport and mobility, waste and water, in how we can reduce energy consumption and demand, and in understanding innovation systems for renewable energy. We will work closely with industry to enable sustainable technology development and its rapid transfer to market. In addition, we intend to nurture and secure intellectual property from our R&D which we will look to exploit and commercialise to provide further resources for our researchers and the Institute.

MIST participation in the UAE's Footprint Initiative research team definitely empowers the in-house scientific capacity. Scenario modelling of UAE's Footprint results to show the implications of our decisions into the future, is being referred to as an exercise undertaken for the first time by a nation- what are your thoughts on this?

I am excited about the partnership we are developing with the UAE Footprint Initiative. It is truly a coming together of complementary skills and expertise, your stakeholder engagement with our scientific analyses and modelling that is pioneering in the region. The potential for applying the Footprint methodology to understand for the first time the resource and material flows and the associated current and future impacts is fundamental to key decision-making for both government and business. I hope we have the opportunity to apply our tools and methodologies together to the benefit of many individual companies and stakeholders and to the wider benefit of society.

MIST has welcomed its first batch of post-graduate research students this term. What is your message to our readers to another first of the many achievements of Masdar?

I very much hope that young people reading this are excited and motivated to come and join us on the journey to making this nation a leader in sustainability. This is the choice that our first cohort of students has made and I am particularly pleased that amongst them we have a high number of UAE nationals. Alternative energy, environmental technologies and sustainability offer solutions to the immense challenges of climate change, environmental degradation and resource depletion facing our world. The Masters courses we offer are fascinating as subjects of inquiry but they are also integral to the applications and solutions we must find to the benefit of all.

Films are powerful awareness raising tools that can educate, motivate and inspire viewers. Last year, EWS-WWF was pleased to welcome CineStar Cinemas as a Corporate Member and have them partner with us in screening conservation films/documentaries that effectively draw public attention and promote change.

In September 2008, the Emirates Diving Association and we, screened the award-winning documentary *Sharkwater* to a packed theatre at CineStar, Mall of the Emirates, Dubai. The threats to sharks world wide, and the urgency of saving these gentle giants of the ocean, came through loud and strong.

Biological diversity is vanishing at an alarming rate, with changing climate pushing already threatened species to the brink of extinction. This year again, in a bid to highlight these global challenges to select audiences in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, EWS-WWF linked up with Animal Planet and CineStar Cinemas to host a landmark series, "The Animal's Guide To Survival", about climate change and how it is affecting some of the most vulnerable species and habitats in the world. Before each screening, EWS-WWF gave a short presentation on how the climate change is affecting the UAE and encouraged the audience to join their Heroes of the UAE campaign and save energy. EWS-WWF Staff and volunteers distributed energy saving light bulbs to members of the public to encourage them to install these in their own homes for future use.

CineStar Cinemas are thus helping EWS-WWF use the educational power of movies to promote sustainable living.

We speak to Toni El Massih of CineStar



Toni El Massih, Regional Manager CineStar Cinemas



EWS-WWF staff distribute energy efficient light bulbs to audiences at CineStar Cinemas in Dubai and Abu Dhabi

Dar Al Khair - Please introduce our readers to CineStar

Toni El Massih -CineStar Cinemas is a joint venture between The Greater Union Organization (Australia) and Majid Al Futtaim in the UAE. Greater Union, a division of the Australian listed company, Amalgamated Holdings (AHL), currently owns or manages 128 sites (1020 cinema screens) internationally and, in 2008, was awarded the prestigious honour of International Exhibitor of the Year at the Las Vegas ShoWest cinema exhibition. As one of the Middle East's most progressive cinema exhibitors with over 40 screens spread across the country including 3 luxurious Gold

Class cinemas, CineStar continues to offer state-of-the-art facilities for its guests to enjoy the latest blockbuster releases. CineStar currently operates cinemas in Ajman City Centre (Ajman), Deira City Centre (Dubai), Mall Of The Emirates (Dubai) and Marina Mall (Abu Dhabi) and will soon launch a new site at Mirdiff City Centre in March 2010.

EWS-WWF has benefited greatly from CineStar's support lending us the big screen in Dubai and Abu Dhabi to help us raise awareness about climate change and threats to species and habitats. What made you support EWS-WWF?

CineStar has always been an active

supporter of environmental cinema and charitable causes. The initiatives EWS-WWF have been taking to raise public awareness about the challenges posed by global climatic change were more than convincing for us to align ourselves with this worthy cause. We are glad that our cinemas were chosen as the key platform to communicate this campaign.

Do you think the private sector can and should contribute toward conservation and a better environment? How?

Yes in the spirit of corporate social responsibility it is almost incumbent upon the private sector to address

conservation and environmental issues within their respective organizations. Opportunities to conserve energy resources at work and willingness to lend support and campaign with key agencies and NGO's are some of the contributions that can be made.

Is CineStar taking any steps toward sustainability, like energy or water saving practices?

Yes we have taken some steps to

minimize wastage of both energy and water within the organization and also introduced some operating procedures for the cinema business to optimize the use of these precious resources.

Do you see interest from your cinema guests or staff in green issues?

We certainly see an interest amongst audiences that patronize environmental cinema. Our staff is also motivated to conserve resources within their

daily tasks and this is often a key performance indicator for them.

If you were a super hero and could change 3 things for a better planet what would it be?

Feed and educate every child living in poverty.
Get our planet to use clean, renewable energy sources.
Destroy every arms/weapons factory in the world.

CORPORATE NEWS



HSBC Marina Mall event

• HSBC Bank Middle East has generously continued its support for environmental conservation in the UAE by sponsoring Heroes of the UAE school programme that will engage children in conserving energy and water in schools and homes. EWS-WWF applauds HSBC's demonstration of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

• World Environment Day, June 5, 2009, was celebrated with Standard Chartered Bank including their staff and families. EWS-WWF and volunteers organised a half-day environmental awareness programme. Through fun-filled activities and games, children were introduced to environmental issues affecting our planet, such as climate change, and the need to conserve our natural resources including water, energy and bio-diversity. Participating children enjoyed creating 'heroesoftheuae' outfits from waste materials provided to them, they did matching picture cards with the different flora and fauna specific to ecosystems in the UAE.



World Environment Day 2009 with Standard Chartered staff and families

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Abu Dhabi Audit Authority, Aecom, Park Hyatt, Canon Middle East, Denton Wilde Sapte, Khaleej Times, Sabban Property Investments, The Ritz Carlton Hotel Dubai, The Shelter.

Silver:

Boom Town Production, Chep Middle East, Le Meridian Al Aqah, Standard Chartered Bank.

OFFICE NEWS



Garra smarti

• A new species of Arabian freshwater fish has been discovered by Emma Smart, Conservation Officer with EWS-WWF. The fish 'Garra smarti', named after Emma for her contributions to freshwater fish conservation in the region, is found in the Dhofar region of Southern Oman. The species is similar to other Arabian Garra in its bottom-dwelling habits and adaptations to wadi habitats. However, Garra smarti differs from other Arabian Garra by its acutely pointed snout tip, small size and three unbranched and seven branched dorsal-fin rays. With only 16 species of freshwater fish found across the Arabian peninsula, this is a significant finding which highlights the importance of ecological research in the region.



Laila Abdullatif presents the Ecological Footprint to an audience in Abu Dhabi

• The Ecological Footprint Initiative welcomed Laila Abdullatif, a graduate intern from American University of Sharjah who joined the Footprint team.

Laila attended an intensive Footprint training in June and by the end of her 6-week tenure with EWS, was able to deliver a complete technical Footprint training to an audience of 20 participants!



Muna Al Ameri presenting the Ecological Footprint at the World Information Technology forum in Vietnam

• The Footprint Initiative is also pleased to take on board Muna Al Ameri seconded by AGEDI to work with the Initiative for six months as a partnership capacity development plan. Muna represented the UAE at the World Information Technology Forum in Hanoi on August 27, 2009 presenting the Footprint as a case study to explain how effective data management is vital for understanding and practicing sustainable development.

The EWS-WWF Dubai office has moved out of the Al Bastakiya area in Bur Dubai to be housed, for the time being, in 'Shelter,' a renovated warehouse in the Al Quoz Industrial area – Shelter, 209, 318th Road, Al Quoz Industrial 4, Dubai.

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